father, Dr Foster, who was in New York with us at the time you met Mr. Thomas Stern.

Father and I are in Greenfield, Mass., at present. I came on yesterday, & am very glad to be with home once more and away at his meetings.

I hear rumors of your bringing your family to Northfield for the summer. I hope with all my heart it is true.

With father's and my love combined I am

Your ever affectionately

Mary Whittier

Everett.
8th April. 94.

Northfield, Mass.

Dear Mr. Howard:

Some weeks ago I received a letter from Miss Foster asking me to forward an enclosure to you, which I did.

She also asked me to write you a note and bring all her pressure to bear which I could summon to induce you to go to Coatsville. It is

very hard to bring men
Reformers is best left to
Christian. If the Saints
Life we shall go on
& work could never
and could never believe
It is a sacred solemnity
and a sacred solemnity
Christ's for strength is
Great work it would be
& Temperance and
is right this is right
is time and in their
Christ in their hearts
Let us go for God's

you to address their annual convention of ~~the~~ County Van Temperance League. "to give us women as well as "the people of our town an address "on the subject of Christian Tempera is what she writes to me. I hope you can go. sometime betwn. the 20th and 30th of May. It will give them so much pleasure and I know you would enjoy it too.

Perhaps you remember Miss Hastings

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Upham E K Mrs

4/9/94

Dear General Howard

I hurried all I could from church to see you yesterday & was so sorry to miss you.

If you are coming to your Wednesday meeting with you come & see Mr Upham about six o'clock & then stay & dine & go to the meeting afterwards. I enclose you a postal to save you trouble, & please say a word how Mrs Howard is. Mr Upham

has spoken of her illness so often & is anxious to hear. With our love to all your household I am

very sincerely yours

Elizabeth K. Upham

April 9th [1894]

44 St. 35th St

Of course I have very little news to give you. If Dr Upham saw you saw him yesterday — there is very little change from day to day.

Post of Fort Grant, A. T.,

April 9, 1894.

My dear General Howard:

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May I be permitted also to ask you, in case the question is left in your hands as to what troops you would like to have, that you give consideration to the First Cavalry in making your choice? The regiment has had a long tour of frontier duty, and is now for the second time serving in Arizona. You are personally acquainted with most of the captains and older lieutenants, as they served under your command in your difficult indian wars of the North West, so that the regiment is no stranger to you.

With expressions of high esteem, and of regret that your active service in the army is nearing its end, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

A R Anderson

Colonel First Cavalry.

To

Major General O. O. Howard, U. S. Army,
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33 East Twenty-second Street,

New York, april 9th 1894

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an intense and vital American and a great statesmanship — Patriotism of the highest type is now in the air. — and any paper or speech which will give vent the feelings & sentiments of the great body of the American people at this time, will speak itself very clear to the American heart and be an echo.

I know of no one more fitted by reputation, experience and patriotic devotion to his country, — to take the position of the Editor of such a monitor, voice of the American people. and I hope if it is offered you, you will find that you can accept the duty.

In this state the Constitutional Convention which sits in May, have to decide the matter of so amending our present Constitution as forever to cut off all appropriations for sectarian purposes. The Roman Catholics are annually receiving from

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33 East Twenty-second Street,

New York, _____ 189

the state, through the municipal governments of towns & cities, fully $3,000,000 - in this city alone they receive some $1,300,000 all of which will be ~~cut~~ cut off.

A desperate battle will be fought over this amendment.

Other great issues will also appear, & must be discussed. Such a periodical as I name must take part in all these discussions and it can take a most prominent part in the guidance of the way. To do this lots of special attention will be needed.

I think you have it - and are the man for the place.

I will do all I can to put wind to help you. and am

Sincerely yours

Geo. T. Balch

Gen'l O. O. Howard

Governors Island N.Y.

Hon

Balch Gov.

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Letter of inquiry

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Geo. T. Balch.

Genl. O.O.Howard, Gov. Island, N.Y.

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Genl. O.O.Howard, Gov. Island, N.Y.

The National Home,

Milwaukee County, Wis.

April 9th 1894.

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Governor's Island, New York Harbor.

Dear General:-

You will, perhaps, remember that I served under your command in the Department of the Columbia from 1875 to 1881, and have, possibly, some knowledge of my reputation as an officer since that time. I retired from active service for the purpose of giving my daughters better educational advantages than they could have at army posts in March 1893. Since my retirement I have held the position of adjutant and inspector at the Northwestern Branch of the National Home for D.V.S. A few days ago the death of Colonel Charles Treichel, Governor of the Pacific Branch of the Home, was announced, and as my experience here has given me some familiarity with the methods of administration in the Home I felt justified in making application for the position thus made vacant. A letter from you testifying to my character and ability as an officer would be of great assistance to me in my efforts to obtain this appointment, and should you feel that you can write such a letter I shall gratefully appriciate your kindness. The board of managers meets at the Southern Branch of the Home, Hampton, Va., on the 18th inst. and the letter, if you find it proper

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find it possible to send it, should be addressed to Gen. William B.Franklin, President of the Boardof managers, National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, Hartford, Conn., to reach him by the I6th inst.

I am, General, with great respect,

Faithfully Yours,

Moses Harris,

Major U.S.A., Retired.

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TELEPHONE CALL. 38 ST. 398.

New York. April 9 1894

Maj Genl O. O. Howard
Governors Island. N.Y.

My dear Sir

As President, and in behalf of the West Side Republican Club, I take great pleasure in extending to you a cordial invitation to be present as their guest, at a dinner to be given by them on Thursday Evening, April 26th to commemorate the birthday of Genl U S Grant. We would consider it a great honor and pleasure to have you with us, that in honoring the memory of the dead we may honor one who was so largely a part of the times in which he lived.

Col Fred D Grant is to be present with us, also Hon L E Quigg and others.

Owing to the large number of engagements commemorating Genl Grants birthday on the 27th we have arranged to have our dinner on the 26th

The Dinner will be given in the Assembly Rooms of the Club, in the Hotel Endicott, 102 West 82d St.

Hoping for your favorable reply, I remain

Yours very truly
J. Edgar Leaycraft
President, West Side
Republican Club.

P.S. Mrs Crawford has very kindly consented to hand you this invitation

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Leaycraft J. E.

Yarmouth, Maine
Apr. 9. 1894

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir—

Your letter of the 4th inst., owing to some unaccountable delay, failed to reach me until to-day.

Thank you for your kindness in replying so promptly, and for the hope that you will be present at our Alumni Reunion.

Our school year closes on the 6th of June, but there is perhaps no reason why the Alumni meeting may not be postponed until later, and we hope to be able to arrange it to suit your

convenience. The Bowdoin Commencement is on Wed. June 26th. May we presume on your kindness and courtesy so much as to ask you to hold Monday June 25th in reserve for us - if that will be agreable to you, until we can hear from our committee and arrange the postponement? If practicable we shall endeavor to have it at that time.

Very truly yours
Alin T. Burbank
Sec'y Alumni Asso. N.G.A.

P.O. Address
Yarmouthville
Maine

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Purbeck Alice T. Mrs

30 W 116th St
N. Y. City.

April 9th 94

My dear General,

I am quite sure you have many engagements, and I regret to trouble you so early after your return; but Mr. George Henry who joined our ch. some months ago is very anxious to see you to ascertain if you can in any way help him to a position, and has asked me to go with him to see you. I have promised to do so, and

we will (D.V.) be on the Island about 2-30 p.m. tomorrow. Mr. Henry can state his case as seems you. I can understand many apply in this way, and it may be you can do nothing for Mr. Henry, but if you will kindly grant him an interview this will satisfy him.

We have held two weeks special services at the ch. We have had nine meetings and several have been converted. We continue thus this week. Could you address our Thursday meeting? An answer will do tomorrow when I call. We shall be glad to hear you. With great respect

F. A. Slyfield

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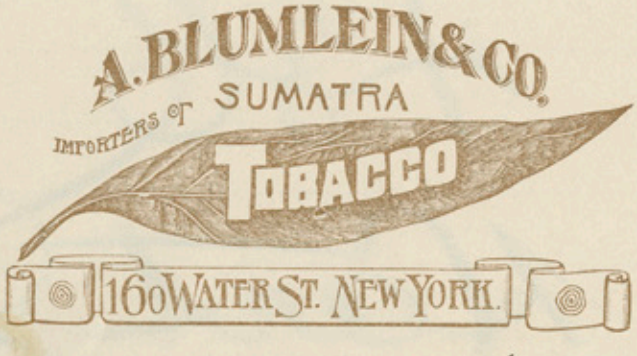

Cal s,
WYORK,

April 9 1894

To The General Commanding
Governors Island N.Y.

Dear Sir.

Am a stranger in town and being very desirous of visiting Governors Island would feel greatly obliged if you would kindly favor me with a pass for a party of four.

Trusting you will not consider my request a presumptive one but will favor me with a reply.

I am
Your Obedient Servant
Jules Hart
173 St Nicholas Ave
City

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Montgomery

UNIVERSITY CLUB.
MADISON SQUARE.

It will give much pleasure to the President & Members of the St. George's Society if General Howard will be kind enough to say a few words in response to the Toast of "The Army and Navy" at their Annual Dinner on the 23rd inst.

Ashley Mostyn
Secy.

April 9. 1894

All official communications to this Office should be addressed "To the Surgeon General, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C."

WAR DEPARTMENT,

SURGEON GENERAL'S OFFICE,

DISBURSING DIVISION,

Washington, D. C., April 9th, 1894.

Sir:

Enclosed I transmit vouchers, in duplicate, drawn in your favor for Rent, *amounting to* $50.

Please SIGN BOTH VOUCHERS *and return them to this Office, when a check for the amount will be forwarded to your address.*

Very respectfully,

C. Smart

Maj. & Surg'n U.S.A., D.O. Med. Dept.

Maj. Genl. ~~Mr.~~ A. A. Howard, U.S.A.,
Governor's Island,
New York, N.Y.

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Sword blade

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My Friend Maj. Gen.
O. O. Howard.

I received the
R. R. Pass back yesterday
extended to Dec. 31-
Am very much obliged
I'm looking for another
horse so to do all my
own plowing. I'm also
joining a loan association
I have to pay so much
every week but every
time I get my pension
$16. pr Mo. I shall pay
up three months in
advance $23. I think

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it is a grand thing for me. I'm raising several calves so to have more stock - a thing I have neglected. My wife has worked too hard. I am sowing grain so I'll not require help and she can rest more.

It is raining. You see the Loan Association takes up the present mortgage on my farm, and takes one themselves which I pay as I've stated. Thanking you again for your favor (I can go to N.Y. next fall nicely) and hoping you & yours are well I am your

truly Geo. Torrance

Gowanda Catt. Co.

N.Y.

OFFICE OF THE

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CORNER ANNIE AND STEVENSON STREETS,

SAN FRANCISCO.

San Francisco, April 10. 1894

Maj. General O. O. Howard, U. S. Army
Governors Island,
New York Harbor.

Dear Sir.

Enclosed please find our check No. ....., of this date, draft on New York Wells Fargo Co.'s Bank, for $20.00 in payment of dividend No. 109. upon your 40 shares of stock in this company.

Respectfully,

W. M. Livingston

Secretary.

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Pacific Coast Ship: Co.

St. Paul, Minn.
APR 10 1894

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir:-

I take the liberty of writing you to ask if you would be so kind as to send me your autograph. I am making a collection of prominent Generals' of the Civil War autographs and would be much pleased to receive yours.

I found out your address from Col. Glenn who lives a few doors from us.

Hoping to be favored with your autograph,

Very respectfully,
Walton Whitehill

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Mitchell Wallace.

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Jenkyn R. W.

Rockland, Maine,
April 10th, 1894.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
New York.

Dear Sir,

My application for a Chaplaincy in the U. S. Army is now on file in the War Department, Washington.

I should esteem it a most valuable favor, if you can consistently write a few words in my behalf either to the President or the Sec. of War as shall seem best in your judgment.

Have enclosed copies of a few letters, and have the honor of suggesting the name of Rev. E. E. Cregan, D. D., of the American Board, in the way of reference

in your city.

Hoping that it may be possible for you to favorably consider my request, I have the honor to remain,

Respectfully Yours,

R. St. Jenkyn.

563 Mott Avenue
New York City April 10th 1894

Genl O. O. Howard

Dear General

I am greatly obliged to you for the interest you have taken in the case of Rampe and for the modification of his punishment.

I have not seen yet Mr Meiswan, but suppose he and his friends will duly appreciate what you have done.

Very sincerely
Yours
F. Siegel

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Sigel Franz

United States Post Office,

Brooklyn
Kings County,
State of New York
April 10, 1894

To
Gen. O. O. Howard

Estemed Sir

I beg to remind you of my interview to day requesting your presence at the Progressive Literary Society of Brooklyn on the eve of May 9. 94 and hope that you can find it convenient to honor our society by your presence While we realize that your engagements and responsibilities encroach very much upon your time I am sure if you could but realize the pleasure it would give the members of my race and especially the old soldiers to once more see you and hear your voice it would be a sufficient recompense

United States Post Office,

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_____ County,

State of _____

_____, 189 .

for any inconvenience it may cause you. The evening will be known as "Grand Army night" all the Posts (colored) in New York & Brooklyn will be invited and we intend presenting a flag to the Wm Lloyd Garrison Post. permit me to assure you that there will be a very large audience in attendance,

Hoping that you may find it possible to attend I have the honor to remain Your obedient servant

Geo. E. Wibecan Jr
President

P.O. Sta "E"
Brooklyn N.Y.

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Wilbur Rev E J

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Rev. WM. JAMES, Associate Supt.

New York April 10 1894

Maj Gen O. O. Howard
Governors Island City.

Dear General.

The day following your visit here I asked the children to write their recollection of the stories you told them and I thought perhaps you would be interested to see how the two best writers caught your words

Yours very truly
Wm F Barnard
Supt.

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Barnard Wm. G.

About the Colored Girl.

During the great war of Gettysburg when they were fighting very severely a piece of shell or shot went through Colonel Boughton's hair, and cut nearly all his scalp. In some way it torched his nerves so that he had very severe head-aches.

He was taken to Washington to stay until he would recover of his wound. While he was staying in Washington, he and his wife hired a little colored girl for to do a little work for them.

This little girl was a little christian; but Colonel Boughton and his wife were not christians.

The little girl did not know how to read but Colonel Boughton did; so he thought he would try to learn her how to read. When the little girl would tell him about her religion he would say "Nonsense! Nonsense!"

One day when Colonel Boughton said this to the little girl, she said I don't know what you white people believe but I know what I believe. After that

Colonel Boughton sent for one of the soldiers in General Howard's regiment, and after a while he and his wife became followers of the Lord Jesus. A little while after Colonel Boughton sent for General Howard, and told him the story about the little colored girl.

About the German Boy.

During the begining of the war of Gettysburg one of the Colonel's had a little german boy in his regiment. The little boy had a pony given to him by the Colonel. In the night this little boy rode from the Colonel's to General Howard's tent with messages. One night when little Bony, for such the soldiers called him, was outside of General Howard's tent, General Howard heard Bony say some very bad words. He told a tall Englishman to go out and get Bony and bring him in.

After that General Howard told the Englishman to get a basin of water and have it very soapy. Then he told the

Englishman to wash Bonny's

Englishman to wash Bony's mouth when he did that General Howard said, "Wash it again"? so he washed it again and he said "Wash it again!" so he washed it again.

Then he said to Bony, now you may go and don't you let me hear any more such words. After a while the army was fighting in the Cemetery called the Cemetery hill. Little Bony was behind a large rock named Key Position holding a lot of horses by the reins with his left hand. A few pieces of shell fell on his hand and cut it off.

He was carried to the nearest hospital. A friend of General Howard named Mrs Samson went to see Bony and said, Poor boy! and he said I'm not a poor boy! I'm not a poor boy! General Howard got his right hand cut off, and I got my left hand cut off thats all about it.

Fannie Keegan
Age 10
Feb 27" 1894.

A Brave Little Boy

In the great war there were some meny whom we called guerillars. They lived in the woods. General Howard said that he used to send his men after them on horse back. If you asked them where they were going they would piont to a bag on the horses back, which meant that they were going to the mill. If they found a man alone they would kill him. One of oir men was kilfed by them.

He and his family were very poor, and the mother went to the great city of St. Louis to go to work. But she could hardly get money enough to buy bread for her childern. One day Willie the oldest a boy about ten years old said to his mother, mother, I can do something, and the mother said what can you do and he said. I can go and be enlisted in the army. So his mother said to him you can go and see if they will enlist you. So he went to the camp of the army, and met a sargan

and said to him I want to
be enlisted, and the sargent said
what can you do and he said
I can drum, and the sargent
said to a fifer who stood near
him get me a drum and
he got a drum and gave it to
Willie, and Willie played
several tones and the fifer
fifed. The sargent went and
got him enlisted. One day
they had to go into battle.
and Willie went with them
but the sargent was always
by Willie, when night came
the sargent could find Willie
so he waited till morning and
began to look for Willie. Pretty
soon he heard Willie's drum he
soon found him, and found
that his two legs were cut off
by a shell, he took him to a
hospital where he died in
a few hours.

John Donnenwirth
Age 13
Feb 27th 1894

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Miller P. E.

139 Ward St.,
Paterson, N. J.,
April 10, 1894.

Major General Oliver O. Howard:

Dear General:

We are expecting you here on next Monday, 16th inst. for the Anniversary of our Christian Endeavor Society which is held at 8 p. m. You will stop with us at the parsonage. Come in time to take supper with us at 5:30 p. m., and stay with us as long as you can — the longer, the better we will be pleased. The best way to reach here is by the Fire. Let me know what train

you will take and I will
meet you here at the Depot.
Also if agreeable to you let
me have the subject of your
address that it may be an-
nounced from the pulpit
and in the papers.

Anticipating much
pleasure and instruction
from your visit I am
Yours Respectfully,

J. O. Miller

FRED'K. B. SCHENCK,
President.

EDWIN F. SEE,
General Secretary.

SAMUEL ROWLAND,
Treasurer.

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CENTRAL ASSOCIATION
ARTHUR B. WOOD,
Secretary.

502 Fulton Street,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

April 10, 1894.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Governor's Island, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Will you oblige me as you have done twice before by furnishing me with a pass which I may use on Saturday April 28, to take a party of 15 boys to the Island, and oblige,

Yours very truly,

J. B. Carpenter, Jr.
Secretary of Boys' Department.

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Carpenter J. P. J.

The original act of Congress
granted some & ample powers
sufficiently broad, yet subsequently
the work of the B— was enlarged
& embrace the supervision & care of
all loyal refugees & freedmen, as far as the same
shall be necessary & enable them as speedily as
practicable to become self-supporting citizens
of the U.S. & to aid them in making
the freedom conferred by proclamation
of the Comdr-in-Chief, by emancipation
under the laws of the States, & by
constitutional amendments available &
beneficial to the public.
In fact until the subsequent acts
of Reconstruction had been passed
& put into active operation this
Bureau had in its hands, pretty much
the entire machinery of government
& responsibility so far as the classes
named in the act were concerned.

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The B— was abnormal — a machine to relieve the shock when passing from the rough transition roadway. Its work, in its

Sodus, N.Y.,
April [20] Apr [10, 1894]

Dear Sir

Will you kindly give me a little information about the object of the Freedman's Bureau?

I do not wish to trouble you to go into details, but, as an old soldier of this town told me he thought I could get the best information from you, I have written to you about it.

Very Respectfully,
Fay R. Robertson

To Gen. Howard.

Extract from Universal Cyclopedia page 311 - Article "Freedmen's Bureau" by Gen O O Howard

"Introductory. - Preliminary to the establishment of the bureau officially known as the "B of R F & Aban Lands" new problems were pressed upon the attention of the American People by events flowing directly from the Great War of 1861-65. Between 1 & 5 000 000 of people were suddenly set free from chattel slavery; a large class also of the poor white population of the Southern States were disturbed & sought refuge & employ in the occupation in the cities & villages. The pauper class had become so much increased from the data slaves & the whites in 1865 that at one time the army alone was feeding upwards of 14 000 of such dependants. Quickly in the south at the close of the war, race competition broke up. The questions at that time discussed in Congress were such as these; "What shall be done with the south? What shall be done with the negro? What shall be done in the work of reconstruction as a stepping-stone to political existence, & political equality?"

After lengthy discussion the object was effected by the passage of what is popularly known as the "Freedmen's B act", establishing a B - in the War Dept; the act was ~~passed~~ approved Mar 3/65. To this B - was committed the supervision & management of abandoned lands, & the control of all subjects relating to refugees & freedmen from any district of country within the territory embraced in the operations of the army, under rules & reg. prescribed by the head of the bureau, & approved by the President.

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