I do not doubt that my timely recognition of that error saved many lives and may be a break in our hard pressed line.

2d In the evening awhile before dark, my Captain was ordered to take his Co. to our left front, at the head of, and beyond, the ravine and make a charge. My Tactical place in making the charge was in rear of the left center of the Co. but in the effort and excitement of urging on the men I got in front and after driving the Indians before us and to cover, I found myself as the twilight was failing, with one man on my right and two on my left, and the rest of the Co. well back and out of our view. A little later I missed the three men, who crawled back to the Co.

Then I heard voices 20 to 30 paces in my front. Some were squaws. They were talking in muffled tones and I plainly heard them piling up stone breastworks.

I called back to my Capt. to go and have the Howitzer fire a shell at a point

Fort Niagara N. Y.
May 29th 1894

Captain Wm W. Witherspoon: 12th Inf.
Aide-de-Camp.

Sir:- Replying to your favor of 28th instant, I have the honor to furnish the following details of my part in the battle of Clearwater Idaho, July 11-12, 1877.

1. Very soon after the Indians opened fire my Company ("B" 21d Infantry, Commanded by Captain Jocelyn) was deployed as skirmishers with its right on the high bluff of the Clearwater. A deep ravine was in our front. I superintended the left of the line. My Captain twice gave me peremptory orders to lie down instead of walking up and down the line.

After a time the Capt. and I noticed that

the Indians were coming up the bluff from the river and enfilading our line, and getting to our rear which was guarded only by the river.

The Captain finally went to Headquarters and reported the facts, and soon after Captain M P Miller 4th Art. came out with his Company and posted it as skirmishers with its left on the river, and facing in the opposite direction to our front. The men were deployed with pretty wide intervals thro' the grass and little hollows. They kept passing word along keeping in touch with me and each other.

Private Wickoff was killed near my right and others were injured. I was directed to go to Headquarters and get members of the Hospital Corps and also more ammunition.

While I was gone the men got to jumping up to look around, quickly dropping again. Capt Miller's men took them for Indians and began to jump up and fire at them. They thought Capt Millers men were Indians and returned the fire. This was going on as I was returning to the open ground between the Cos Lt Peter Leary 4th Art. who was then acting as A.C.S. I believe, thought they were all Indians or being driven by Indians from the river and ravines, and rushed out yelling "Packers to the rescue".

I fortunately realized at once the fatal error and rushed on past Lt Leary yelling "Cease firing – You are firing into your own men". In a little while order was restored but I was shocked to find between the two Cos Private Winters with a dreadfully shattered hip, and declaring over and over that "our own men did it".

I told him he should not say that as the bullets were coming like hail from every direction. (We were actually surrounded by the Indians.)

Encouragement I got the three or four Cos formed. As an incident — away to the left I found the late Capt Haughey 21st Inf and Lt Eltonhead lying down with a slight earthwork at their heads. I gave them the orders for their part of the line. I was standing up and they were forcibly ordering me to lie down as I would draw fire on us from a tree in their front. As we were speaking of it, there was a puff of smoke from the tree and a bullet struck the earthwork a few inches from Lt Eltonhead's head and about the same distance from my legs. I got down quickly and apologized heartily for having been so thoughtless.

During the final charge I urged men on according to their need by threats of shooting or by encouragement. I keeped the late Capt Winters 1st Cav. to get some of his men forward from behind trees in the ravine by throwing rocks at them! The living officers named and others are witness of most of these facts.

Very Respectfully
H Bailey.
1st Lieut 21st Infantry.

50 yards in front of me, meaning the Howitzer on low ground to our left. The orders were evidently given to the howitzer on the hill directly behind me, for after awhile there was a flash and boom from that howitzer and I saw a blazing shell coming directly at me. I lay very low and it passed over me so near that I belive I could have reached it! It ploughed straight in front of me and exploded at the very point I desired. All sounds there ceased. Next day I saw a dead Indian there with a large three cornered hole in his forehead. After waiting some time for more sounds I called back for permission to join the Co. which was granted. Getting up and turning in a half

stooping position to go back, a gun flash cast my shadow before and I seemed to feel a bullet thro' my hair, tho' I think it was merely close. I dropped and turned and fired my rifle at the place of the flash, and then drew my revolver and waited. I heard no more. After firing a time or two and waiting ten or fifteen minutes I rejoined the Co. I had the pleasure next day of hearing Lt Elbourhead and others speak admiringly of that Charge.

3d The morning of the 2d day's fight found Capt C F Humphrey (then 4th Art. now aqm.) and myself alone with quite an extent of line to watch.

The officers had gone to Hdqrs for something to eat. After polite urging we "drew cuts" to decide which of us should go first for the same purpose while the other ~~go~~ remained on the line. The firing at this time was light, only two or three bullets coming a minute along our front.

I won and went for my Coffey and bacon. None of the officers were ready to go out with me and as I was returning alone Capt Evan Miles, Battalion Comder, asked me to execute certain orders he had received from Genl Howard. I said I would.

I relieved Capt Humphrey and walked along the line to the left or from the river visiting every pit and every man and ordering the groups of two or more in the pits to move out and along to the right in proper skirmish line, as we were soon to make a general Charge (and, as it proved, a finely victorious one) I had great difficulty in getting the men to take and keep their places as an occasional bullet would come and run them back to the pits. By threats and

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To the Adjutant-General
U.S. Army
Washington D.C.

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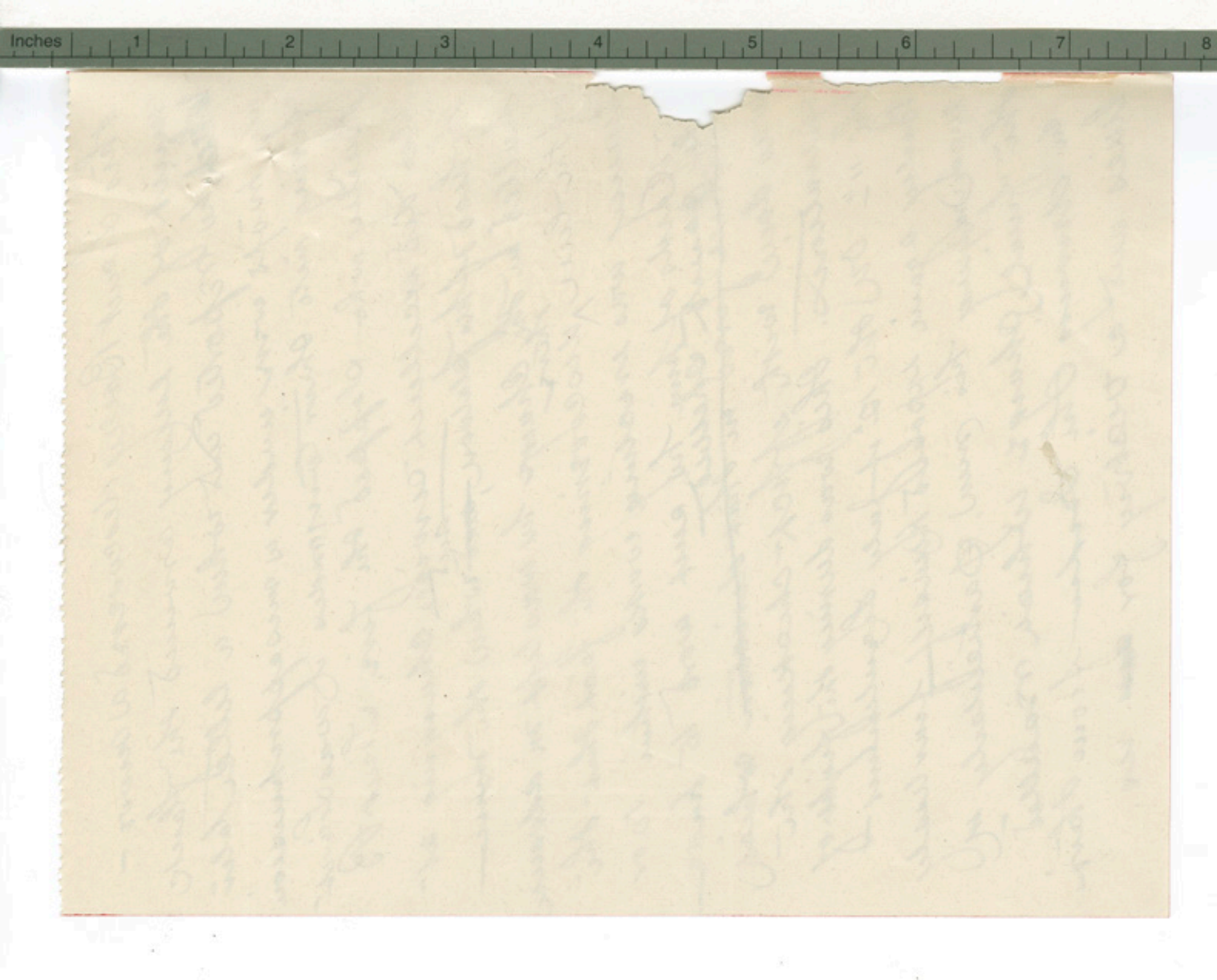
Sir:

In reply to your letter of May 26th stating that the Major General Commanding desires that I furnish a specific recital of the details connected with the act of gallantry for which I recommend Lieut. H.L. Bailey 21st Infantry for promotion by brevet, I respectfully submit the following:

The action with the Indians at the Clearwater Idaho ~~took~~ of July 11th & 12th 1877 was fought with the men under cover in the rocky gorges and behind earth works and trees. Lieutenant Bailey exposed himself fearlessly ~~by~~ moving up and down the line under fire encouraging the men of his company while doing

this Lieut Bailey discovered a movement of the enemy around the flank which he reported and when a little later our troops were under a misapprehension firing into their comrades it was Lieut Bailey who stopped the fire. Lieut B also did excellent service charging at the head of his platoon, and when the men halted in the charge he was left in advance of the line there discovering the fact that the enemy was erecting works within 100 or 150 yards of him he sent word to have the point shelled ~~shell fired in that direction~~ which was done with effect checking the operations. This was during the fight of the 11th. On the 12th of July Lieutenant Bailey again exposed himself fearlessly encouraging his men, particularly in the final charge which resulted in driving the Indian from their lines and a victory for ~~us~~ us.



J. M. WOOLWORTH,
Counselor at Law.

Replied June 18/94

FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING.

OMAHA, May 29 94

My dear General

Yours of the 26th rec'd. Nothing but Mrs W's ill health has prevented her writing you to come to our house & make it your home while here. We hope you will do so. Yours truly

J. M. Woolworth

167 Chambers St., New York, May 29, 1894.

Major-Gen. O. O. Howard,

Governor's Island, N. Y.

Dear Sir;

There will be a meeting of the Committee on Arrangements for the General Neal Dow Reception and the International Temperance Congress at Prohibition Park in the outer room of the Auditorium, on Saturday at 4 P. M. All members are earnestly urged to be present.

Yours very truly,

Jos. A. Bogardus

Sec'y of Committee.

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13 Lynde St
Salem, Mass, May 29, 1894

Gen. O. O. Howard
Commanding Department of the East,
Governor's Island, N. Y. Harbor.

My dear General

I served in the Army of the Tennessee, from its organization, until it was mustered out of the service.

Like many others I have a hobby, After compiling the History of my regiment, I hunted up, borrowed and had copied photos of each of the 91 officers that served in the regiment. I secured them all in eleven months, This led me into making a Collection of Portraits of all Iowa Generals, Colonels and Lieutenant-Colonels, of whom I now have 263, and need 39 others to complete the list. Among the latter, I wish one of Samuel L. Taggart, Capt, and Asst. Adjt. Genl. Army of the Tennessee, Brevet Maj. and Lieut-Col. Vols.

I shall be very grateful, if You would loan me a photo of Col. T. to have a copy taken from it. I will take good care of it, and return just as soon as copied. Should You not have one, Please give me the address of some officer who was at Hd. Qrs. Army of the Tenn, with Col. Taggart, and who may have his likeness.

Hoping that You will be pleased to grant my request

I am General

Very respectfully Yours

L. S. Tyler

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Tyler

G.W. C.A.

Niagara Falls N.Y.
May 29: 1894.

Genl. O. O. Howard,

Dear Brother:-

We are perfecting
our plans for June 14th.
After seeing you at your office
last week I called on Mr. Depew
and he gave me Railroad
transportation for you from Chicago
to Buffalo. I left it with Mr.
Warberton to send to you. No
doubt you have recieved or will
on the same. Arrange to spend
the entire day of June 14th with
us as you have many friends
here who are anxious to see you.
Let us hear from you when you
start on your western trip.

Fraternally
H E Crowell.

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Y.M.C.A.
Niagara Falls N.Y.

Howard University,

Washington, D. C., May 30th 1894

My Dear Gen. Howard:

Memorial Day! The Lord bless all the soldiers & their children: the Lord bless you & yours.

I will write the young man, for whom you asked my attention. I think, he would do well to come here.

The Trustees met yesterday & the meeting was very harmonious: 617 students the last year. I wanted a LL.D. for John Wanamaker, but, waived it, for this year: because there was some hesitation. I ought to have got your opinion. Please send it to me now. If you approve it, I shall urge it again. Aff. yours, J. E. Rankin.

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Rankin J. E.

Boston May 30th

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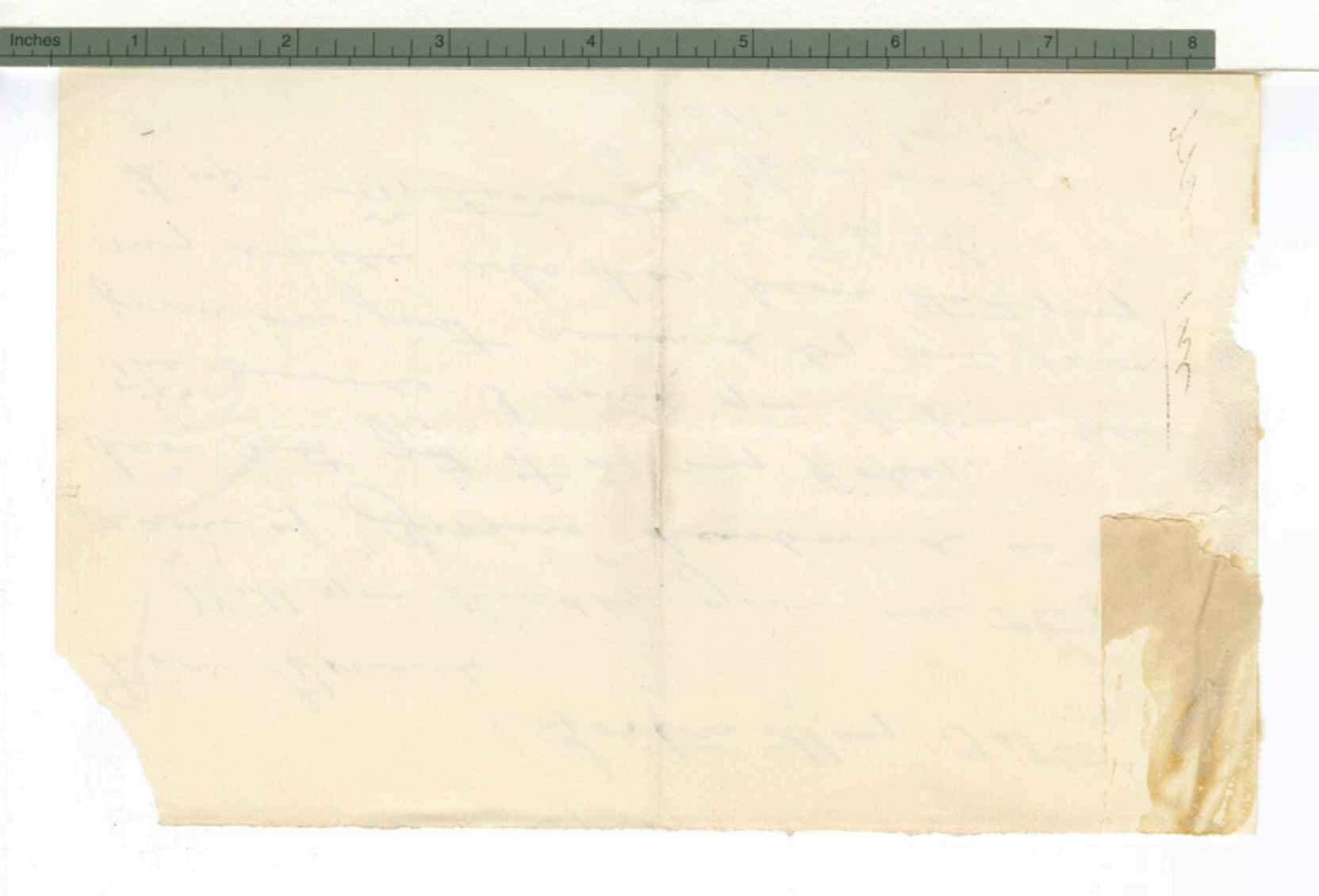
Dear General

Will you kindly give me the name of "Jessie's" husband as I have not got it in my copies.

The records I send you I have copied from one just received by me from my uncle who has been studying it up — in Watertown in T. & L.

D. W. Howard
110 Boylston St



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Replied June 18/94

No 34 East College St.
Oberlin. May 30th '94

Genl Howard.

Last evening I attended
the R. exercises. the main feature
which was an account of the
great battle of Gettysburg by a
participant. Rev Mr Green of
Cl. I presume I have heard
quite as vivid portrayal of the
fighting &c. more than once,
but did enthusiastic tribute to
your sagacity, foresight, bravery &c
quite move my heart, and filled
me with a great desire to look
into your face once more.
That desire culminated in a
determination to write you a letter
and tell you of this warm glowing
tribute of praise. hoping you
will not think it an unwarrantable
liberty on my part.

For many years now, you and
our grand, noble Prex Fairchild

has each been enshrined in the hearts of both my husband and myself as the two men whom above all other men we truly reverence, and as truly and devotedly love and esteem.

Pres Fairchild pronounced the words that made us husband and wife and baptized our first-born son — deep and tender bonds to us — while you in many tokens of kindness and friendship endeared yourself equally to us —

I want you to know that while life shall last you have no more loving or faithful friends in all the land than Mr Ellis and myself —

We have so appreciated all your goodness to us —

As you may know, Mr Ellis has been in Nebraska for nearly six months, and I've not seen him for that length of time, but I hope to see him within a month.

The Lord has seen fit to test us by many trying experiences of late — the hardest of which has been this long separation, but we are able to see his loving hand in it all, and realize that our heaviest trials have brought us spiritual blessing, and so

we can truly thank him for
all his dealings with us —
If God permit, I plan to
join my husband in his
work in July —
Wishing that it may possible
be time to see you once more.
I pray that God's richest
blessing may rest upon you
and all your faithful service
in his cause. I am now and ever
sincerely and faithfully
your friend.

Mary H. Ellis.

Reply sent June 4/94.
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Isle of Hope May 30th 1894

Maj Gen. O O Howard

Sir

When the order was published in the Savannah Ga papers for all persons owning cotton in the city to report same to Gov, I obeyed the order.

Some time ago I saw by a Washington paper that the money for that cotton was in the Treasury, & owners could get it if they only understood

how; as I turned the cotton over to you, I now appeal to you to aid me, as I feel you will; if it is possible to recover it. My Father Wm. F Chaplin who owned the cotton is dead.

Having read of your great efforts in the noble work for the good of thousands, I feel that you will not hesitate to aid my widowed & aged Mother

Respt.
Mrs Ida M Fripp
Isle of Hope
Ga

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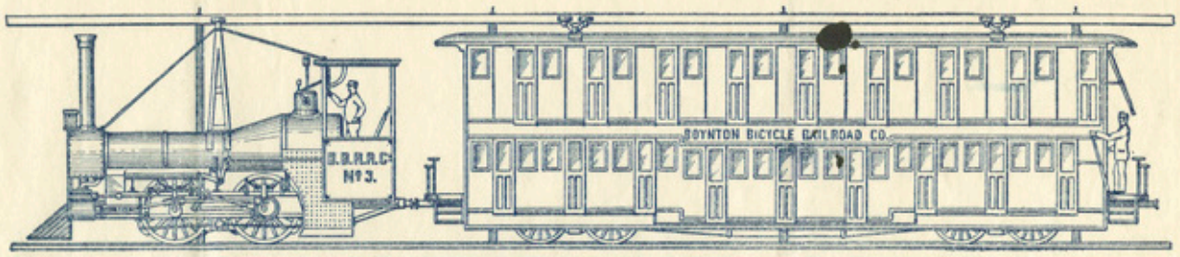

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New York, May 31, 1894.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,
Governors Island,
New York.

Dear Sir:

Mr. J. W. Bagbee, our representative on the Pacific coast, has requested me, if possible, to send him a statement from you, referring to your opinion of the Bicycle system. He is convinced that such a statement would go a long way in securing the contract in San Francisco for a road from Central Avenue to the "Cliff House".

In case you should feel inclined to show us this favor, I take the liberty of enclosing such a statement, subject to any changes you may desire.

Very respectfully

D. C. Reusch.

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New York, May 21, 1894.

Mr. Geo. C. C. Stevens,

Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

We have your esteemed favor of the 19th inst. Regret exceedingly we do not know a patent from you, relating to your opinion of the Bicycle system. We is convinced that such a patent would be a very way in securing the co-operation of the capitalists for a road from Cleveland to the "City of Ohio".

If case you should feel inclined to write us this fact, We feel the utility of securing such a patent, subject to any changes you may think it.

Very respectfully,

E. M. Boynton.

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Tampa Fla May the 31st 1894

Unto Major Gen O O Howard

And all others who are and will be assembled in the cause of temperance at the convocation commensing Sunday June the 3rd 1894

I am one like the impotant man at the pool who for years desired to be put in the water and be healed of all the people he found none to help him

Such is my case to day broken down in health impovished in circumstances I am unable to carry out my desire of reformation as I would wish

I am a barber by trade to follow the siness I would be compeled to use timulants on the account of my nervous nd debilitated condition

There is only one other occupation me that is teaching primary School ery affected with Bronchitis my Throat soon becomes irritated especialy if I should under take to teach Singing

Therefore I have for a long time desired a Magic Lantern instrument that I could show Small panoramic Scenes among my colored race who would be more benefited by such views that occur from intemperance and drunkenness than they would be by lectures

That is in this section of the country for the colored people are less intelligent and more susceptable unto the evil of intemperance in the south than they are in the northern states and especialy South Florida

I have written unto other parties sometime ago faibed to receive any support whatever I suppose they thought that I was some crank or an impostor trying to raise money in slang phrase trying to raise the wind

That is not my case for God knows there is not a man or woman actively engaged in the cause who has a deeper interest than I have and a more greater desire to do good unto suffering humanity and the cause of christ

I am the youngest out of ten children my oldest Brother who is next to the oldest one of all was alive last November and living at 103 McDougal st New York city can testify that I am one who have been a periodical drunkard upwards of forty years

could and would have been blessed with health and happiness only for the evil practice of intemperance and now when I would do good evil is present to

Prohibit my progress and hinder my usefulness in a cause that I feel to have as good if not the greatest right of any man living because I have lost my all except my soul which I feel at times to be quivering in the ballance

I have just past my 57th birth day on the 3rd day of April last should be according to the record of our Family good for at least fifteen years yet I feel very much in doubt if three years from to day finds me a living mortal among men

After leaving the Soldiers Home Hampton Va. from a very severe attack of Rheumatism and inflamation of the lungs I was advised to come to Florida that was in the winter of 76 & 77

I improved so much in a couple of years that I fancied myself well and to live an upright life I got married succeeded very well until the yellow fever broke out in Key West Fla. I became a refugee for Tampa on our way my wife step Daughter and myself fell victims to the scourge

We all survived leaving my system in a very debilitated condition from which I never have recovered and feel myself to day failing causing me to set my House in order and leave a living testimony that all is well although a 11th hour candi date

I arrived in Tampa Seven years ago on the 26th of July next the authorities ordered all of my effects burnt up promising to reimburse me for them but failed to do it although they gave me a bed and something near $10=00 and a situation to teach a primary School at $25=00 per month for six months

Last October I was taken sick again compeled to give up my little Business of Barbering and sell out for four months I was confined in my House although I am now able to knock about I am unable to work sufficient to be of very much benefit

I lost one of my little boys after coming to Tampa from the Yellow Fever I have three children of my own left the oldest in his thirteenth the youngest four years old my step Daughter in her sixteenth

Unfortunately is about to bring trouble upon me in my straitened circumstances which is a source of grief and distress to my offliction nevertheless I strive to beare with a christians forbearance

I must state that I am in receipt of a Pension of $10=00 per months for all of that I suffered this winter for nourishments as well as medicine the times was not as hard as in the north my health failing me as well as my step son leaving me in my bed of sickness to live with a prostitute

causing me to apply on the following Sunday unto a neighbor for something to eat for my Family thank God I have not had resource unto the same method since

My little boy could not get any work. blacking shoes is his occupation My Family and self argething so bare of clothing that it seems to me we will be an object for observation if I continue in this condition for a much longer time

Therefore I am desireous of doing something whereby I can obtain a little help to lighten the burden of which my wife is failing under the heavy strain of providing and that only in part

We have not any charitable socities or fre institutions whatever in Tampa like there is in Northern cities and counties the sick and afflicted must be provided for by relatives friends or benevolent organisations

I went to Key west with the express purpos of re Uniting with the G=A=R= was compeled to leave before I could accomplish my intentions

When you was here last winter I tried to get to see you before you went away to see if you could prevail upon congress to erect a National Home for such invalids can not stand the winters

Pilo-mutic Civil Service Reform.

I may call myself a stranger in a strange land and far away from home my birth place is Philadelphia = P = A = partly raised near Princton = N = J = where my parents hail from which makes my case worse having no Kind folks

My reason for selecting you to write to at this time I was looking over the columns of last Sundays World and seen the notice of your meeting of deligates on Sunday next June the 3rd

Also seeing the names of so many eminent I felt that you was the most prominent one to apply to because you having been a soldier yourself can Sympathise with their needs as well as their failings

Hoping that you will excuse all mistakes of the rules of litrature and remember my request and case unto those greats lights and leaders of Temperance

I Bring my communication to a close ever Remaining

Your Humble Servant

Most Truly

Augustus M Holcomb

ex soldier co = E = 14th Reg = Rhode = Island Heavy Artly changed unto the 11th reg U = S = Troops cobd

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Edward W. Kinsley Post 183 G.A.R.

Department of Massachusetts,

Headquarters. No. 694 Washington Street,

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Adjutant, JAMES G. HARRIS, P. O. Box 5287.
Quartermaster, ELMAR A. MESSINGER, P. O. Box 2399.

Boston, May 31 1894.

Maj. Emil Howard
New York.

My Dear Sir & Comrade.

I have quite an extensive military album, and would like your autograph to accompany your photo. which I have. Will you kindly write it on the enclosed slip & much oblige.

We all feel very grateful to you for the scholarly service rendered our Post yesterday. and from surface indications, judge that you are well pleased with the day's exercises.

Yours in F.C.L.
Wm Fallon Ireland
S.V.C.

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EDWARD KENT.

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54 Wall Street,

New York May 31st 1894.

Major General O. O. Howard
U. S. A.

Dear General:

Can you give me the name of the Commandant of West Point and a card that will secure me his attention should I go there?

Very truly Yrs,

Thos H. Hubbard

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Replied June 1/94

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44 EAST FOURTEENTH STREET,

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New York, May 31, 1894.

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Gen'l. Oliver O. Howard,

Governor's Island, N. Y.

Dear Sir :-

We herewith send you proof of your introduction for "Congregationalists in America".

Your MS. was so carefully written that there are only a very few marks on the proof. However, you will probably like to see it before the plates are cast.

We will ask you to kindly look over the proof at once and then mail it to our binders, The Mershon Co., Rahway, N. J.

Very respectfully yours,

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Per W. J. Dingledine.

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New York May 31. '94.

Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir.

Please excuse the liberty I take in writing to you. You have addressed different Churches where I was present and this gives me the baldness to ask you a question. My boy (15 years) wants to join the navy he has studied electricity two years he would like to follow that if possible: he is determined to go I would give my consent, but I know so little about it. Can you tell me what influences a boy has there? is he any more liable to get in bad company than in N. Y.? He is a good boy now and a Christian Endeavor and God knows I would like him to become a honest Christian man. You have a large experience both as a Christian and the life of some of these boys or men and the navy therefore I will be very thankful for your advise. O, forgive an anxious mother for troubling you, who wants to do the best for her boy.

Yours with respect

L. Brunder

373 Bleecker St.

N. Y. City

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Prueder L. Mrs

May 31, 1894

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To Gen O O Howard

Governors Island N Y

Will you lend Laura Holloway Langford two large tents for Black Mothers & Children at Brighton Beach this Summer

answer E L Langford

Reply:- June 1st 1894.

General Howard absent Application for tents should be made to the Honorable Secretary of War.

Collect. C. G. Treat, Aide.