

Please answer me this Question Gilhooley  
has big wages & a large family supported  
by Uncle Sam he was never in the U.S. Service he has got no claim whatever  
on the Government for the Position he now holds

I wish to know if I could apply for the  
Position that Gilhooley now holds on the  
Ground of having a Pro. claim to him  
I think with your kind Assistance I  
could get a little more pull than  
Gilhooleys Please write me your opinion  
about this I need the work at <sup>Salisbury</sup> first of all to get a little money to work  
up the above I am still a subscriber  
Member of Union Post No 1 No 35 Eddy St  
I hope to see you again on this event  
Wishing you success I will close  
hoping to receive a favorable reply from  
you I am well known by several  
officers on the <sup>and</sup> they would be glad to  
have a chance to give me steady work

Respectfully Yours W. W. Weston  
Please Address 375 Six St Oakland X

Oakland.

May 20<sup>th</sup> 1894  
[sic-1895]

Major Gen O C Howard  
Dear Sir  
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I think you will recollect  
me when I write that I have two Special letters  
of Recommendation that you was kind enough to give  
me while you was on this last one of the letters was  
direct to Major General Gordon Put Richwell in which  
you state that I served under you in the Bannock Indian  
Campaign Date Sept <sup>th</sup> 3: 1884 the other letter is date  
June <sup>th</sup> 15: 1884 this directed to General McClellan  
I prize the letters from you more then anything  
I have got in this world & I have lately bin at work  
on More I should now be a laborer I work 29 day &  
I do of no was laid off for want of Work a laborers  
wages is two dollars & 16 cents per day & I was in the  
construction Department the Biffs went over in  
a wild fire burnt by the Name of Sherr

he will talk to a hard working man as if he  
was a Dog & he is not fit to have charge of men  
he has made himself a Notorious bad record a complaint  
against him has been sent to Washington he has a big Pull  
from the Union Iron Works of San Francisco & My name  
is still on the Books for work but if I am called to  
the Construction Department as I will never work  
Under old Sheen by Name will be drop from the Books  
unless I can get some assistance to get a transfer to  
some other Department & I wish you to write to  
the Secretary of War or to some Friend of yours in  
Washington & ask for an Order from the Secretary of  
War to Lvt Roberson of Men Island he is on duty  
on the Board of Employment at the Island & he has  
the name of being a good Friend to the old soldier  
If you can get the Order I want to give me  
Steady Employment direct it to me or to  
Lvt Roberson I wish the Order to give the Officer  
Authority to set me to work right away & to give  
me Steady Employment as long as I do not fail  
to do my Duty I wish a Transfer to the Ordnance  
Dept I am a heavy man with the tools I can work  
at the Carters trade or at the Painters trade  
& I am known on the Island as First Class

Gardner I worked in a Private Way as a man of all  
Work through the Month of March for the Reverend Chaplain  
McGlynn he will recommend me as a hard working  
Man but I am sorry to inform you when he came  
to settle up that he beat me out of more then half  
of my wages I can Prove all of this could I send my  
Complaint against him to Washington & compel him  
to settle on his Pretence he induced me to sign  
a receipt which releases him of all legal obligation  
to me & about three Years ago I went out to the  
President & I applied for work as Carpenter I showed  
Gen Graham your letters of Recomend & I got work  
as Carpenter at that time Lvt Alderman was Carpenter  
& a Man by Name of Gilholley was Second Boys  
Gilholley is another Drayey Irish he got down on  
me because I was not one of his kind he did  
not have the power to discharge me but he made  
it so hard & Disagreeable that I only worked one  
Month I told Lvt Alderman that Gilholley imposed  
on me but although he was my own Nationality  
he made agreement with me there is a new Carpenter  
there now & think that if you would be kind  
enough to write to the Gen Commanding the Pacific  
that you could get me the place again

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF DAKOTA,

Saint Paul, Minn., May 20, 1895.

General O. O. Howard,

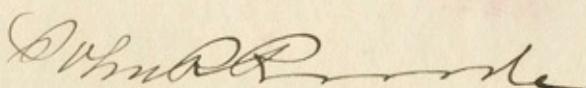
Burlington, Vermont.

My dear General:

I found yours of the 9th instant on my arrival here and after looking into the matter you speak of I discovered that General Merritt had already settled the case by the remission of the unexpired sentence of the man Ross.

I am

Very truly yours,



Brigadier General.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF DAKOTA

SANDBURG, MINN., MAY 20, 1882.

General O. O. Howard

BURLINSON, Vermont

My dear General:

I took my hours off the city interests on the Saturday  
morning after looking into the matter and asked if I could have  
your General Merritt had already settled the case by the remission  
of the unexpired sentence of the man Rose.

I am

Very truly yours,



Henry Sibley, General

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153 Gates Avenue,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

May 20, 1895

Gen. Howard,  
Dear Sir,-

About a month ago I wrote to you informing you that I am preparing for publication a volume of fac simile letters of the distinguished military men and statesmen of our time. From Colorado you sent your signature. May I ask the favor of a letter to accompany those I have? If you can accede to this request will you kindly answer the query: "What do you consider your greatest achievement as a General?"

in the Civil War?"

Trusting your wife oblige me.  
I am

Very respectfully,

Wm. B. Dufree



Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Co.  
Passenger Department.

P. S. Eustis Genl Passenger and Ticket Agent.

Lucius Wakeley, Asst. Genl Passengers and Ticket Agent.

Chicago, Ill., May 20th, 1895.

O. O. Howard, Esq.,

Major-General, U. S. Army (Retired)

156 College St., Burlington, Vt.

Dear sir:-

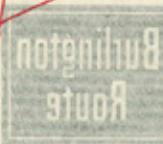
I have your note of the 14th, asking for transportation for Mrs. John Howard, Leavenworth to Chicago, and regret that I cannot comply with the request, as it is out of my jurisdiction.

I have sent your request, however, to Mr. W. C. Brown, Manager of our Missouri System, at St. Joseph. If it is possible to send you the pass, he can do it; and if you do not hear from him, it is because he finds it out of the question, under the present rules, to send the pass.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "P. S. Eustis".

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Galesburg, Ill., May 20<sup>th</sup>, 1862.

O. O. Howard, Esq.,

Maj.-Gen'l., U. S. Arm'd (Retired)

126 College St., Burlington, Vt.

Dear Sir:-

I have your note of the 14<sup>th</sup>, asking for information for

Mrs. John Howard, Treasurer of Galesburg, and letter first I cannot  
comply with the request, as it is out of my jurisdiction.

I have seen your letter, however, to Mr. W. C. Brown, Mrs-

Brown of our Missouri State, at St. Louis. If it is possible to send  
you the base, we can do it; and if you do not need it now, it is per-  
haps the time to do it; and if you do not need it now, it is per-  
haps the time to do it.

Send the base.

Yours truly,

General Sherman  
from West

Governor's Island,  
New York,

May 20<sup>th</sup> 1895

Dear Genl Howard

You will please  
forgive the liberty I take in  
writing to you, but as you once  
told me if I ever needed a friend  
to turn to you, I do so now.

My youngest brother has written  
to me asking me to help him  
to get work, & as he is in San  
Francisco & am here I don't see  
how I can help him, except ~~per~~  
dear Genl. through you, &  
thought if you could give

him a letter to some friend  
of yours in San Francisco  
I know a word from you would  
do a great deal for him.

I will not bother you with  
details, but can assure you he  
is a good trustworthy young  
man he is nearly one 21 years  
old & strong & industrious, a good  
son & a good brother, he was very  
good to my Mother when she needed  
help, that I should be very  
thankful to see him in a good  
place as he is well worthy of  
it or I could not ask your  
help. I trust dear Mrs. Howard  
& all the family are well  
after their long trip.

believe me ever  
Yours faithfully  
Nellie A. Jones

P.S. I send the letter  
he sent to me, as I think  
it will give you a good  
idea of him, P.S.

308 E. 55<sup>th</sup>

New York May 20/95

Dear General,

Yesterday we held our annual church meeting. As you were not present I was requested to send you the annual report. We had pleasant services all day. Every body is getting more enthusiastic and we hope for great things the coming year.

Will you kindly return report to me at your convenience?

Yours truly  
J. B. Hougher Jr.

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Leeds May 21<sup>st</sup> 1895

Gen. O.O. Howard

My Dear Cousin.

yours of 18<sup>th</sup> recd. and hasten to reply - I was very glad to hear from you. I saw by the papers that you had lectured at Sioux City, and thought that you might meet some of my children, am glad to learn that two of them met you. - Our most highly esteemed cousin Theresa is very low with heart disease and dropsy. - She has had several physicians and they say her lower limbs are impregnated with water to her body, and even the ~~the~~ body is effected. - She sits in her chair the most of the time, as she

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breaths with difficulty when  
in bed. - She does not suffer  
very bad at present, as she did  
at first with neuralgia of the head.  
Lena came home from her  
school in Mass. to spend  
her vacation, but finding her  
mother sick and constantly  
growing worse she gave up her  
position, and she & Lucy are  
both at home caring for the  
dear mother. - We are well as  
usual - and all join in the  
kindest regards to yourself  
and family.

Affectionately yours

Seth Howard

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141 Chrystie Street

New York 21<sup>st</sup> May 1895

Major Genl. G. O. Howard

156 College Street

Burlington Vt.

My dear General:

Since I wrote to you last week, I have received pass from Genl. Smith, Vice Pres. of the P. & O. for Mrs M. from Chicago to this City, and one yesterday from Genl Dodge - pass from Ogden to Council Bluffs. There remains now the gap from Council Bluffs to Chicago. I enclose slip containing the offices of the Chicago & N.W. line which is the line that connects with the U.P. at Council Bluffs. I do not know whether you may be able to secure transportation over this line. The Chicago, Milwaukee and St Paul Ry. also run from Council Bluffs to Chicago - the Pres. is Roswell Miller, - address Chicago Ill. Frank T. Bond Vice Pres. - New York E. P. Ripley 37<sup>th</sup> Reg. Chicago Ill. A. J. Easting Genl. Manager Chicago. W. G. Collins Genl. Supl. Chicago.

I have not yet heard anything from Mr Huntington regarding Transportation from C. F. to Ogden. I am under the impression that Mr Huntington has not received your

letter, that the private Secretary has not attended to giving it to him - or that his letter may have miscarried in the mail - On my conversation with him, I told him that your address was Burlington St., and he may have sent the letter to me and addressed it to Burlington, and may now be in the P.O. there. Should Mr Huntington decline to give pass - and I am under the impression that he would not refuse you - I am quite certain that a letter from you, requesting this favor, to A. H. Dowse the Genl. Manager, at San Francisco, would bring about the desired result.

The letter to DeRicks & Co. for Bro. Ernest Rhens Shrieker, has met with a declination on their part to grant the favor, (I enclose) so I will send this letter by this same mail - Col. Bryant I think wrote to you last night - concerning the matter - I went with Bro Ernest - to other Companies and found that the Netherlands Company furnished the Cheapest transportation - as the matter is very largely in the hands of Col. Bryant I think it best for him to attend to the matter - Of course I am desirous of doing all I can personally and as proper in behalf of Ernest - His health seems to be at a failing his mother again if possible. He has shown me letters from his agent - and Bro John Jaeger told me of his visit to

her when he was abroad last year.

As the last meeting of the Christian men  
men for Total Abstinence & Rescue work. (The General Oliver  
O. Howard Branch) it was decided to hold a reunion  
within the next few weeks, and all the young men  
and the workers were desirous of having you present  
at the reunion - This will be the first full and extensive  
men's meeting since the organization, and I have been  
requested to ascertain when you could be in N.Y. and be  
present - The first day suggested was June 7<sup>th</sup>. I said  
you would be in Saratoga of June 4, 5, 6 - That I would  
see you on those days - What shall I report to them? -  
Major Brown, who for years was an active officer - (Staff Officer)  
in the Salvation Army - a splendid consecrated man, was  
present with the members on the 12<sup>th</sup> at the re-dedication. Said  
to us at our last meeting, that that Sunday afternoon  
service, was one of the most powerful meetings he ever attended -  
that the suppressed spiritual power in it was simply tremendous -  
and I myself feel that if we had it in our power, we could not  
have stopped the meeting for hours - It was a glorious  
meeting - so we all felt. Two more dear boys  
were received into the church on last Sunday night. <sup>Ed</sup>  
a man and his wife came to us last Sunday - The Lord  
is opening up our work wonderfully.

20 mirror afternoon we bury one of your bible class boys - Bill Hein - we hope that is his last hours he found peace in Jesus - that the seed faithfully sown finally sprouted into life - His remains now lie in the church, and we bring watched by the other boys - This event may bring some of this class back to the church, and finally to Jesus.

I had a talk with Miss Sloan regarding Alma Kraul, but it was unsatisfactory - she does not know of any patroness.

You may know that the Home Missionary Society has decided to take up the work among the Italians and will put a young man into the field on June 15. The young brother is now at Northfield as our Moody's School, and I understand is a highly educated young brother. It has been decided to have him enter his work at Camp Memorial - He will find plenty of room & plenty of work for him. You know the densest Italian population is only two to three blocks from us - In consultation with our people here, they are delighted with the arrangement.

Dr. Virgin has been away from New York for the past 10 days therefore I have been unable to arrange matters for Bro. John paper - but I propose to push things regarding him as soon as Bro. Virgin

returns -

The annual meeting of the Church was held on last Sunday - everything was harmonious. Reports were made by all departments of the work. Mr. Meyerholz made an excellent report and Mrs. Sloan is desirous of having it printed - no doubt he will send it to you for personal criticism. Mr. Meyerholz also, on behalf of the Finance Committee made a statement, giving figures indicating the possibility of Camp Memorial Church reaching a condition of self-support in the not very great distant future -

I trust that you are resting from your transcontinental trip. That we begin to feel friend and at home in the Green Mountain State.

Praying for your abundant prosperity  
and our Father's richest blessing

Yours in His Name

N. G. Miller



Lyman Bridges  
CIVIL AND CONSULTING  
ENGINEER.  
10 CALIFORNIA STREET,  
San Francisco, Cal.

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San Francisco Cala  
May 21<sup>st</sup> 1870

Genl O D Howard  
Burlington Vermont

Dear Genl

You will receive from the War Dept  
is this day recd many thanks for your  
kind efforts.

But the funny part of the eudorso is  
our Congressman wrote me early last  
month that he had sent a strong letter  
to Washington urging my appointment  
It must have reached the President a month  
before the appointments were made.

Life is real life is earnest and the grave  
not its goal. You will be a tomorrow  
Hoping that you are well and happy

I remain Your sincere friend  
and oft servtch  
Lyman Bridges

You see that I am writing to the front  
True Comage

I hope you will soon stamp changing mailing of this subscription

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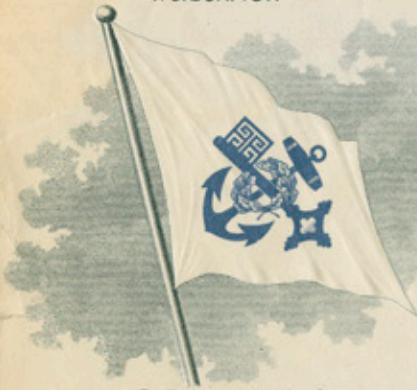
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# North German Lloyd Steamship Co.

Oelrichs & Co. Agents

New York, May 21st, 1895.

Genl. O. O. Howard,

156 College St., Burlington, Vt.

Dear Sir:-

We beg leave to acknowledge receipt of your valued favor of 15. inst., presented here by Mr. Ernest Roehs-Schreiber, and in reply regret to have to say that we are unable to make any reduction in our prices now, at a time when our steamers are fully engaged weeks in advance, and we are at times turning applicants for II. Cabin away.

Where a reduction is made it is on a strictly business basis, that is, some return for it must be given the Line.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

Oelrichs & Co.



FRANKLIN A. WILCOX,  
President.

*John A. Beuel*  
CHARLES L. ADAMS,  
Vice-President.

JOHN E. BRYANT,  
Secretary and General Manager.

EDWARD H. HOBBS,  
Treasurer and Counsel.

# Mount Vernon Suburban Land Company,

*Post Office Building, Room 2.*  
**BANK OF MOUNT VERNON BUILDING, ROOM 6.**

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*Mount Vernon, N.Y.*

May 21, 1895.

General O. O. Howard,

156 College St., Burlington, Vt.

Dear General:

I am, this morning in receipt of yours of yesterday with regard to the letter for Mr. Ruehs. I ascertained yesterday that you had sent the letter to Mr. Miller, and last night went to New York and arranged with Mr. Miller to go this morning with Mr. Ruehs to present your letter, and if possible, obtain the accommodation. The letter was presented by Mr. Ruehs and Mr. Miller, but the request was denied, as you will learn from a letter which Mr. Miller will write you, enclosing one from the Steamship Company. I am satisfied from our experience this morning that it will be impossible to obtain free tickets for Mr. Ruehs, unless you could see the agent in person, and even then I doubt if you could succeed; it therefore becomes necessary that we shall raise money enough for Mr. Ruehs to pay for his ticket and other necessary expenses.

Brother Miller and I had a conversation with Mr. Ruehs this morning, with regard to the amount of money it will be necessary for him to obtain to enable him to go and return. As you know, his mother is a woman of wealth. He has associated in Germany with people of wealth. He is an only child, and his mother is old and infirm. Owing to his previous dissipated life, his mother had entirely lost confidence in him, and had ceased to aid him. When he came to Camp Memorial Church two years ago, he was absolutely penniless, and in a wretched condition every way; since that time his salary has been very small. With us he

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General O. O. Howard

The College of St. Barbara, April.

Dear Gallery:

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has received but \$9 per week, so that he has had barely sufficient to pay his board and provide a few articles of clothing. It will be absolutely necessary for him in going to Germany, to have decent clothing, so as to make a presentable appearance; his traveling expenses must be provided for, not only by steamship, but also by rail when he reaches the other side; it is not certain how his mother will receive him, and it may be necessary for him to remain some little time; it is possible he may find she is dead, and it will be necessary for him to look ~~at~~ <sup>after</sup> the estate. Under all these circumstances, it was decided this morning, that it would not be prudent for him to go with less than \$2~~30~~<sup>#78</sup>. It will cost him ~~\$100 or \$110~~ for steamship passage over and back; it will cost him in the neighborhood of \$50 to purchase necessary clothing and other incidentals, and the balance, it seems to me, he should have to meet any contingency that may arise in Germany. He is a very prudent man, and will not spend one dollar more than is necessary. He may be able to save something from this amount, and if so will return it when he comes back. The probabilities are that he will receive all the money he needs from his mother, and if so, would repay this amount upon his return, but if not, he would earn the money and repay us as soon as possible. Knowing Mr. Ruehs as I do, he having been with me in the office for nearly a year, and having known of him in other places where he has been for the preceding year, I have perfect faith in him, and if I could possibly spare the money myself, would loan it to him without hesitation, but with the demands upon me, this is simply impossible. The plan I have suggested to you is that we make a note for the amount required, and have some friend of yours or mine discount this note, and give us a year within which to pay it. It may be necessary to make a note for four months, with the privilege of renewing it every four

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of his life he had and as far as New York City he never  
had a home to call his own. He had a wife and two children, a son and a daughter, and they lived in a small apartment in the Bronx. His wife was a nurse and he worked at a nearby hospital. They lived a simple life, but they were happy.  
One day, while he was working, he received a phone call from his wife. She told him that their car had been stolen and that they were in need of money to replace it. He told her not to worry, that he would find a way to get them the money they needed.  
He called his boss and explained the situation. His boss, who was a kind man, told him that he could give him some money if he could find a way to get it back. He agreed and started looking for a solution.  
After several days of searching, he found a way to get the car back. He paid a man to break into the car and steal it back. When he got it back, he gave it to his wife and they were able to replace it.  
However, when he got home, he found that his wife had left him. She had found out about his plan and was angry with him. He tried to explain, but she wouldn't listen. He was heartbroken and didn't know what to do.  
He decided to leave the city and start a new life. He packed up his things and moved to a small town in the country. He found a job as a teacher and started a new life. He was happy and content, but he never forgot his wife and the love they once shared.

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months if necessary, for a year. I enclose a note made by Mr. Ruehs, and payable to my order, which I have endorsed and forward to you for your endorsement. I have left the time blank, and if you are willing to endorse with me, please return the note to Mr. Miller, and authorize him to fill in the time, with the understanding that we are to have one year if necessary, within which to pay. With this understanding I will be personally responsible for payment of this amount within one year.

With such a note I am satisfied that Brother Miller and I can raise the money as proposed. If this arrangement is not made, I do not see how it is possible to secure the money for Mr. Ruehs. I do not think it is practicable to attempt to beg it, and without your endorsement I cannot see my way clear to raise the money.

I do most earnestly hope that you can see your way clear to aid in the manner proposed. I would not do what I suggested if this was not a peculiar and most extraordinary case. I think you fully understand the circumstances, and it is needless for me to explain further. The result of this aid to Mr. Ruehs it is impossible to estimate. My confidence is so complete, that I am willing to be responsible for the payment of this amount in one year, if he does not.

If you endorse the note and send to Mr. Miller, please write me at the same time, that I may go at once to see him, and immediately make the arrangements for securing the money, so that Mr. Ruehs may leave for Germany as soon as possible.

Hoping that you may see your way clear to do as suggested,

I am,

Very truly your friend,

*J. L. Bryant*

Gen. O. O. Gen.

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