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New York July 22, 1896

Gen. O. O. Howard
Burlington Vt.

My Dear General:

I beg to acknowledge
receipt of your very kind
invitation to make your
house my home when in
Burlington.

I find that our mutual
friend, General King, Secretary
of the Society of the Army
of the Potomac, has already
engaged quarters for me
which he insists upon my
occupying as his guest. 

He assigns two reasons:
1st that he desires me to
be so situated as to be
conveniently accessible to
himself and other officers.
2^d That there will probably
be present on the occasion
of the reunion many
old comrades who will
desire to renew my acquaint-
ance and who will naturally
look for me near head quarters.
Assuring you of my appreciation
of your generous courtesy
I am, under the circumstances,
constrained to decline.

With my thanks to yourself
and Mrs. Howard, I remain
Sincerely yours,
Orland Smith

Glad that he is to make
Lawrence a visit - Uncle
Charles's boys are all
nice I think - This has
been our first rainy day
but even today we managed
to get a bicycle ride between
showers. We will be home
before long & I hope you
are to remain as long as
I expect to, i.e. sometime
With love to all at home
Sincerely Berrie.

Westbrook Conn.
July 22. 1896.

Dear Father -

Thank you for your
good letter - Mother sent
your personal & political
speech - I was interested
in reading it & glad to
hear your views on some
of these trying questions
of the hour - What is
the campaign it is going

to do! Seems to me all ~~the~~ cycles, go in bathing, try our
that is necessary for a hands at rowing, & occasion-
Man now is to decide ally take a drive - My
Whether he is loyal to house keeping duties are
his nation, caring for ~~his~~ not heavy & I enjoy what
Nation's honor or whether little I have to do - Helen
he wants to hurry its goes to bed at eight-thirty
downfall; any way the & I write letters or read
boring of it in the eyes a little before joining her
of the Nations - But in the land of nod.
Politics trouble us little that was fine to bring Don
here - We ride our bi- home with you and Sam

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Williams, Wood & Linthicum,

Geo. H. Williams,
C. E. Wood,

L. B. Linthicum,

J. C. Sanders,
Attys. at Law.

Chamber of Commerce Building,

Portland, Or. July 22, 1896.

My dear General:

Your letter enclosing check for \$35.05 was duly received, and the amount credited on your account, to balance disbursements to date.

I fear that in the present condition of the real estate market, it will be impossible to sell the property for the principal, interest, and costs, or even the principal alone; but I do not think the present state of things, in that respect, can last very much longer. I will see what I can do.

We are all well. Replying to your implied enquiry as to my political health and complexion, it gives me pleasure to say that I do not belong to the Altgeld wing of the Democratic party.

With best wishes,

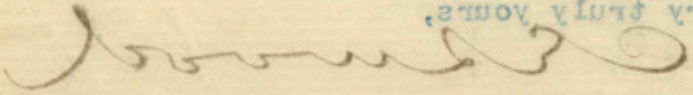
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P. O. Box
Burlington, Vt.
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San Francisco, July 22, 1896.

Gen. O.O. Howard,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Sometime ago you wrote us regarding the assessment of twenty five cents a share on your twenty shares of stock, and offering to pay same by contributing an article to the OVERLAND MONTHLY which offer we were only too glad to accept.

While I do not want to hurry you in this matter it is absolutely necessary that something be done, before my next report on the first of September to the Board of Directors.

Very truly yours,

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EDGAR O. ACHORN,
COUNSELLOR AT LAW,

27 TREMONT ROW,

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My Dear General.

Boston, July 22 1896

Yours of yesterday just received. I have
already written Leggett & Powers Candidates for
Governor of Maine recommending that
they put you into the State for the September
Election. I have not had any reply from
him yet. I don't know where the Chairman
of the Campaign Committee is. You right to do
good in Maine. I should like to talk with
you either there or in Vermont or any where
else after the Campaign Over if I can arrange
my affairs. I am going to Maine for a

week or ten days rest, as I am rather
tired out. I am always yours very
Sincerely
Edw. A. Nelson

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"Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of god."

"Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

LEVI W. CRUICK. Pres't. Miss C. V. WHIPPLE, Sec'y, OLIVE ROGERS, Treas'r
Norwich, Conn. Mystic, Conn. Old Mystic, Conn.

CONNECTICUT PEACE SOCIETY,
BRANCH OF UNIVERSAL PEACE UNION.

ANNUAL CONVENTION HELD AT
PEACE GROVE, MYSTIC, CONN.

Mystic, July 23, 1896.

Gen. C. C. Howard,
Burlington, Vt.
Dear Sir:

Our annual Peace
Meeting is appointed to
be held in the Peace Grove at
Mystic, Conn. August 26, 27 and
28. Can you not be present to
address our great audiences?

Three meetings have grown
from a little picnic-meeting
of about forty earnest men and
women who met one summer
even after the way with its sor-
rows fresh in their hearts, to
discuss the great subjects of war
and peace and brotherly love
and arbitration. The attendance
and the influence of the meetings
have increased from year to year
until in late years it has been

estimated that the attendance
on one day's meeting is nearly two-
thousand people. We believe
that we have a rare opportunity
to present the cause of Peace
to many who might hardly
be brought into sympathy with
it in any other way.

This year we are to dedicate
the new Temple - the first
Peace Temple, we believe, since
the Temple of Concord in
Ancient Rome. We expect larger
audiences ^{this year} than ever before; and
hope for the best meeting we have
ever had.

As this season returns the
loving and grateful memory
of your brother - Rev. Rowland
B. Howard is most fresh in
our hearts. He was a speaker
at the convention two years and
was the guest of our home for
several days on each occasion.
He passed away at nearly the
same time as our Father, and that

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Mystic, _____ 189

we saw a strong resemblance
between them in personality and
in character, makes us honor Mr.
Korrand's memory the more.

I believe that you can speak
to our people very greatly to
their edification and to the
honor of our cause.

In the earnest hope that
you may address our meeting,
and hoping for the favor of an
early reply, I am

Very respectfully yours
Christine D. Whipple - Sec.

Conn. Peace Society
Mystic, Conn.

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FROM THE OFFICE OF
L. EDWIN DUDLEY,
50 BROMFIELD STREET.

Boston, Mass.,

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*Maj. General O. O. Howard U.S.A
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Vermont.*

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The Conference will consider the advisability of forming an organization of Union Veterans for active work in the pending Presidential Campaign in behalf of McKinley and Hobart and the general welfare of the whole Country.

It seems to me: That the men who by their valor once saved the Country will rally now to preserve it from dishonor and financial ruin. That large numbers of men who fought for the Union will in this crisis prefer their Country to their party, as they did in 1861. That the Veterans, organized and united, will revive the enthusiasm and the old feelings of loyalty and patriotism which gave them the victory in the battle for the Nation's life. That the old Soldiers and Sailors recognize in Major McKinley a comrade tried and true, who may be relied upon to preserve the Government for which they fought and for which many thousands of their Comrades died. That the active efforts of the surviving Veterans and the memories of those who died that their Country might live will exert a most powerful influence upon their fellow citizens in all parts of the Country; and bring to the support of the Republican Party many thousands of voters who would otherwise support the opposition or refrain from voting.

If you are not able to attend the Conference will you kindly express your views upon the subject fully, that those who are assembled may act with all the light possible?

Hoping that you can be with us, I am

Sincerely yours,

L. Edwin Dudley

Formerly Secretary Veterans'
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Cable Address: "EACH—NEWYORK."

New York, July 24th, 1896.

Genl. O. O. Howard,

My dear General:-

Yours of the 23rd inst. enclosing vouchers received this date. I will forward them to Mr. Zabriskie and request him to send the check to and communicate with you.

I thought you and Mr. Zabriskie arranged about your expenses while you were in Chattanooga; anyhow I will write him a letter telling him that he had better attend to the matter at once.

I believe Mr. Zabriskie is now absent from the City visiting the battlefields of Chattanooga in company with a party of 12th Corps men, that may account for the delay in your matter.

Trusting that you are well, I remain,

Very truly yours,

John T. Lockman

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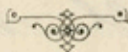
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WM. L. LYONS,
Clerk of Superior Court,
Treasurer for the Institute,
T. R. SPELLER,
Secretary.

Windsor N.C.

July 24th 1896.

General C. C. Howard
Governor's Island
New York

My Dear Sir and friend -

I send you a statement of a meeting, which is to be here in the interest of the Rankin-Richards Institute. I can hardly expect you to be here with so short a notice, but if you will kindly send a letter it will be read, and received with great appreciation and love, if you can send one of these circles

have to some friend, who will
help, it will be you keep-
ing the same time as
the friend - Hoping this will
find you and family well,
I am dear Sir, Yours
Very truly and
gratefully.

Roderic Mitchell
Prize, and Lapid
Windsor N.C.

REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE,

1896

JOSEPH H. MANLEY, Augusta, Chairman.

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CHARLES S. HICHBORN, Augusta, Treasurer.

Augusta, Maine, July 24th, 1896.

Dictated.

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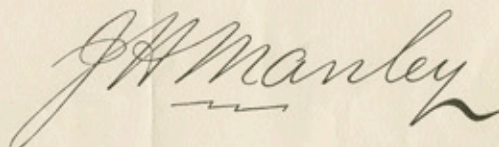
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As Maine is the first State in which a vigorous contest will be made, it is of the utmost importance for its effect upon the country, that the usual majority should not be decreased, but should be increased. It must not be forgotten that Maine was lost during the Greenback days of 1880. The free silver men are very confident and are going to make a determined and bitter contest in our State. We need all the help we can obtain. You can render valuable service to your party and your country if you will aid us. I need not assure you that you will be given a generous reception wherever you speak, by the Republicans of Maine.

Will you please inform me, at your earliest opportunity, how many speeches you can make in our State, and upon what dates. I trust I may receive an early and favorable reply.

I am, with great respect,

Your obedient servant,



Chairman.

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1892

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Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH H. MANLEY

Chairman.

FARM, FIELD & FIRESIDE.

~~THE~~ TIMES BUILDING,

215 MADISON STREET, CHICAGO.

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7/25/96

Dear Bob -

Don was here
left for Williams! I find
I cannot get any ticket
over N.Y. Central as I
had hoped for Lawrence -

So unless you can help
him, Don must send back
his ticket. We hoped
they could come on together
from Buffalo & have
one berth for -

Edwin Harte - You
will do what you can
for them. I am trying
L. from Buffalo to Chicago -
Yours
C. H. Howard

Dear Lawrence:

According to this
you must send
back your trans-
portation from Buffalo.

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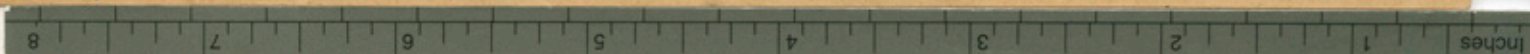
To

Gen O O Howard

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Will you request personal letter from
State department of ambassadors France and
Russia for Russel Lambert Dunn Native Son—
Francisco age thirty seven mining engineer leaves
Tuesday for Siberia via Paris will be Arlington
hotel, Washington August third, personal friend and
worthy answer O R Howard Jr



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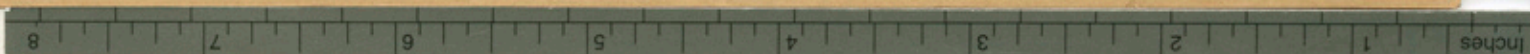
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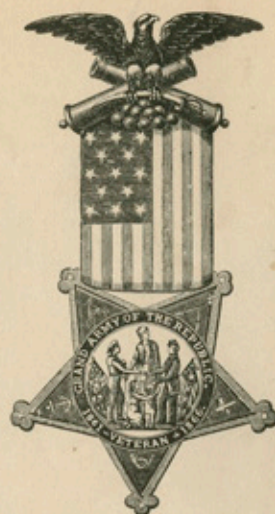
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Lincoln, Neb., July 25th 1896.

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JOHN MCCLAY

Gen O. O. Howard,
Sir. We think
there is no man that can
do as much good for the
Republican in this state as
you can. There being so many
old soldiers here over whom
you have a great influence.
Can you not arrange with
your committee to have you
come out to this state for a
few weeks in the meantime
give us an address at the
reunion. not a political address
but one to the soldiers -
Please let us hear from you.
Respectfully,
J. B. Ferguson.

THE
COLUMBUS REPUBLICAN CLUB
1773 BROADWAY



WM. H. BELLAMY, Prest.
ED. L. MONTGOMERY, Vice-Prest.
CHAS. F. BRUDER, Secretary.
CHAS. B. PAGE, Treasurer.

New York, July 25, 1896

Major General O. O. Howard,
U. S. Army.

My Dear General:

Will you kindly advise me, if within your knowledge, whether Stuart Eldridge, formerly of the Freedmen's Bureau, is still living in Japan, to which country he went some time in 1867 or 1868?—

The husband of my younger sister, by name Fred M. Clarke, left his home in Texas, Dec. 31, 1894, and no word has been received from him since, and as had been for some time previous at work upon an invention of some kind of Torpedo, and often announced his purpose to endeavor to sell it to the Japanese Government, it is inferred that he went there, which inference is strengthened

by the fact that in February
and March 1895, my ^{sister} received
newspapers from Yokohama,
which constitute the only clue as
to his whereabouts.

If Dr. Eldridge is still in
that country, I hope to enlist
his interest in prosecuting
inquiries concerning Clarke.

Hoping that you are well
and hearty, with kind
regards, I remain,

Yours Very Truly,

W. B. Gonsalves,

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Williamstown Mass.

July 25, 1896.

Dear Uncle Otis:

I have arrived here in Williamstown all right and am in the library with Laurence. I found when I opened Papa's letter that he had sent Laurence transportation which will take him from Troy to Chicago. On the New York Central from Troy to Buffalo and from Buffalo to Chicago on the Nickel Plate. so that we shall go home part way if not all the way, together.

I got the money Papa sent just before I left so that I did not get a chance to pay you.

Papa will make that all right though when I get home. Give my love to all, thank Harry and Guy for all they did for me. Good Bye

Edon
(not mine!)

P.S. I have sent the Dr. Co. 1/2 to Benie.

Williamstown Mass.

July 22, 1890

Dear friends Otis

I have arrived here in

Williamstown all right and am in the

library with Lawrence. I found under

of James P. paper letter that he had sent

Lawrence transportation which will

take him from Troy to Chicago City

and from Buffalo to Chicago and

and from Buffalo to Chicago and

Hotel Plate is that we shall perform

and may if not all the way together

get the money for the first night of

and I do not get a chance to pay.

of course I will make that all right thing

and I will have some money to pay

and I will pay for all the rest for me. I am

convinced they needed
your services, it might
be possible for me to
assist you, in the way of
the musical part of the
programme. Will you
advise me what is best
for me to do in the matter?
Whether I had best volunteer
my services to Major McKim,
and tell him what is ^{my} ~~very~~
desire in the matter of
going with you, or whether

[ca. July 25, 1896]

518 W. Monroe Street.

My dear friend, Genl. Howard.

Thank you so much
for sending me the paper
containing the political
interview with you. I enjoyed
reading it very much as
did Papa, and should have
acknowledged it long before
this, but have been very

her dreadfully. and too, she has taken
with her, our little pet Beatrice, so our
home seems a little less sad, just now.

I am quite anxious to know General
whether or not you will speak during
the campaign. You know you told me
you had spared your arrows to
Major McHenry, and that if the National

much occupied during the
past two weeks, owing
to Maunua's absence from
home. She is visiting and
rusticating down on our
farm in Southern
Illinois, and writes
us that she is having
a delightful restful time.
Am in hopes however she
will not care to stay very
much longer, as I wish

It would be nice to let the
suggestion come from you.
Of course, you understand
Mamma would go with
me always and I myself
am greatly in hopes it
can be arranged. I want to
do exactly the right
thing, and know you
can advise me. I myself
would naturally prefer
to have you mention

fight, and I would love to take some
active part in it, providing, of course
I could do so in some such way
as we talked of. Will you kindly write
me in answer to this, as soon as
you can, conveniently, and believe
me, to be
Very Sincerely, Your friend
Wm Lloyd Garrison

the matter
kindly for me, as I know
him so slightly. But
certainly nothing would
give me greater pleas-
ure than to feel that
I was actually doing
something towards the
success of the coming
Presidential Campaign.
It seems to me it is
going to be a great

D. H. HASKELL, PRESIDENT
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We are, very truly yours,

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Des Moines, Iowa,

26 July 96

Major General Howard,

My dear Sir

You will remember calling at my home with Gen Given while I read to you some extracts from my forthcoming poem The March to the Sea. You seemed pleased with what I read to you, and I am most anxious to have your opinion of the whole book. It will appear about Sept 1st from "Arena Publishing Co" Boston and I have asked them to send you advance sheets when ready.

Now my dear General, if you find this vol, what I hope you may find it, you will confer a favor on me if you will write to the publishers a concise strong letter about it that they may print it. In the poem I have tried to do honor to our glorious army that made the "March" and to them it is dedicated -

Your ^{favorable} opinion of the poem should

go far to establishing it with the public.

I am guessing only at your present address

I am sure you remember me at our meetings of the Army of the Tennessee - and as the author of the song Shermans March to the Sea

With many good wishes for your continual prosperity and honor

Yours very truly

A. N. M. Byers

Gen. O. O. Howard

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The whole poem is charged with the action of battle fields but modernized by a spirit free from hateful bitterness. Humanity in its noblest rage cries aloud from its lines. It is far removed from the commonplace, and yet the universal life is everywhere disclosed in it.

I predict that it will be well-thumbed on the chair-arm of every old soldier whose brain lives with his heart. The new generation will grow more soldierly as it reads these pain-and-glory tales of our fathers.

Wit, humor, pathos martyrdom, heroic conquests, magnanimity--all the finest war thoughts and potencies are in it. The nation will not become weak in memory or present action while such battle-verse is written and read.

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