The Beresford
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 insits 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.
2d That there will probably be present on the occasion of the reunion many old comrades who will desire to renew my acquaintance 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

Westbrook Conn.
July 22. 1896.

Dear Father.

Thank you for your good letter - I rather enjoy 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 a campaign it is going

glad that he is to make Lawrence a visit - Uncle Charley'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

Lovingly Bessie -

to be! Seems to me all that is necessary for a man now is to decide whether he is loyal to his nation, caring for ~~their~~ ~~nation's~~ honor or whether he wants to hurry it's downfall; any way the lowering of it in the eyes of other nations — But politics trouble us little here — We ride our bicycles, go in bathing, try our hands at rowing, & occasionally take a drive — My housekeeping duties are not heavy & I enjoy what little I have to do — Helen goes to bed at eight-thirty & I write letters or read a little before joining her in the land of nod. That was fine to bring Don home with you and I am

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Williams, Wood & Linthicum,

Geo. H. Williams,
C. E. S. Wood,
S. B. Linthicum,
J. C. Flanders,
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,

Very truly yours,

C. E. S. Wood

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Burlington, Vt.

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DearSir:-

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 Septemeber to the Board of Directors.

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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 Llewellyn Powers, Candidate 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 who the Chairman of the Campaign Committee is. You might do good in Maine. I should like to talk with you either there or in Vermont or anywhere else after the Campaign opens 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

Geo. Adam

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

BRANCH OF UNIVERSAL PEACE UNION.

ANNUAL CONVENTION HELD AT PEACE GROVE, MYSTIC, CONN

Mystic, ~~Ct. July~~ 23, 1896.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Burlington, Vt.

Dear Sir:

Our annual Grove 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?

These meetings have grown from a little picnic-meeting of about forty earnest men and women who met, one summer even after the war with its sorrows 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

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estimated that the attendance on one day's meeting is nearly ten-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.

In 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 see a strong resemblance between them in personality and in character, makes us honor Mr. Howard's memory the more.

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

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

Very respectfully yours
Christine V. 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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July 23 1896.

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

Can you attend a conference of gentlemen who served in the Union Army and Navy during the War of the Rebellion, to be held at the Murray Hill Hotel, New York City, on Thursday, the 30th inst., at 2.30 o'clock P.M.?

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

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

LAW OFFICES OF

DEWITT, LOCKMAN & DEWITT,

No. 88 Nassau Street,

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,

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Windsor N.C.
July 24th 1896.

General O. O. 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 could send one of these circu-

lars to some friend, who will help, it will be you helping the same time as the friend - Hoping this will find you and family well,

I am dear Sir, Yours
Very truly and
greatefully.
Rhodes Mitchell
Pine, and Lapid
Windsor N.C.

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REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE,

1896

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Augusta, Maine, July 24th, *1896.*

Dictated.

My Dear Sir:

In behalf of the Republicans of Maine, I extend to you a most earnest and cordial invitation to speak in the campaign in our State, which commences Monday, August 24, and closes Saturday, September 12th.

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,

J H Manley

Chairman.

FARM, FIELD & FIRESIDE.
~~TIMES BUILDING,~~
215 MADISON STREET, CHICAGO.

Sat.
Jul 7/25/96

Dear Bro —

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 & to have an berth free —

Sincerely Hope — You will do what you can for them. I can bring L. from Buffalo to Chicago —

Yours E. H. Howard

Dear Lawrence:

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

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[July] 25, 189[6]

To Gen O O Howard 189

Will you request personal letter from State department of ambassadors France and Russia for Russel Lambert Dunn native San 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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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

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New York, July 25, 1896

Major General O. O. Howard,
U.S.A. 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 Lawrence. I found when I opened Papa's letter that he had sent Lawrence 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

Alon
(not Mon!)

P.S. I have sent the N. B. pass to Bessie.

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[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. Enjoyed reading it very much as did Papa, and should have acknowledged it long before this, but have been very

committee decided 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 McKinley and tell him what is my desire in the matter of going with you, or whether

her dreadfully. and too, she has taken
with her, our little pet Beatrice, so our
home seems a little bit 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 offered your services to
Major McKinley, and that if the National
work needed during the
fall & winter, I would be
of Maximum assistance
home. She is resting and
indicating down on me
farm in Northern
Illinois and motor
we talk she is taking
a delightful certainly.
I hope someone
will not care to retain
much longer, as I miss

it would be nicer 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 <u>exactly</u> the right
thing, and from you
can advise me. I myself
would naturally prefer
to have you mention

the matter
Kinley 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

fight and I would love to take some
active part in it, somehow, however
I could do so. If you think it may
do us any good, I will write
as we talked of. Tell your friends
we in Auburn to this, as we are
your earnest, warmly, and believe
me, to be, Very sincerely, Your friend
Matilda Gage Pierce

D. H. HASKELL, PRESIDENT
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FRED. A. POOR, SECRETARY
902 BROADWAY
OAKLAND, CAL.

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State of Maine Association

OF CALIFORNIA

Oakland, Cal., July 25th 1896.

GEN. O. O. HOWARD,

Washington

D. C.

Dear Sir:

We take great pleasure in informing you that, at a meeting held June 11th, 1896, you were elected an honorary member of the State of Maine Association of California.

The pamphlet herewith enclosed, to which your attention is kindly asked, fully sets forth the objects of the Association.

Trusting that our action will meet with your approval, and indulging the hope that we may have the pleasure of greeting you at some future reunion of our Association.

We are, very truly yours,

Fred A. Poor — D. H. Haskell

Secretary. — President.

By W. G. Dinsmore V. P.

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Secretary. President.

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St. Helens, Terrace Road,

Des Moines, Iowa,

26 July 96

Major General Howard,

My dear Sir

You will remember calling at my home with Gen Green while I read to you some stanzas 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 volume, 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 story Sherman's March to the Sea

With many good wishes for your continued prosperity and honor

Yours very truly

D. H. M. Byers

Gen. O. O. Howard.

A few critics--themselves writers--who have examined "The March to the Sea" in advance of publication, after pointing out numerous defects, (defects that are being remedied in the revised MS.) speak of its better qualities as follows:

"The story as told is remarkably fine--" says one.

Another says: "The conception of the author has been large, sound, poetical in a high sense. The Poem is a true Poem--quite out of the usual; distinctly original in its conception and boldness of proceeding. The faults, and there are many, are faults of detail and can be remedied before publication. The poem could be made dear and memorable to the homely intelligent masses of Americans-and no long poem has been published in twenty years of which I would say any such thing. The author has a popular instinct--rare in a poet of these days."

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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.

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