

56 Howe Street
New Haven, Ct.

My dear Genl Howard, -

We have
decided to consult Thomas
& Cronell and Co. of Boston,
in regard to my book.
Father had a talk with
them on his way to
Nova Scotia. They re-
ceived him very kindly.
We understand they are
your publishers -

I am planning to
take my manuscript -

to Boston Four day next
week, and if you are
willing to add to the
debt (which I already
owe you, I should
count it a great kind-
ness if you would
drop just a personal
line to Crowell and Co.,
in my behalf.

I feel sure it would
have great weight.

You are so good to
me, that I fear I
burden you by ask-

ing favors. At this last one, I know
such only. Please do not pay any
attention to it. I know you are
far too busy to heed all the demands
made upon your time.

Assuring you of my gratitude
for all you have already done
for me! I am so ever
your faithful friend
Alice T.

Aug. 5, 1896.

FARM, FIELD AND FIRESIDE,

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Chicago, Ill. Aug. 5th. 1896.

Gen'l. O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

Dear Brother:-

The enclosed from the claim agent in Washington will explain itself to some extent. I will thank you to return it to me. He enclosed a letter from the auditor to the same general effect.

I write to you to ask if you can help me in regard to some of the data required.

First: Can you tell who paid you or any of us for that month of March, 1863? We were in camp, you will remember, at Falmouth. It was in April, 1863, I think, that we went to the 11th. Corps.

My commission as Major is dated April 25th. I was ordered to report to you as commander of the 11th. Corps on that day, 1863.

Can you tell anything about my having a leave of absence in August, 1863? It seems to me that I dimly recall that I came back to the command and found you at Catlett Station, and I think left possibly on leave of absence some time after the Williamsport fighting. I am not certain whether I marched with you all the way to Catlett Station or not, but think not. Why I had a leave of absence at that

Chicago, Ill. Aug. 24th. 1883.

Genl. O. O. Howard,

Washington, Va.

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First: Can you tell who paid you or any of us for first month of March, 1863? We were in camp, you will remember, at Richmond. It was in April, 1863, I think, that we went to the 11th Corps.

My commission as Major is dated April 10th. I was ordered to report to you as commander of the 11th Corps on that day, 1863. Can you tell anything about my having a leave of absence in August, 1863? It seems to me that I dimly recall that I came back to the command and found you at Carlisle Station, and I think left possibly on leave of absence some time after the Williamsport affair. I am not certain whether I marched with you all the way to Carlisle Station or not, but think not. Why I had a leave of absence at that

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make an affidavit, as you are still under commission in the army.

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Affirmatively,

time I cannot certainly say. It may have been that after the battle of Gettysburg and the campaign at Williamsport my health required a little rest and that I was sent away for that, or it may have been, as it seems more probable to me, I was given a leave of absence to visit home before we set out for the far West. Father Gilmore was ill, as you will remember, and it was his last illness. He died before we got through the Georgia campaign. Now it is possible that some diary or record you may have may supply this information. They want the date when I left and when I returned. I suppose that part is more essential than the cause of my leaving. If you cannot state from your recollection or from any data that you have the cause of my leave and the exact date of going away and returning, please state generally that I did not leave and never left the command without proper leave of absence and that I never overstayed my leave. As my mind dwells upon it, I am quite certain that I came back and found you at Catlett Station, but at this moment I cannot recall the point nor the date I left you. Did we not break camp from Catlett Station when we embarked to join the army of the Cumberland?

I would like to have your statement as a kind of certificate, giving the data as far as you can, and to be enclosed in your letter to me. I do not think it will be necessary that you should

(Over).

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Affectionately,

C. H. Howard

P. J. Don & Louie reached home at
midnight last night (Tuesday). They
spent Monday night with a friend at
Buffalo & so had no sleeping car
charges - They are in good spirits. Don
says he had a good time. It was
a fine trip for him & we are great-
ly obliged to you & to Mr.
Lizzie, Harry, Lucy & all
who did so much for him -

C. H. H.

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New York Headquarters

Metropolitan Life Building

New York, August 5th, 1896.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

165 College St.,

Burlington, Vt.

Dear General:--

Replying to your letter of July 30th, which has been unanswered for so long because of the unorganized condition of my bureau.

The Committee would be glad to have your services and we can at first assign you to Maine, say from August 24th to September 12th.

Kindly inform me what compensation you would expect for your services. Please remember that we have an immense amount of work to do and this campaign, as at present developed, has only produced one volunteer who is willing to work in the cause for expenses alone. I realize that your services are very valuable and that you ought to be engaged upon terms that will, in addition to expenses, afford you a reasonable compensation.

Please answer by return mail and I will respond promptly.

Yours truly,

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New York Headquarters.

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Enosburgh Falls, Vt., Aug. 5th, '98. 189

(Dictated Letter.)

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

My dear Sir:-

I have assigned you to speak at Bellows Falls with
Gov. Dillingham Wednesday, August 12th, in the evening. Please
confirm the appointment at once, and oblige,

Yours etc.,

O. Merrill

Chairman.

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Newburgh Falls, Vt., Aug. 24, '93. 189

(Dictated letter.)

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

My dear Sir:-

I have assigned you to speak at Bellows Falls with
Gov. Dillingham Wednesday, August 24th, in the evening. Please
confirm the appointment at once, and oblige,

Yours etc.

Olin Merrill

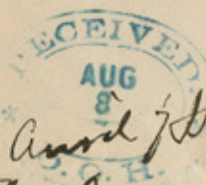
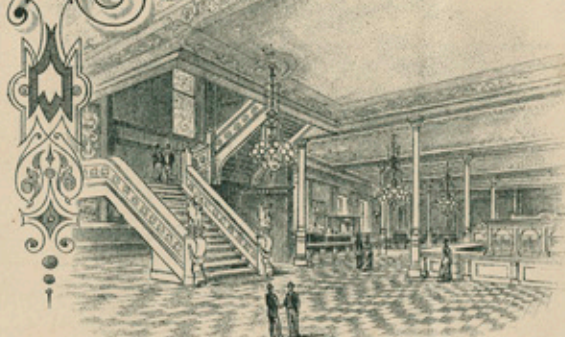
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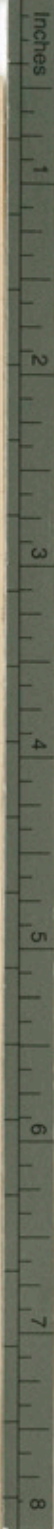
New York, Aug. 6, 1896
My Dear General Howard.

We are all very anxious to have your signature to our address.

In the amended form I hope you will be willing to sign. We hope to issue the address on Saturday - Please telegraph, at my expense, that I may use your name as one of the signers.

The number of those who held important Commands is much diminished and we must have all we can secure. The good that will result from the action of General Sickle & other democrats cannot be overestimated.

Sincerely Yours L. Edwin Dudley -



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NEW YORK, August 1896.

AN ADDRESS

To the surviving soldiers and sailors who served in the Union Army and Navy during the war of the Rebellion:

COMRADES—Your country is again in danger! Dangerous combinations of self-seeking politicians again threaten the integrity of the Government. Misguided and unscrupulous men conspire to bring repudiation, dishonor and financial ruin upon this Nation once saved by your valor.

The men who answered the call of Abraham Lincoln to put down rebellion and save the Union, have lost none of their love for the Country and their devotion to the flag they fought to uphold, and see in present efforts of demagogues, to tarnish the good name of the Republic and break down its most cherished institutions.

The Stars and Stripes symbolize, to those who offered their lives in its defence, a country united and powerful, respected at home, honored the world over for its power, its justice, and still more for its integrity, honesty and its fair dealing.

Comrades, you believe in liberty under law; in public order; in national honor and good faith. You are opposed to the red flag of anarchy, you condemn mob rule and all movements to overturn law and order. We believe that you resent with earnestness all attacks upon the executive and judicial departments of our government and commend all measures which vindicate the supremacy of the law and restore public order whenever endangered.

Should this dangerous and revolutionary conspiracy succeed, every pensioner, every depositor in a savings bank; every policy holder in an insurance company, co-operative banks and building and loan associations and assessment insurance society will lose one-half of what is due him by being paid in fifty cent silver dollars. The price of everything the working man buys will be doubled at once; but he will have to struggle and wait long before he secures any substantial increase of his wages.

Many of our great leaders have been mustered out—Grant, Sherman, Sheridan, McClellan, Thomas, Hancock, Burnside, Garfield, Logan, Dix and many others have gone to their reward. Were they living they would be united with us in this crisis as they were in the days of the war. It remains for us, their comrades, who followed where they led, to guard the good work they upheld while living and to preserve all they helped us gain for our country.

Feeling assured that in this crisis the Union Veterans of the late war are almost unanimously united in favor of an honest government and a faithful adherence to the principles for which we contended, we appeal to you to lay aside all partisan differences, to prefer country to party now as you did in the dark days of the civil war, and rally to the support of our gallant Comrade, Major McKinley, who stood shoulder to shoulder with you in many memorable battles and for two long years carried his musket and shared the toil and danger which fell to the lot of those who defended the Union as private soldiers; and who to-day stands for the maintenance of the good name and honor of the country.

Major McKinley is a comrade tried and trusted. He is pledged to the principles for which you so freely exposed your lives and for which so many thousands of your comrades died on battlefields, in fever-infected camps and in prison pens.

We feel that the country is again in the presence of a great danger, and that it is the duty of the men who saved it before to rally to its defence now. Therefore, we urge you to form yourselves into associations to be known as "Union Veterans' Patriotic Leagues," and do all in your power as individuals and members of the league to secure the triumph of the right. Plans of organization will be furnished from this office.

We ask you to unite without reference to your past party affiliations. Come together in non-partisan associations as you did in those other days.

The sons of the fathers who followed the flag from 1861 to 1865, should defend the blessings secured to them by the services, the sufferings and the valor of their sires. Therefore we invite all sons of Veteran sires to unite with us in this campaign against National honor and disgrace.

We urge every veteran and son of veteran to send his address to our Secretary at

Yours in the bonds of comradeship,

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Against the financial honor and integrity of the Government

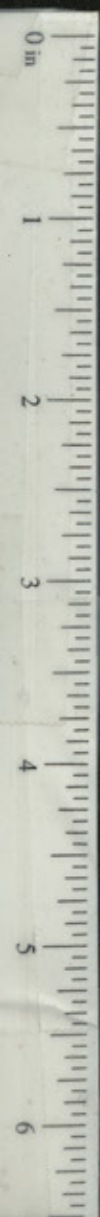
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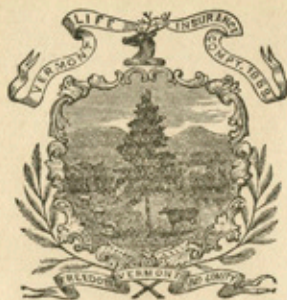
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UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20540

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Enosburgh Falls, Vt., Aug. 8th, '96. 189

(Dictated Letter.)

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

My dear Sir:-

Change the date of your engagement at Bellows Falls. You will speak at Brattleboro the 11th and at Bellows Falls the 13th, with Gov. Dillingham at each place. Please confirm the arrangement. You probably will want to go the the big Rally at Rutland the 12th.

Yours etc.,

O. Merrill

Chairman.

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Enosburgh Falls, Vt., Aug. 23, 189

(Dictated Letter.)

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

My dear Sir:-

Change the date of your engagement at Bellows Falls. You will speak at Bristolboro the 11th and at Bellows Falls the 12th, with Gov. Dillingham at each place. Please confirm the arrangement. You probably will want to go to the Big Rally at Rutland the 12th.

Yours &c.,

Olin Merrill

Chairman.

Malone, N.Y. Aug. 6 - 96

Gen C.C. Howard,

Dear Sir;

Yours of the 21st inst. to hand -

I find our pedigree run through
the same line from the first
& immigrant Thomas Howard of
Aylesford, Co Kent Eng., whose
youngest daughter Martha

married her cousin John -

I give you a brief sketch of
the History of Thomas Howard
which you admitted if you know it

I run the lineage in the table
or tree which I send you down
to Jonathans son's family where
our ancestral line diverges,

Yours running through Seth &
Mim through his brother

Jonathan Jr - I also append
the heads of the later generations
down to date - especially my
children & grand children &
your grand children

I have a very complete
family tree but it is
too elaborate for me to copy
entire at present as I am
72 years of age & in poor
health—

I would consider
myself amply paid for my
trouble if I got an autograph
acknowledgment—

The Burlington Howards of
a half century ago descended
in the Jonathan line & believe—

Oliver Howard, the owner
of the beautiful Howard
block near the Depot in Malone
died a few years ago— He has
a bro Wm here & his passed
to the ownership of his valuable
Real Estate in Malone—

Yours Truly

J. Howard
Malone, N.Y.

My name is Junior
not "John"

...J. P. F. Tobey & Son...

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MACHIASPORT, ME.,

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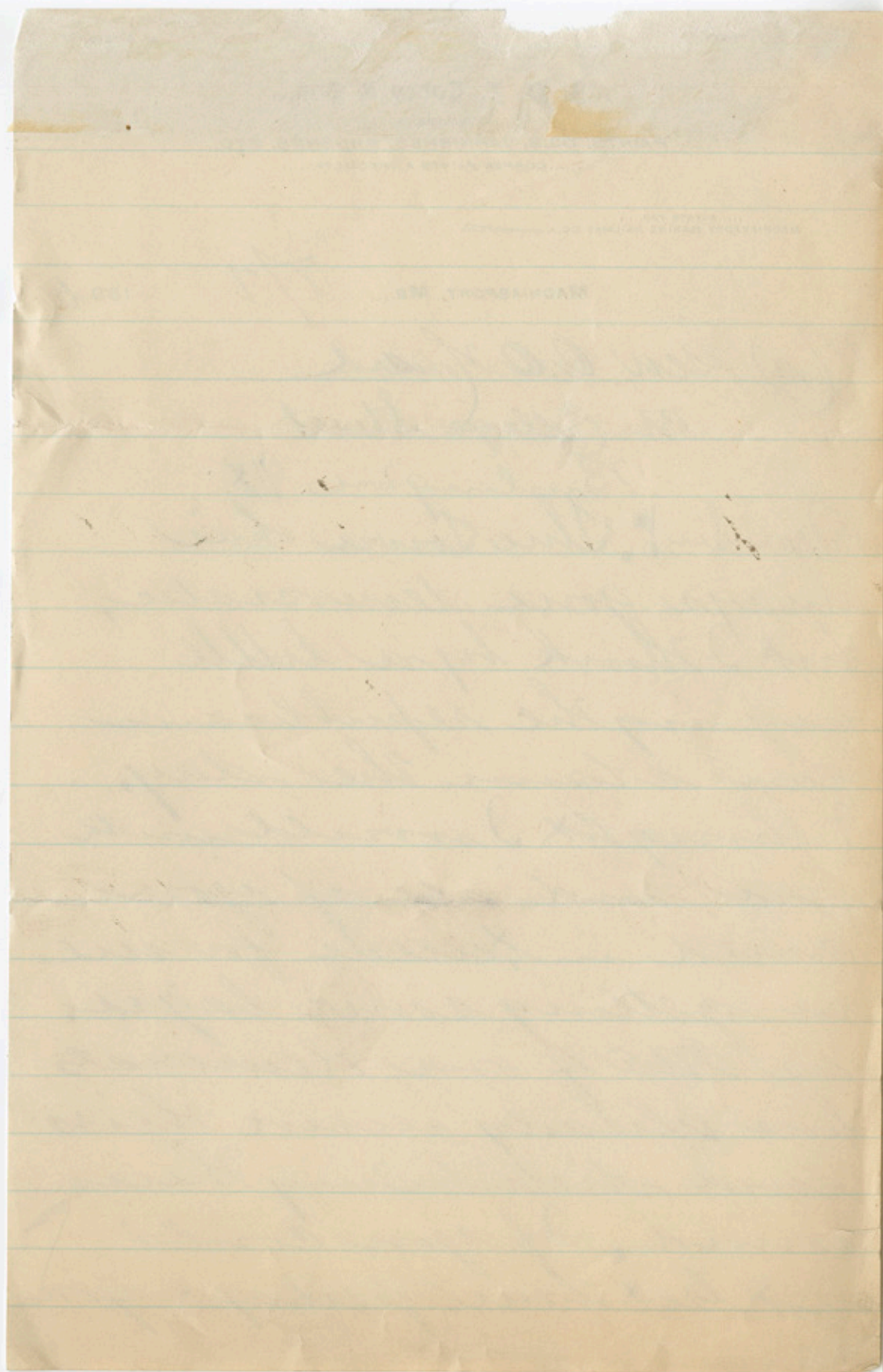
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Maj Gen O. O. Howard

156 College Street

Burlington Vt.

Dear Sir: This town has
always gone democratic,
but I think by a little
urging the republicans
can claim the day.
I thought I would write
you and see if you
could intercede for me
in getting some wages.
as one of our democrats
has already receive theirs
and distributing theirs
round. If you could
not get them perhaps you

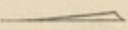


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inform me if someone
address you could help
me, As I want to see
McKinley elected by all
means.

Hoping to hear from you
soon

Remain Yours Truly
Maurice J. Tobey.

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Enosburgh Falls, Vt., Aug. 7th, '96. 189

(Dictated Letter.)

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

My dear Sir:-

Your telegram received.

You can cancel the engagements at Bellows Falls and Brattleboro, and go to Newport August 14th. You will speak there with Gov. Dillingham. Please confirm this arrangement, and oblige,

Yours etc.,

O. Merrill

Chairman.



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Fenestburgh Falls, Vt., Aug. 18, 189

(Dictated letter.)

Gen. O. C. Howard,
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Olin Merrill

Chief Clerk.

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CYRUS KEHR,
SOLICITOR OF PATENTS,
—AND—
MECHANICAL EXPERT,
1101 Chamber of Commerce,
CHICAGO.

Cable Address, "Seeker-Chicago."

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Chicago August 7, 1896.

Major-General O. O. Howard,
Burlington, Vermont.

Dear General:-

Yesterday I received from you a half dozen blank requests for annual railroad passes. I am greatly obliged to you for these. I shall see at once what I can do with them.

This morning I received from you a letter addressed to you by the editor of the "Manufacturers' Record", Baltimore, Md., asking about the plan to establish a school at Cumberland Gap. I have answered the letter, stating that an effort is being made in this direction but that at present we do not wish to have the matter made public, that a little later I shall be glad to furnish to him complete data and that I shall probably call on the ~~dx~~ editor in person.

I am offering my property at Lakeside for sale and shall close up my affairs here as soon as I am able to do so. Then I expect to take my family to Cumberland Gap and give all of my time to the new work.

Very truly yours,

Cyrus Kehr.

CYRUS KERR,
REGISTERED PATENT
MECHANICAL EXPERT,
1121 Chamber of Commerce,
CHICAGO.

Chicago August 7, 1886.

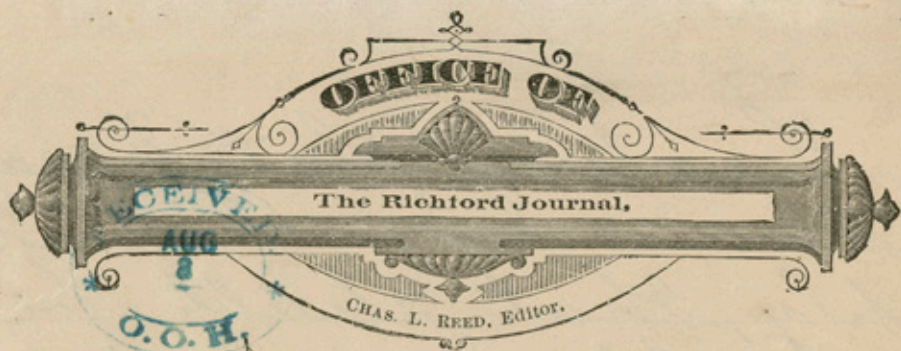
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to the new work.

Very truly yours,

Cyrus Kerr



and
Richford, Vt., Aug 7 1896

Gen. C. C. Howard
Burlington, Vt.

Dear Sir: I write
you in the interest of
our Epworth League,
to ask if you will come
to Richford and give
us a lecture in the
near future.

Will you please come?
What will be your terms?
and what date will best
suit your convenience?
also, what subject will
you choose for your address?
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Trusting that I may
receive an immediate
reply, that shall be
favorable, I remain
Yours in Christian work

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Gen'l C. C. Howard

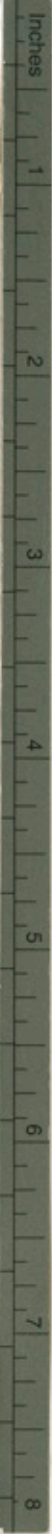
Dear Sir: Yours

of the 5th enclosing Mrs. Overton's letter has been received and I am greatly obliged to you for interesting yourself in my schools. I think the school at Aurora would be the best place for the young man mentioned and will send catalogue to Mrs. Overton to day.

With many thanks

Yours very truly

C. J. Wright
Per C. S. P.



WRIGHT, B. A. M.

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GEN. E. C. MASON, U. S. A.,
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St. Paul,

Sept 7 1896

My dear General Howard -

It will give Mrs Mason and myself much pleasure to have Mrs Howard and yourself as our guests during the meeting of the G. A. R. in this city Sept 1-5. I hope General it will be your pleasure and convenience to attend this meeting - we will dearly love to see you - you will receive a formal invitation from our Mr. Hill Chairman of the Reception Committee - in a few days. I want to secure you and Mrs Howard for our guests - Will you please give me an early answer -

Very yours sincerely -
E. C. Mason

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Sept 7, 1896

My dear General Howard -
*It was a pleasure to receive your letter of the 1st inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, however, unable to give you a definite answer at this time. I will endeavor to do so as soon as possible. Very respectfully,
E. C. Mason*

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120 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

August 7, 1896.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
156 College Street,
Burlington, Vt.

My dear General Howard:

Returning from an absence of some days, I have yours of yesterday. If I seemed to you serious, it was not more so than I felt. At the same time, nothing was further from my mind than to sit in judgment upon you, or ~~wa~~ver in grateful affection and regard. What troubled me was, that your own brother and your valued friends deemed that of much importance to you which I could easily do, if I could bring my judgment to regard it otherwise than both derogatory and injurious to you. Your taking and holding the place, - if it came in such a way that you could with dignity accept it - seems to me in every way proper and desirable: but that you with your deserved honors and distinguished reputation, should be rushed into Mr. McKinley's presence with the very first froth and scum of the great and greedy office-seeking wave of those who cannot wait until it is found if there are offices to give, and ~~to~~ be pressed upon him for a confidential place - as to which it would seem the least delicacy would allow him some ~~lat~~-titude of personal selection, ~~was~~ was a treatment of you at which my respectful affection could not but revolt. I could not see it otherwise, and yet, as I have said, it was your own brother and your valued friends who urged upon me that I should, and that did make it serious, and make me write to him that I would not do it otherwise than expressly at your wish. I have from him since I saw you - a third letter upon the subject.

Meantime, I have talked with General Dodge, who spontaneously expressed himself just as I felt about the injury your being put in such an attitude would do you.

I need hardly say I shall be heartily glad if McKinley is elected, and you are made Secretary of War; but so far as I am concerned, I can only say to your brother, that such letters at this time must be written - if at all - by someone else than myself. Meanwhile, I am heartily glad you are going into Maine; your doing so in a dis-interested way seems to me to be more effective than office-seeking letters.

If your offer of services so readily accepted, had been coupled through my hand with a left-handed demand for compensation

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SWAYNE & SWAYNE
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120 Broadway, New York
April 7, 1896

W. O. Swayne
120 Broadway, New York

Gen. O. O. Howard,
138 College Street,
Burlington, Vt.

My dear General Howard:

Receiving from an absence of some days, I have yours of yesterday. If I needed to you letters, it was not more so than I felt. At the same time, however, was I not from my mind than to sit in judgment upon you or your in general affection and regard. What troubled me was, that your own brother and your valued relative assured that of much importance to you which I could easily do. I could bring my judgment to regard it otherwise than both derogatory and injurious to you. Your taking and holding the line - it is easy in such a way that you could with slightly access it - seems to me in every way proper and desirable; but that your dearer honors and distinguished relations, should be troubled with Mr. McKim's suggestion with the view of giving it to the front and first office-seeking wave of those who wait until it is found in some of the offices to give, and he pressed upon him for a confidential place - so which it would seem the least difficulty would allow him some latitude of personal selection. I am at a loss to know at which my respectful attention could not be turned to you at which my otherwise, as I have said, it is not your own brother and your valued relations who were upon the point of making and that I would not do it. I have from him since I have you - a kind letter upon the subject.

W. O. Swayne

Meanwhile, I have talked with General Howard, who sympathizes with me, and I have told him that I will not let your being put in such an attitude with you.

I need hardly say I shall be heartily glad if you should be elected, and you are certainly a very good man. I am sure you will say to your brother, that such letters of the time must be written - it is all - by someone else than you. I am heartily glad you are going into the office, and I am sure you will be a first-rate man. I am sure you will be a first-rate man.

If your offer of services so readily accepted, and your kind letter, my kind with a best-wishes, and a connection.

Gen. O. O. H. - 2 -

in advance, I think what you are doing would not merely have lost its value in one aspect, but would also have put you personally in a false light.

Day by day it seems to me more clear that Mr. McKinley will be elected; when that is over, I need hardly say that I am cordially at your service.

Yours very truly,

Wager Swayne

(P)

Madison Franklin

10th Aug - 96
Burlington
Vt.

Dear Olen:

Please read
I return - Please do not let
any friends make any effort
for me, in the direction
of my public office.
aff yours
All with love - O.O.H.