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CUMBERLAND GAP, TENNESSEE.

CYRUS KEHR,
1101 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
CHICAGO.

Chicago, Nov. 23, 1896.

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The Watts' property located just below the Harrow School and consisting of two frame hotel buildings and three cottages and several mineral springs, Mr. Myers has placed under contract for \$2000, advancing \$1000 of his own money. If the remaining \$1000 were paid, it could be added to the Four Seasons property as security for the \$5500. The Watts property cost about \$28,000 and will be of direct value to the school.

When I spoke to Mr. McLeish about aiding us in presenting the matter to Mrs. McCormick, he said that it was important that it be done in the best way and that beyond question you could present it better than any one else could; that if you could possibly come here, that would be the best way to deal with the matter. He said that you would need no introduction whatever and that on account of your reputation in educational ^{and} philanthropic work, your presentatio~~n~~

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Handwritten note:
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Memorandum.

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To O. O. Howard, Esq.,
156 College St.,
Burlington, Vermont.

From *McAfee Brothers,*
108 Montgomery St.,
San Francisco. Nov. 23, 1896.

Dear Sir:-

We have your Tax Bill for lots in Kenwood, amounting to \$1.92, which, according to your instructions, we will let go to delinquency. The sale will take place some time in April, next, when we will endeavor to have the property bought in.

Yours truly,

McAfee Brothers

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Western Union Telegraph Company
President's Office.
New York

November 23rd, 1896.

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Burlington, Vt.

Dear Sir:-

As requested, I beg to send you herewith a renewal of
your book of complimentary stamps.-

Yours truly,

Wm. C. East
President.-

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*Victor Brun, Telegraph Company
President
New York*



November 28th, 1895.

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My dear General.

It was with
much pleasure I received Saturday
the excellent Photograph of your
self, which you so kindly sent me.
I shall value it most highly, not alone
for the esteem in which I hold you,
but also for the sake of "Auld Lang Syne"
and the memories which cluster about
those happy days in the past, so free
from care and sorrow. Your great
friendship for my dearly beloved
martyred Brother and the love
he had for you, has endeared you
to me, and I often talk with my

Children about those "Happy West Point Days" which live now only as the pleasant reminiscence of the Spring time of my life.

I shall have your Photograph placed where it will be a constant reminder of your genial self. I trust when you come to our city again, you will bring your dear wife to visit us, and I can assure for you both a most hearty welcome from every member of the Drexel family.

I presume you are feeling very happy over the result of the election. I trust your friend Major M^r. Kinley will not forget your efforts in his behalf, when he enters upon his duties at Washington.

Again thanking you for thinking of me. I remain yours most cordially.

Louisa Greble Drexel.

Nov 23, 1896.



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Dear Father,

I herewith send you the note which I took up at the bank yesterday. Alice is well but I think it will be best to have her mother come on to stay with me. She is a good nurse and at present is boarding in Omaha. The farm has been lost and the two sisters of Alice are supporting her. One gives music lessons & the other nurses i.e. Lola. She is soon to go to the Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago.

The men are working out at different places & I think it would be economy to have Alice's mother live with us for the next three or four months. It would cost less than to have strangers in the house. She wants to come & can be a great help in the care of the children, the sewing, the house work & the nursing.

your affectionate son
Chauncey

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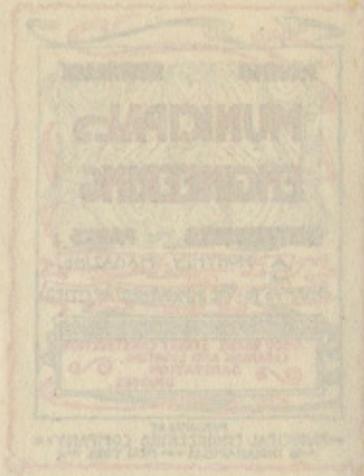
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566 = 11th St Oakland Cal
11/24/96

Maj Gen O B Howard
Burlington Vt

Dear Friend, I have written

to Mack Hannas wife
Mrs McKinley Coatsworth,
Vice Pres Edw Robert
Cren Nelson & Miles
and others to obtain
letters and in having
the most competent
worthy and patriotic
American made
Sec of War under McKinley

I am trying to repay
you for your
Petition in furnishing
me money to
publish my Woman
evidence. Some of my
most important
evidence not con-
tained in the two papers
I published, has been
lost. I have no
copy by the Woman.

Sincerely
A B Denning

Occidental
Hotel
W^o B. HOOPER
LESSEE.
San Francisco, Cal.

Nov 24th 1896.

May Gen. C. C. Howard
Burlington Vt

I have just had
an interview
with Arch Bishop
John T. Newman
His patriotism makes
him such. He informs
me that he is pledged
to Fred Grant also
that Gen Porter
wants the Sec Woodick
but that if Grant
is sent as a
Foreign Mission
he will favor
Howard. I told the
Bishop Grant is young

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and can wait.
Sheidan, Schofield
and other great
officials of the war
have been removed
and its way or
never with you.
I shall write to
Grant to resign
in your favour
and take a House
appointment.

Sincerely
A. B. Downing

ROBERT G. STONE, ¹⁶
GENERAL AGENT FOR VERMONT,
HAYWARD BLOCK,

BURLINGTON, VT., November 24, 1896.

Mr. H. S. Howard,
City.

My dear Harry,- It gives me pleasure to inform you that your application for insurance in this Company has been accepted, and the policy, No. 218284, I herewith enclose. The temporary premium, that carries the policy until January 1st, is \$2.12.

Thanking you very much for the business, I remain

Very truly yours,

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Confidential

... of Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir:-

Thirty
years ago (almost a life time)
I came to you in the Capitol
at Washington, to ask kindness
towards my husband, relative
to appointment. That you vol-
untarily have gone against him.
You was so good and kind,
and manfully kept your
promise. Through all these
years of silence the memory
has ever lived, watered by
sincere gratitude, in my heart.
Today I come, not Genl: to
plead kindness for the one
who was my whole life,
but as a woman - alone -
to ask a great personal

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Remember kindly -
frankly

Believe me always
Very sincerely
Yrs. M. B. Mann

Favor? For a brief time pray
be lenient and let only your
generous heart-plead for me.
Genl: will you be my friend,
and let the matter remain
between us? I hold life
policy of \$10,000 in the
Mutual Reserve Fund Life
Ass: of this city - Said poli-
-cy have held for ten years
and more. I am so pleased
I that can not touch money
and in certain time, but
need to use small amt.
Will you for two (2) years
loan me two-hundred
dollars, permitting me to
hand you above policy
to hold as collateral,
also give my personal
note for same at legal
interest, and pay you

part of loan with interest, and \$10.
I would at expiration of one year, and
balance on loan would fall due with
some loan. Genl. to me in my present
condition it must be a God-send and
a favor I must never forget. My wife
is, and always shall be, sincerely
Genl. will of course remember Col. Mann.
Let this matter please whatever way you
decide (and I pray it may be in my
favor) be strictly confidential. - This you
own as time of call upon me will
of this matter, with sincere esteem

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Elmer Chickering

LEADING ARTIST IN PHOTOGRAPHY AND GENERAL PORTRAITURE.

HIGHEST ORDER OF WORK IN PASTELS, CRAYON, INK AND WATER COLORS.

21 West Street,

Boston, ~~Nov.~~ Nov. 24, 1896. 189

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IS OUR EXCLUSIVE TRADE
NAME, AND CANNOT BE
COPIED OR IMITATED BY
OTHER PHOTOGRAPHERS.

General Howard.

Boston, Mass.

My dear sir:-

Our list of negatives of notables is undoubtedly the largest in America, and to this we should like to add a negative of yourself. If you will favor us with the necessary sittings, I will be glad to give you with my compliments, in return for your kindness, a generous assortment of the finest photographs that are made. We have already had the pleasure of photographing about all of the distinguished members of the republican party, having excellent negatives of Mc Kinley, Tom Reed, Governor Wolcott with many others, and would like very much to add yours to this----the winning side.

Can you not spare us a little of your valuable time, during this your present stay in Boston? I shall feel highly favored to have my invitation accepted and will not detain you long. The morning light is preferable to later in the day.

Trusting you will not refuse and thanking you in advance for the courtesy of a reply, I am

Very truly yours,

Elmer Chickering

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21 West Street

Boston, Nov. 24, 1852

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NOTARY PUBLIC.

No. 55
G. W. BALLOCH,
PATENTS, CLAIMS, INSURANCE,
P. O. Box 557.

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TELEPHONE 1023.

Washington, D. C., Nov 20th 1896

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Gen:

I saw Mr. Burch of the Ebbitt House in person yesterday in relation to the rooms you want for organization. I had previously seen the clerk. He told me that they had written you about the matter. The rooms you have usually occupied have been engaged for Maj. M. Kinley. Mr. Burch would like to know about what date you expect to be here at the time of organization. As he could the better plan what to do. You can communicate to him direct, or through me. I have an old "A" tent left, and if we cannot do better. I will pitch it on my lawn. And you and I will go into "Camp" - it won't be the first time we have tented together. I have read every word of your address at the Army of the Penn. gathering. It is wonderful how you recall the scenes, and moments which you talk about. It all comes back to me so vividly. As I read your speech, I can see Gen. Sherman on the grass in front of his tent on that beautiful Spring morning at Smithfield N. C. when he made known to us the news of Lee's surrender. The incidents in connection with it, are too long to write out here. Now as to our Comrade Maj. M. Kinley. It seems to me that

no President ever entrusted upon the duties of his office of
whom so much is expected as of him. The eyes of his friends
and his enemies also are upon him. Something must be
done at once to increase the revenue so as to meet the
expenses of the government. Our tariff should be changed
a little (not much) in order to do it, and the question is
will the Senate co-operate with the House in this matter?
But I am not despondent, the good Lord, has guided
us thus far, and I have faith that He will not
desert us now. - Kind regards to the family -

Sincerely & truly
G. M. Jackson

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Young Men's Christian
Association

Yonkers, N. Y. November 25th 1896.

General O. O. Howard,
New York,

Wm. H. Haskett

My dear sir:-

Rev. Chas. N. Cate of Sparta Ill has spoken to me of the pleasant acquaintance he enjoyed with you and suggested that if I would write you some time when you were near here he thought you would be glad to help us in our struggle.

Would it be possible for you speak to our young men on a Sunday afternoon or week evening as you may choose. We will greet you with a large audience of young men and will be deeply grateful to you for your help, you can select your own subject.

Thanking you most sincerely for an early and favorable reply and hoping you may be able to name a date, I am

Most cordially yours,

Walter Haskett

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Young Men's Christian

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Yonkers, N. Y. November 25th 1893.

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Thanking you most sincerely for an early and favorable reply and

hoping you may be able to name a date, I am

Most cordially yours,

Wm. Howard

Wristot Rhode Island
November 25th 96

Major Genl. O. O. Howard,

My dear General!

Your favor of a recent date has been rec'd and from what I have been told will be acted favorably upon allow me to extend to you my sincere and grateful thanks and appreciation of your kindness in my behalf. I know that any prayer to God would be answered. Hoping you are well. With kind regards.

Yours Truly

J. H. Spurgeon
Co. D. 4. Cad.

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