My dear General:—

The army veterans are anxious to go on and appear in the Inaugural Parade on the 4th of March next. I would propose making a Division of them, including the Sons of Veterans, and make it a part of the first Grand Division, (see order enclosed).

I know that there would be a universal desire to have you take command of this Division, which would have more impressiveness about it than any command. If you can do so, a Chief of Staff could be selected for you who would communicate with all the Grand Army Posts and veteran organizations in the country, and arrange for their coming on, their assignment in line and every detail, so that you would not have to go on to Washington before the latter part of February or the first of March, if it would inconvenience you. If you can serve, will you name some one as your Chief of Staff who could be in Washington a good part of the month of February and help arrange preliminary details, or shall I find someone at or near Washington, some competent man identified with G.A.R. matters, who could attend to the duties fully.

Awaiting the pleasure of hearing from you, and hoping that you can take the command suggested, I am,

Very truly yours,

General O.O. Howard,
Burlington,
Vermont. I have sent a notice to your son, Guy, tendering him the appointment of an Aide on my staff.
Port. Thomas Ky
January 14th, 1897

Major General Olin C. Howard U.S.V.
Burlington, Vermont.

My dear General,

Having to retire for age Dec. 30th, 1878
I was advised by my friends to apply for the vacant
Regimental to gain promotion. I stand No. 75
on the local list of Captains of Infantry consequently
can't gain promotion otherwise. My Commission is the
oldest of the N.O. service in the Army register April 23rd, 1861.
I have been in the service continuously
with the exception of five being laid up owing to
three wounds received in the first Battle of
Fredericksburg No. Dec. 13th, 1862. I have served
in young age Brigade 2nd Corps, afterwards
From 1866 to 1868 in the Freedmen's Bureau as General
Assistant for the Southwestern District of Arkansas and
later under your command in the Department of the West.
General Sherman advised me to get all recommendations
possible to be filed with my application.
Please forward yours to the Adjutant General
for file with my application, if you feel so inclined.

Very Respectfully,
Your old friend,

[Signature]

Captain 6th Infantry
Young Men's Christian Association,

Gen. O. O. Howard,
New York City.

My Dear Sir:—

In behalf of the Religious Work Committee of our Association and at the request of the Gen'l. Secretary, I write to ask you when and on what conditions you could come to Holyoke and address our Sunday Afternoon Mass Meeting for Men. We can promise you a large, interesting and enthusiastic audience if you come.

Kindly send your reply to Mr. Powlison in enclosed envelope at your earliest convenience, and greatly oblige,

Yours very truly,

James C. [Signature]
Washington, Jan 14, 1897

General Albert Howard

Washington D.C.

My dear General,

I do not know whether you have heard of the sudden death of Mr. Lincoln. General Stanley, my friend, he came from his home in Johnston, Texas, and made me a visit of several days. He seemed to be in the best of health and together we called upon the President on New Year's day, and he was gay and happy as any one in the crowd. On the following Sunday, he and General Stanley came over and spent an hour with Mrs. Schuyler and me. He spoke of his gradual withdrawal from active business, in which he has been very successful, with the intention of devoting several years to foreign travel.
a Galveston friend who had traveled extensively was to be his companion. Mrs. Sinclair died two years ago and of his three sons, one twenty-four years of age is in business in Galveston and the two younger are completing their college course at Annapolis. He went from these to New York last week to attend some business interests there, then went to Utica where he had an appointment with other business men. They called upon him at his hotel and asked for him. The messenger found him lying prone upon his face on the floor dead. General Stanley is brightly thronged as an end of the tragic ending of a life so full of promise of future enjoyment. He was a faithful friend and a man of no bad habits which is more than can be said of many of our friends of thirty years ago. At any time to may suit your convenience I will be glad to receive your endorsement of my candidacy for the office of Deputy Commissioner of Pensions. My friends all over the country have been very kind and many of them have written letters to the President and asked them to the field with my application with the new Secretary of the Treasury when he is appointed and resume charge
Malden Jan. 14, 1897
105 Summer Street

Dear Cousin Otis,

I am very

Kind and of the thank was received with much pleasure and we are very happy to know that you yourself and Miss are to be in Boston next week, and only regret that we are not at housekeeping and could have the great pleasure of entertaining you at our own home, but we wish you much to see you both once more, and shall go into Boston on Tuesday, January 11, and call upon you at

D. B. and eel upon you at
The Hotel Bendone, if that will be agreeable to you. Both Mr. Abbott and myself are in splendid health, and "take our vote of time but from its close," and from missing the many dear ones who have fallen along the way, leaving us almost alone in our generation, and the journey of life is nearing its close.

With much love to Legge, and your children, and wishing you all a very happy New Year, in which my husband joins,

Affectionately your cousin,

Sarah E. Abbott.
Major Gen. O. O. Howard,
Burlington,
Vermont.

Dear General:—

The meeting of the Board of Trustees, fixed for Tuesday, the 19th, will be postponed at the request of Dr. Rankin. He is at West New Brighton, Staten Island, New York, by the bedside of his son, who is not expected to live.

The meeting will probably be held one week later than previously appointed.

Very truly yours,

J. B. Johnson
Treasurer.
Mr. D. C. Howard, 

My dear Gent., 

I received your note with nothing that you should be at the Unders.

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Boston, Jan 16, 1887. 

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Some time ago I was told that the practice was to have absolutely no non-commissioned officers in the guard. I suggested to him that there was no need for it but he said they did it because it was contrary to law and that their officers were liable at any time to get into trouble over it.

I was very sorry that they took their views on the matter.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

[Date]
[CONFIDENTIAL.]

262 Madison Avenue,
New York City,
January 16th, 1897.

Dear Sir:

There is great fear that efforts will be made to induce the Senate of the United States to reject the Arbitration Treaty between the United States and Great Britain which has been signed by the representatives of the two powers.

This would be a fearful blow to Christian civilization and an intense disappointment and mortification to the American people.

Will you not at once write to the Senators of your State urging their favorable action, and use your efforts to induce other influential people to do the same?

Please also use your best efforts with the press, promote the calling of public meetings if you deem it advisable, and by every other means in your power stimulate public opinion in favor of the ratification of the Treaty.

Your prompt and kind action will be greatly appreciated.

I am

Very truly yours,

W. E. Dodge,
Chairman National Arbitration Committee.
Jan 16 '97

My dear General:

I see you are to be here on the 28th inst. We will be pleased to have you make your head quarters with us while you are here. be the time long or short. Very truly,

A. Ames

Gen O.O. Howard
Burlington, VT.
HOWARD UNIVERSITY,
WASHINGTON, D. C., January 16, 1897.

To the Members of the Board of Trustees.

Gentlemen:—News has been received this morning of the death of President Rankin's son, at West New Brighton, N. Y.

It is his wish that the meeting of the Board of Trustees fixed for Tuesday, January 19, be postponed one week.

All the Trustees with whom I have consulted concur in this request, and the meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 26, at 3 P. M.

J. B. Johnson,
Secretary.
HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D. C., February 16th

To Mr. Assistant Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

GENTLEMEN:—We have been receiving the news of the death of President Rankine's son in West New York. It strikes us very much to hear the news that he will be presented to the Board of Trustees.

We have no doubt that the President will be present and the meeting will be held on Monday.

Respectfully,

J. H. Johnson,
Secretary.
In reply to letter dated

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

Dear Sir:

Replying to yours of 15th inst. hasten to say that I was informed by Rev. Mr. Stetson that the Marden arrangement had fallen through as he is to be absent. Therefore, I hope you will accept of my hospitality to the fullest extent desired. Last week, I had a very pleasant visit from Ad. Belknap and in response to invitation we had a delightful call upon Gen. and Mrs. Ames, since which, I have had further interviews with Gen. Ames and referred to your proposed visit; and I know he would be pleased to have a corporal guard at station on your arrival and take the prisoners to Belvidere. However, we have a mutual understanding to make your visit pleasant and perfectly in accord with your wishes.

With kind regards to yourself and family, I am,

Sincerely Yours,

E. P. Woods
DEAR SIR:

Having been notified of your intention to leave the firm of Sherwood, Wood & Co. for New Haven, I am interested in learning more about your plans.

Your decision to enter the real estate business is intriguing. I believe you will find opportunities in that field to be more varied and exciting than you may have anticipated.

I have had the pleasure of working with your firm and I am sure you will have a successful career in New Haven.

I look forward to hearing about your new venture. Please keep me informed.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
The Vermont Association of Boston.

HON. ALANSON W. BEARD, President.
ELMER E. SILVER, Secretary and Treasurer, 128 Boylston Street.

Burlington, Vt.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 15th is at hand. It is with very great pleasure that I hasten to send an invitation to Dr. Hamlin to be present at our reception and banquet on Tuesday evening. The Doctor is not a member of our Association, and so has received no invitation. I have taken the liberty to write him that the invitation was sent at your suggestion. The attendance at our meeting this year promises to be unusually large.

Through the courtesy of President Marcy of the Fitchburg Rail Road, who is an enthusiastic member of our Association, I am able to send you a pass over that line—Bellows Falls to Boston and return—and President Clement of the Rutland Road (Burlington to Bellows Falls) writes me that he would cheerfully grant the same courtesy but that it is unnecessary inasmuch as you already have an annual pass over his road. I am unable to procure drawing room car seats for you here in Boston. Please therefore procure them there and I will reimburse you for this and any additional expense which you may incur when I meet you. I shall be glad to know when you will arrive in Boston, so that I may have accommodations reserved for you at the Hotel Vendome.

Thanking you for your most cordial acceptance of our invitation, and assuring you of the pleasure our Association is anticipating by reason of your presence with Mrs. Howard, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

Elmer E. Silver
Secretary.
Jan. 16, 1897.

My dear Ben Howard,

To. I have dropped you off, in a way. I am awfully sorry, but I am engaged to be at the Detroit Dartmouth Alumni banquet Jan. 16, the Western Society of the Army of the Potomac reunion in Chicago, Jan. 19, and the Chicago Dartmouth reunion Jan. 20. I am
not quite sure that Mr. Warden will go west with me, and even if he does not, I want to be at home when you know I am having a roof-hole, which I hope will be in the new house. I am invited to the Vermont reunion at the Vermont in Boston Tuesday evening, and I see there are announcements. Shall hope to be able to add a personal note.