

The Inaugural Parade of March 4, 1897.

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Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS OF THE GRAND MARSHAL,

Glover Building, 1419 F Street N. W.

Washington, D. C., January 14, 1897.

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,
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Horace Porter
I have sent a notice to your son, Guy, tendering him the appointment of an Aide on my staff.

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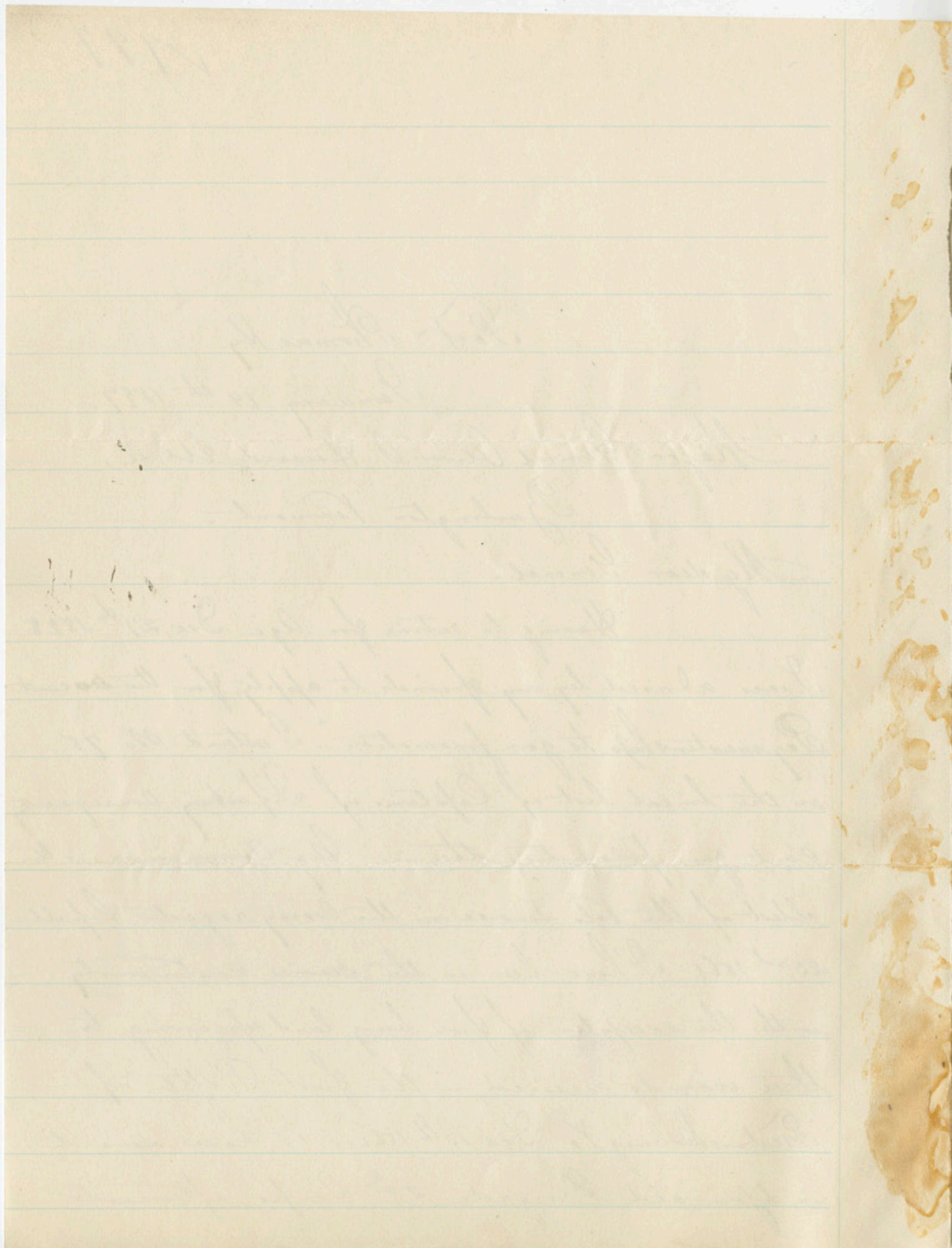
Fort Thomas Ky

January 14th 1897.

Major General Oliver O. Howard U.S.A.,
Burlington Vermont.

My dear General.

Having to retire from Age Dec 27th 1898
I was advised by my friends to apply for the ~~account~~
Paymastership to gain promotion. I stand No 78
on the lineal list of Captains of Infantry consequently
can't gain promotion otherwise. My Commission is the
oldest of the Vol's 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 Va Dec 13th 1862. I have served
in your old Brigade 2nd Corps, afterwards



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from 1866 to 1868 in the Freedman's Bureau as General
Supt for the South western Dist of Arkansas and
later under You in the Department of the Gulf.
General Duggles 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
Yours obd Servt.
W. D. M. Shilant
Captain 6th Infantry

This image shows a blank, aged, cream-colored page, likely an endpaper or flyleaf from an old book. The paper has a slightly textured appearance with some minor creases and discoloration, particularly along the right edge where a ruler is visible. The ruler is marked in inches, showing the page's width. The overall tone of the page is a warm, off-white or light cream.

A.W. ESLEECK, PREST.

T.H. FOWLER, TREAS.

C.F. POWLISON, GEN. SECY.

Young Men's Christian Association,
Holyoke, Mass. Jan. 14, 1897.

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 E. Taylor

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Young, Mrs. Christian, Christian.
Hoboken, N.J.
Jan. 14, 1887.

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

In behalf of the Religious West Committee of our Association
and at the request of the Genl. Secretary, I write to ask you
and on what conditions you would come to Hoboken and address our
day afternoon mass meeting for men. We can promise you a large
audience and a comfortable room at our expense.
Kindly send your reply to Mr. Fowleson in enclosed envelope
at your earliest convenience, and greatly oblige,

Yours very truly

Wm. L. Fowleson

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Department of the Interior
BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, Jan'y 14, 1897

General Oliver Howard

Burlington Vt

My dear General

I do not know whether you have heard of the sudden death of Col W. H. Sinclair. General Stanley, Adjutant General. He came from his home in Galveston Texas and made us a visit of several days. He seemed to be in the best of health and together we called upon the President on New Years day and he was gay and happy as any one in the crowded rooms. On the following Sunday he and General Stanley came over and spent an hour with Mrs Kniffin 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 six years of age is in business in Galveston and the two younger are completing their college course at Amherst. He went from here to New York last week to attend to 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 sent for him. The messengers found him lying prone upon his face on the floor - dead. General Stanley is terribly shocked as am I by 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 it may suit your convenience I will be glad to receive your endorsement of my candidacy for the office of 1st 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 sent them to me to be filed with my application with the New Secretary of the Interior when he is appointed, and assumes charge

Support me I have very truly your friend
Wm Stanley

Malden Jan. 14, 1897.
105 Summer Street.

Dear Cousin Otis

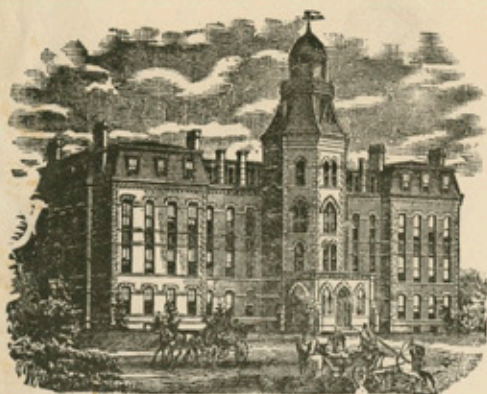
Your very
kind note of the 7th inst. was
received with much pleasure
and we are very happy to know
that yourself and Wife are to be
in Boston next week, and
only regret that we are not at
house keeping and could have
the great pleasure of entertaining
you at our own home, but we
wish very much to see you both
once more, and shall go into
Boston on Tuesday forenoon
D. V. and call upon you at

the Hotel Vendôme, if that
will be agreeable to you.

Both Mr Talbot and myself
are in excellent health, and
"take no note of time but from
its loss", 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 Lizzy,
and your children, and
wishing you all a very happy
New Year, in which my
husband joins.

Affectionately Your Cousin
Sarah E. Talbot.



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Rev. J. C. Rankin, D. D., LL. D.,
President.

J. B. Johnson,
Sec. and Treas.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 15, 1897.

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.

General (unintelligible)

(unintelligible)

October 20, 1861

Major Gen. O. O. Howard

Burlington

Vermont

Dear General:

The meeting of the Board of Trustees, held on Tues-

day, the 19th inst., at the residence of Dr. J. H. P.

He is at West New Brighton, Staten Island, New York, by the

absence of his son, who is not expected to live.

The meeting will probably be held one week later than the

usually appointed.

Very truly yours,

(unintelligible signature)

President

Boston,

Jan. 15

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Genl O. O. Howard:

My dear Genl:

I received your note
stating that you should be at The Vendue
next Sunday. I want to see you
then.

I went yesterday and saw Mr Torrey
Genl Counsel for the Fitchburg R.R.
and asked him about sending you a
pass. He said that he had talked it
over with Mr. Manly the President
and that while they should like very
much to favor you they did
not issue any passes to any one
out side of the state. That it was
strictly contrary to the Interstate
Law. That ~~some~~ of their General
Officers had been indicted some

nine ago for doing it and
that since that time they
had absolutely abandoned the practice
I suggested to him that other
roads did it but he said if they
did it was contrary to law
and that their officers were liable
at any time to get into trouble
over it.

I am very sorry that they took
this view of the matter.

Very Sincerely Yours

Weyland H. Chapman

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[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.

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205 Madison Avenue
New York City

January 10th, 1907

Dear Sir:

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I am

Very truly yours

W. E. Chandler

Chairman National Arbitration Committee

Somerville Mass.

Jan 16 '97

My dear General:

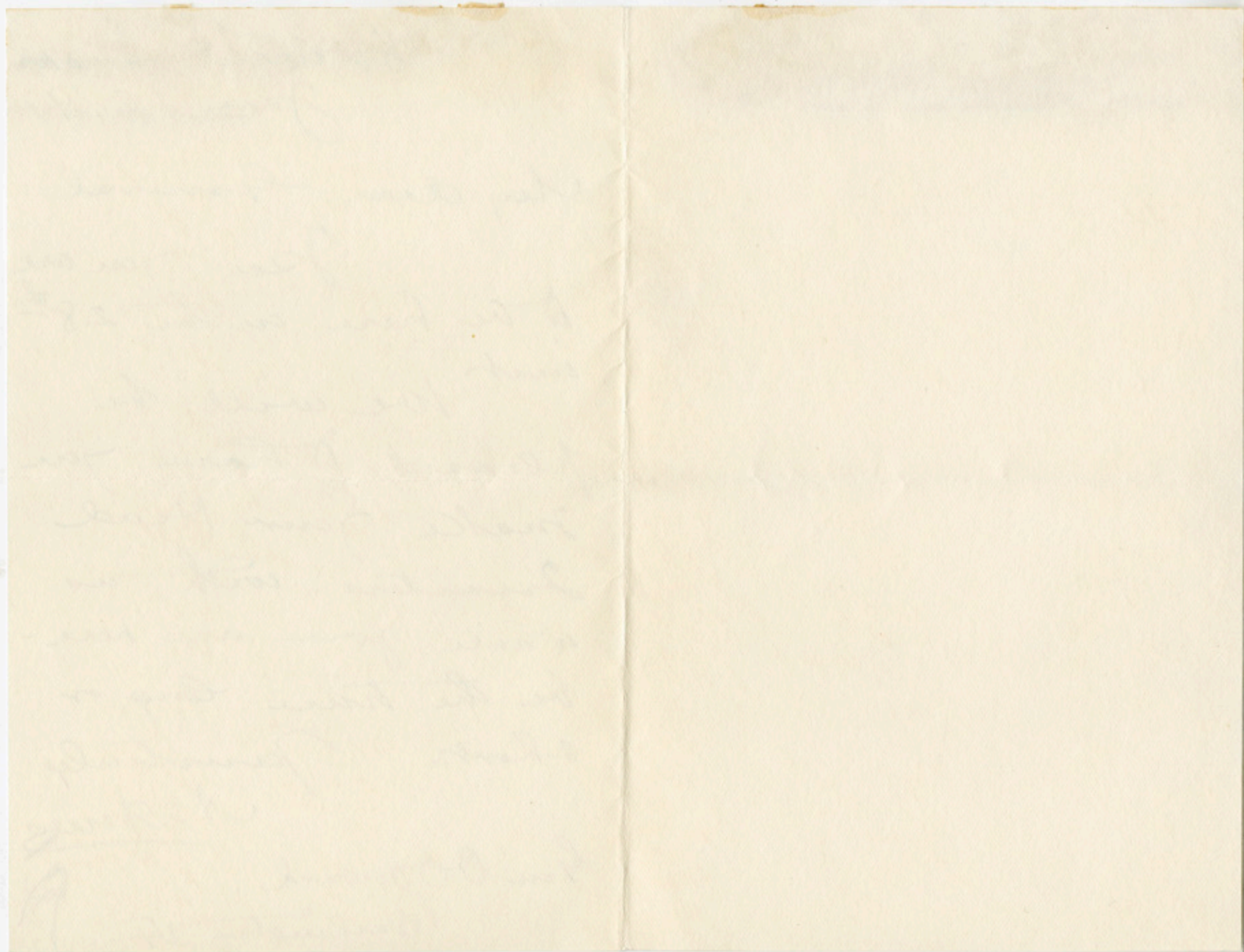
I see you are
to be here on the 28th
inst.

We will be
pleased to have you
make your head
quarters with us
while you are here -
be the time long or
short.

Yours 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.

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To the Members of the Board of Trustees

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

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OFFICE OF

WOODS, SHERWOOD & Co.,

LOWELL, MASS., Jan. 16th., 189 7.

Dictated by

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. Stratton 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

WOODS, SHERWOOD & CO.

OFFICE OF

LOWELL, MASS., Jan. 10th, 1897.



Gen. G. B. Howard,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of 15th. inst. Boston
I am glad to say that I was informed by Rev. Mr. Swanton that the
management had fallen through as he is to be absent. Therefore, I
have you will accept of my hospitality to the fullest extent desired.
Last week, I had a very pleasant visit from Mr. A. J. Knapp and in response
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Sincerely Yours,

E. B. Wood



The Vermont Association of Boston.

HON. ALANSON W. BEARD, President.

ELMER E. SILVER, Secretary and Treasurer, 110 Boylston Street.

Maj.Gen.O.O.Howard.

BOSTON, Jan. 16, 1897

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.

84 FAIRMOUNT STREET,
LOWELL, MASS.

Jan. 16, 1897.

My dear Gen. Howard;

Yes. I have swapped
you off, in a way. I am
awfully sorry, but I
am engaged to be at the
Detroit Dartmouth Alumni
banquet, Jan. 28, the West-
ern Society of the Army
of the Potomac Reunion
at Chicago, Jan. 29. and
the Chicago Dartmouth
reunion Jan. 30. I am

regret that I am to be away. I told Dr. Shattuck, when he asked me to preside and introduce you at his affair, that I rather expected to be away. Mr. Woods will make good care of you, however.

With kind regards to members of

your family whom I have met, I am
Yours sincerely,

Geo. A. Marden.

P.S. just returned this morning from a week
in Washington.

not quite sure that Mr. Marden will go west with me, and even if she does not, I want to be at home when you honor our humble roof-tree, which I hope will be in the near future. I am invited to the Vermont reunion at the Vendome in Boston Tuesday evening, and I see you are announced. Shall hope to be able to add a personal call