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Gen. 0. ก. Howard, Greenwich, Conn.

My Dear General:--
In view of my acquaintance with you I take the liberty of asking from you a letter of indorsenent for a position as a Depat Commissioner of Pensions, or something similar, under the MeFinley administration. I am personally acquainted with labor leKinley, but. as the appoint next I seek is of national character, I would like a few letters from acquaintances of national prominence. You will perhaps remember ne in the late war, or at the Camp Fire at Manchester, Ohio, when $I$ was Department Commander of this state, ant you were present. I am sure you will remoeiner ne When I tell you that I was the orderly who was with you in front of Atlanta, Ga., when your horse was wounded.

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Sincerely yours,

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## NOTARY PUBLIC.

EDWARD M. BURST.

## ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW.

sycamore, ill., Feb. 12th, '97.
General 0. 0. Howard,
Nh My de General:
Burlington, Vermont.

I have been intending to write you ever since our meeting at Philadelphia, and regretted the necessity of learing there without having had an opportunity to bid you good-bye.

I expected to have the pleasure of meeting you at the Home Market Club Dinner in Boston, but a severe attack of neuralgia made it impossible for me "o report "present" at the roll call.

It has be en my misfortune ${ }^{t} \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ have been under the Doctor's ca re most of the time since we parted, and I am now just recovering from a severe attack of La Grippe. If I continue to improve as I have during the last four days, it is my intention to meet with the old party of Heros at Washington during the Inauguration, and again have the pleasure of taking you by the hand, and joining in mutual congratulation over the success of the efforts of the patriotic element of the American people during the late campaige.

Now, General, with your permission, I will refer to a matter in which I am personally interested. A large number of my friends have insisted that $I$ become a candidate for the position of United States Pension Agent at Chicago; and, believing that the organization known as "Wrecks of the Rebellion,"

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General 0. 0. Howard $-2-$
SYCAMORE, ILL.,
through its eamest and patriotic effort contributed largely to the success of the campais $n$, thereby commanding the attention and respect of the President-elect, I have decided to so far presume upon the generosity of its members as to ask each one of them to write a personal letter to President McKinley asking him to favor me with the appointment I seek at his hands.

I realize, my dear General, that you know but litt le of me or my record as a soldier or a citizen, but having been invited by General Alger to join his company during the campaign should be a sufficient guaranty as to my character and entitle me to your confidence and respect.

I enlisted at the age of seventeen as a private in the Fifteenth Illinois Infantry, and won my promotions to that of Captain by merit alone and without political influence, and served until the 25 th day of May ' 64 , when I lost a leg at the battle of New Hope Church, Georgia.

I assisted in the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1866, and have held every important position in this Department from that of Post to Department Commander; have served two terms es Inspector General, and one as Quartermaster General of the National organization, and am the author of the present form of inspection. Was the candidate of this Depart-

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## EDWARD M. BURST,

FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING,

## ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW.

General 0. 0. Howard -3-
SYCAMORE, ILL.,
mint for Commander-in-Chief at the Minneapolis Encampment in 1884, and could have been elected had I have promised the Pennsylvania Delegation to make one of its members my Quartermaster General. Believing it would work an injury to the organization by resorting to political methods for the purpose of securing the position the proposition was declined, the vote of Pennsylvania lost, and $I$ was defeated, and to this day $I$ have experienced no regret for my action at that time.

Having cast my first vote for Abraham Lincoln, and remaining and earnest and enthusiastic Republican up to this day, and having been for Comrade McKinley for President since ' 92 , believing in his ability, integrity and especial fitness for the Presidency, and having lost my good right leg in defense of the flag, I feel that $I$ am entitled to the confidence and respect of my old commanders and comrades, and trust for the above reasons you will favor me with a letter of endorsement for the position named. If you honor me with a recommendation will you kindly send it to me here at Sycamore, Illinois.

I am, my dear General, fraternally and al ways yours, (Dict.)


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Gen.0.0.Howard, Burlington, Vt.

Dear Brother:- In reply to yours of the IO, enclosing Mr. Carmich ael's letter, the time and place of the next Annual Meeting has been already fixed, namely Saratoga Springs, June 1,2 \& $d$. We were very desirous of accepting the invitation of Michigan, either at Detroit, 我ansing or Grand Rapids, but it seemed essential to the committee that the next meeting should be close to the base of supplies, where are largest givers and wisest men could be easily present as they could not in Michigan. Hence the decision. We mean to go to Michigan a little later.

I have: but one word to say in answer to your closing inquiry and that is,go. Your appointment would be a tower of strength to the best sentiment of the land and a blessing unspeakable to the missionaries of the Board. So say we all of us.

I am sorry to inform you that our good brother Dr. Kincaid died yesterday at his home in'Brooklyn of Anaemia. His funeral occurs on Monday afternoon at half past two o' clock, at clinton Sue. church. I wish you might be with us but I suppose that is too much to expect at this season of the year.

Sincerely yours,
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