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Thaddeus Davis

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UNITED STATES EXPRESS COMPANY.

Prairie Depot, O. Feby 24 1897

Gen O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

There will be two vacancies in the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, in June 1898, and the President has power to appoint students to fill these vacancies, I have a petition requesting my appointment sig.ed by my county officials, state representative, and state senator, and respectfully ask of you, a letter reccomending me for the appointment.

I being the son of a veteran, my father, Byron N Hutchins, having served five years in the War of the Rebellion, and under you, at the battles of Gettysburg and Chancelorsville; should you care to investigate this matter still further, I would refer you to Ohio Roster of soldiers, 1861-1866, Vol 3rd, page 193.

Hoping this will receive recognation

I am

Gratefully yours

Orin A. Hutchins

Prairie Depot, Ohio

P.S. His regiment was the 25th Ohio Volunteer Infantry

Sparrowbush - New York
February 26th 1897

General O. O. Howard
Burlington Vt.

My dear General,

I thank you most sincerely for your kind favor and greatly appreciate your good wishes - Will you pardon me for remarking that I did not intend you should ask the powerful aid and controlling influence of the Hon. John Sherman in my case, I should deem that too much, but merely to favor me with a word of recommendation as a sort of testimonial in support

of my application to the Hon. Major McKinley, President-elect simply stating to him in effect that you had heard from me of being a candidate for a consulship somewhere in England or Scotland and that you were acquainted with me while I was confidential clerk to the late Edgar Ketchum, Counsellor at Law, New York for several years and was subsequently (as you are informed) Law Clerk in the Department of the U.S. Appraiser of the Port of N.Y. (in fact the government records prove this) but was afterwards removed therefrom under President Cleveland's administration by

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reason of my political faith and that you have reason to believe I should fill the office with credit and entire satisfaction, or some other expression or phrase as may better suggest itself to your impartial and intelligent mind.

Trusting you will not regard me intrusive in thus soliciting this favor at your benevolent hand.

I remain, Dear General
Ever yours most respectfully & gratefully
Fred. F. Stokes

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Feb. 26, 1897

Boston, Feb 26 '97.

My dear General:

I am writing this in court while waiting for a case to be reached.

I sent in an application yesterday for appointment to either Cairo, Rome or Constantinople as Consul General. I suppose my chances of getting the last named place are the best as I suppose the pressure for the other two will be great.

I had depended upon my home indorsement to pull me through with the Senators, Hoar & Lodge — that of course is one case I must win here i.e. to get their indorsement in preference to the many others clamoring for place from this state. ~~but~~

~~But~~ I depend wholly upon you and Gov. Long to plead my cause with the Administration for you are the only two men I know who can go to Head quarters and secure a position for me.

Now I should like to know very much indeed whether any one of these 3 places have been disposed of or whether any one in particular is making a strenuous try for this or that one.

If two were promised or partially so I might make a try for the 3. Could you find out

do you think from Senator Sherman in what position they are, You know it is said that Major McKinley has been at work for some time picking out his Consuls General.

If you went to Turkey it would be fine if I could get the Consulship to Constantinople and I should try for that place in preference to the other two.

If you did not go to Turkey as I have said before I should think we might combine our forces so that ~~where~~ I could take Harry along with me as Vice Consul if he wanted to go.

I have hinted to you in confidence of the possibility of an appointment coming to me entirely out side of ~~these~~ the three places I have applied for, but that is so remote that I want to keep right on hammering at this.

Now will you tell Senator Sherman that I have put in an application for one of the 3 places above named and find out from him how the land lies.

Hoping to hear from you as soon as you have inaugurated the President I am

Very Sincerely Yours

Edward. Acton

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Ans'd Feb 1816

Buckland, Mass., Feb. 26 1897.

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Gen. O. O. Howard -
Burlington Vt -

My dear Sir.
Would you be willing to give an address at Laurel Park on Grand Army Day, July 21. Something like that delivered at Springfield last year on Memorial Day? I did not hear it but have heard it very highly commended. Our attendance is usually much larger from Northampton and vicinity than from Springfield, and whatever you may present will be fresh to your audience. One of last year's programs is enclosed. Please come if you can. What compensation shall we give you? Cordially yours -
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Mr. O. O. Howard
Northampton Mass.

Dear Sir,

We are willing to give an address at Laurel Park or Green Acre Day, July 21, or Saturday, July 24 at Springfield Assembly, if you can be present. If not, can we have it any day following? Attendance is usually much larger on Northampton Day. Can you arrange for Springfield, and what time you would be able to give us an address. Please let us know your decision as soon as convenient. Can it be one - what compensation shall we pay?

Cordially yours -
A. C. Hodges -

DR. NATHAN H. BALLARD,
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Richmond, Ind. Feb 2-26-97

Genl. O. O. Howard
Burlington Vt

Dear Friend:

The contents of your letter Jany 18th to Lizzie for me read and duly appreciated. There has been a vacancy made here in the Pension Board in the last few days by the resignation of one of its members Dr. L. E. Kelsey, on account of ill health and removal from Richmond. One of P. O. employees called on me last evening and informed me that the vacancy would be filled by a republican physician who in all probability would remain during the coming administration. also that candidates were already in the field and possibly the appointment made

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but for me to write you. the Hon Henry U Johnson M.C. also Col W. W. Dudley Washington D.C. and that if matters were pushed I might succeed. Mr Johnson was selected and is now in Washington Col Dudley was formerly the Commissioner of Pensions and from here - he is I understand a candidate for reappointment. he volunteered to put me on the first board that was formed here and would have done so only that I had not been a graduate five years. he is friendly to me - I had just prepared my application for signatures as you had suggested - will await developments for a few days. These boards come under the civil service reform after April. If it is not

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asking too much for you to see the parties while in Washington I shall be greatly obliged.

Mrs Strickland spent the day with us yesterday she has not been ~~well~~ ailing for several weeks but is improving – the balance of the family are well. Martha is growing goes to school and is a lovely child. Annie sends much love –

Most respectfully yours
N. H. Ballard

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Kansas City, Kansas, Feb. 27th., 1897.

Gen. O.O. Howard,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I wish to presume upon the short acquaintance made with you, while here in Kansas City, during the "General's tour." You will doubt-less remember, that you delivered an address in our Church Sabbath Morning, and that on the following day, I occupied the carriage with you from the Union Depot to the Packing Houses, Stock Yards and the return trip to the Coates House.

I am applicant for the Post Mastership in Kansas City Kansas and shall have the endorsement of many of our leading and business men. If it is agreeable to you, and if you feel that you can consistently do so, I would be glad to have a letter of endorsement, sent to me hear, from you to President McKinley.

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United States
Indian Industrial School,
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Ans

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Dear General Howard:-

You did us so much good last year that we all covet your presence with us again this year.

An epidemic of measles, now happily over, compelled us to postpone our exercises until the 10th and 11th of March. May I not count on your coming? I will send transportation. Bring Mrs. Howard.

Yours faithfully,

(Dictated)
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R H. Pratt

General O. O. Howard,
Burlington, Vermont.

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My dear General:

Your note of the 25th instant is just received. I have seen the Secretary and he desires me to say that he and Mrs. Lamont will be very happy to receive you at his house at the reception of General Alger at half past 9 o'clock this evening.

Faithfully yours,

Geo. Hughes.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
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I failed to mention in my note of this morning, I believe, that officers will attend in full uniform. This, of course, does not refer to you, if you have not your full uniform with you.

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Geo. Kruger

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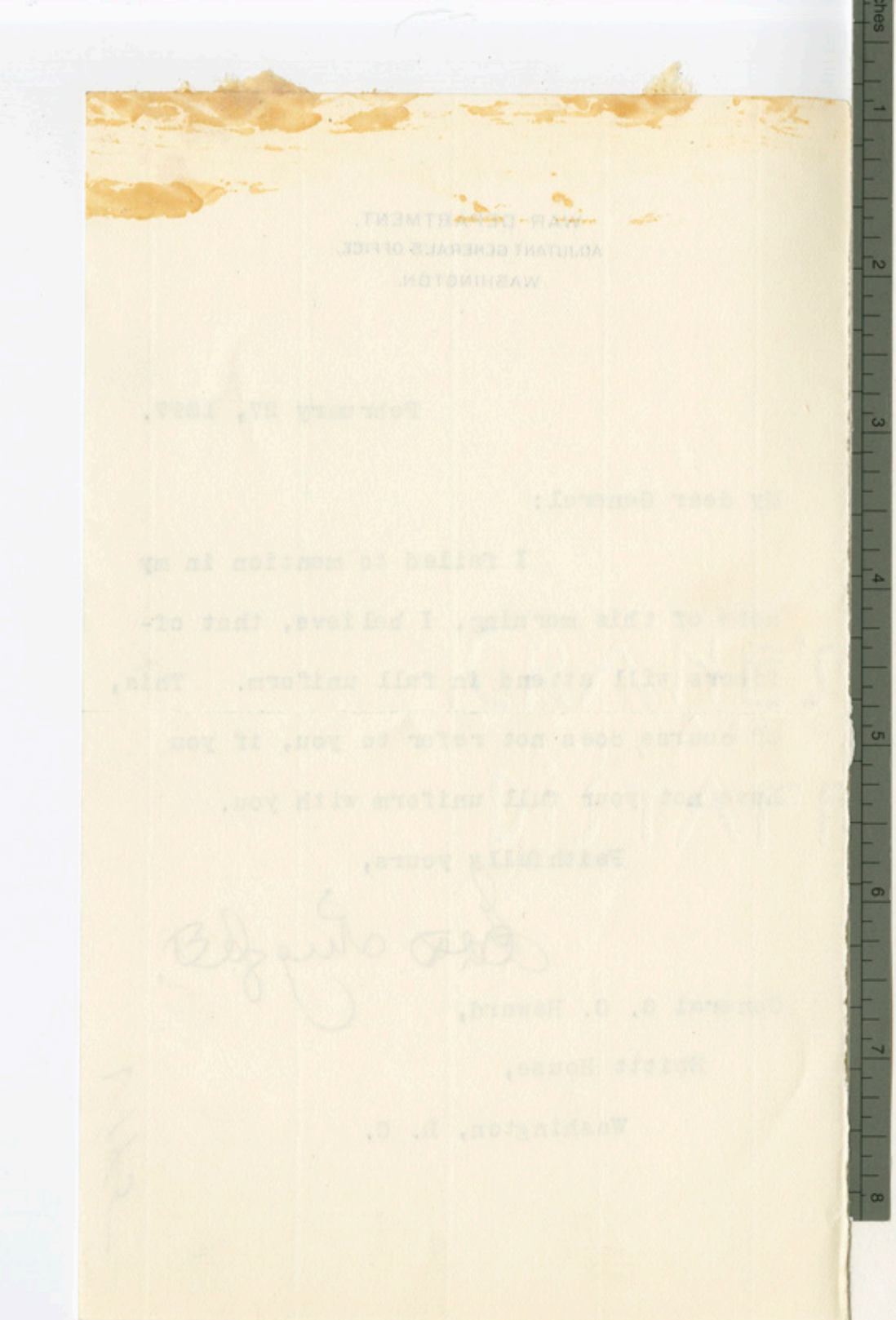

EDGAR O. ACHORN,
COUNSELLOR AT LAW,

27 TREMONT ROW,

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Boston, Feb 27 1897

My Dear General:

I need a letter from Hamlet to the effect that you had rec'd my telegram but would not be able to return home ~~via~~ Burlington via Boston. and giving me your Washington address.

I sent you a letter addressed to the Care of Senator Hermann as I did not know how to reach you otherwise. I thought you perhaps might see him but once and would pocket the letter to read at your leisure hence might not get at the contents till after you had left him.

At the ~~expense~~ of repetition I would say that I have put in my petition for Consul General to Rome, Cairo, or Constantinople. The first two places may be beyond my reach but the third has a salary of but $3000 and as Constantinople is not the most attractive place in the world to live in I should not suppose it would be sought after by many men of the best calibre. I understand

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I hope you are in good health, I should love to see the inauguration but I must rush at work here.

Yours

Sigurd Nelson

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Lexington Feb 27 1897

Major General O O Howard

Dear General

I send you Dr Bartons letter that you may see how the case stands. I feel quite sure Foster will not accept. About Angell I only know that he is a pleasant man of pretty liberal notions in religion. He would be such an improvement upon Jewell that I presume the public would be satisfied. Dr Webb will be in Washington & will do all he can in your favor. But you can see that other interests have won a place ahead & we must come in if at all after them. The Lord prosper that which is right & has my constant prayer

Yours sincerely
Cyrus Hamlin

I shall write to Strong to blow up the idea that great wealth is needed at that post.

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

Congregational House, 1 Somerset Street,

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Per P.

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919 I St, N.W.
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My Dear General Howard:

I am very glad to hear that you are here on such a happy occasion, and that Mrs. Howard whom I have not seen for years and of whom I have such exceedingly kind recollections, will accompany you.

I followed your splendid campaign for McKinley with much interest. I was also in the fight from the start, as my signed articles in the Washington Post, Chicago Times-Herald (which some call McKinley's organ), and other papers, will testify.

Will you permit me to follow my usual habit when I want anything, and ask your help? If so, I hope you will benefit the Maryland Republicans as well as me.

First, I request the honor of your indorsement for Chief of Accounts Division, Land Office. I served in one of the most important places in that division for nearly three years, and the Treasury expert who handles those accounts (J.H. Day), says I was the best man on that particular work.

Second, to strengthen me with Senator Wellington, under whom I must make my next campaign, will you certify such facts as I can prove to you about one of his lieutenants, Captain W.M. Potter, a

prominent G.A.R. man and friend of mine, who wants to be Deputy Commissioner of Pensions. His appointment would, I think, be encouraging to the party, in his part of Maryland. It would give me another friend in the Department and near Mr. Wellington, and your favor would honor and oblige a worthy soldier with much valuable experience for the place.

You once promised me your "warm and cordial recommendation" whenever I wanted it, but when I sought a place for which you could not conscientiously endorse a civilian, I said I would never consider you bound by it, and I make these requests with absolute deference to your wishes and judgment as to granting them. I was taught to believe that your decisions are as wise and good as is possible for human judgment and virtue, and always acquiesce in them cheerfully.

Please try to see me for a few minutes, even if you are busy, in order that I may meet Mrs. Howard and have the benefit of your advice and the assurance of your friendship, which after all is what I desire more than profit.

Faithfully yours,

Paul W. Eaton.

I will try to see you Monday after dinner, if you are not engaged a little after 7.

FEB. 27. 1897

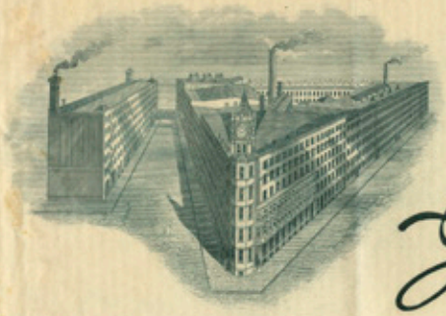
WAR DEPARTMENT,
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON.

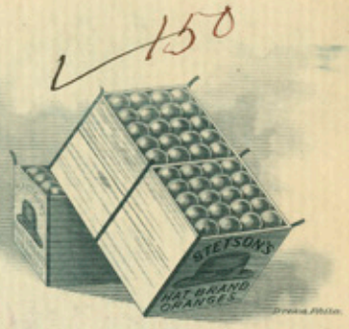
General O. O. Howard,
My dear General:

I am exceedingly obliged to you and Mrs. Howard for your kind congratulations. We are all rapidly following you to the retired list, & in that view especially the step upward is very acceptable.

Mrs. Crosby is well & joins in love to you & yours.

Sincerely
Geo. A. Crosby





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No. 156 College St.,

Burlington, Vt.

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Very truly yours,

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