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I therefore take the liberty of writing to you on the subject, and you will of course give as much or as little consideration to what I have said as you may think it deserves.

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Respectfully yours,

J. V. Greene

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Personal.

United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C.,

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My dear sir:-

I have received your letter of the 22nd in regard to Mr. Achorn. I have a very favorable opinion of him, he is very strongly endorsed, and I trust later on that we may be able to do something for him. Senator Hoar and myself intend to take up the question of recommendation very soon.

With kind regards,

Very truly yours,

A. C. Lodge

General O. O. Howard.

Dear Achona, I sent you
a newspaper to show you
how I had hauled off -
(see editorial, Burlington Press)
Please read this & return -
What can I do next?
I am refusing duty

and old friends, to recommend
to a consulship till I see
you all right.

Sincerely yrs.

O. D. Howard

Fr Harrison, Mont.
Mar. 26. 1897.

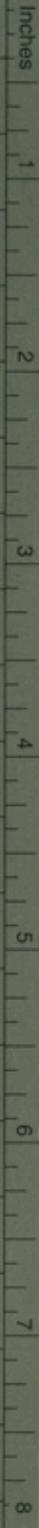
My dear General
Please accept my
thanks for your very kind
letter recommending my son,
Harry, for a Cadetship.

Wishing you a long
and prosperous life,

I am
Yours sincerely
Wm. M. Wherry

Gen. O. O. Howard
U.S. Army.

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Dr. H. H. H. H. H.
Mar. 20. 1877

My dear General
I have received your
kind letter for me and
am very much obliged
to you for a
copy of your
new publication.

I am
Yours very truly
Wm. W. H. H.

Dr. G. H. H.
W. W. H.

Committee on Expenditures in the War Department,

House of Representatives U. S.,

Washington, D. C.,

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I shall be glad to do what I can for you.

Very truly yours,

William W. Gould

Dictated.

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BERTHA NORTON, HOUSEHOLD.

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Chicago, Ill. March 26th, 1897.

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

Dear Brother:-

I am sure you will want to co-operate in helping one of our old staff officers to a position for which he is eminently qualified. You will remember Capt. EvansBlake, who was our Quartermaster from the time you took command of the Army of the Tennessee at Atlanta till we reached Beaufort, S. Car. He was the Headquarters Quartermaster, I believe, and you will remember his excellent character and his quiet, pleasant demeanor at all times. He was an ardent temperance man, as he is to this day.

Under Harrison he was Consul at Crefeld, Germany. He thinks he was about the only American Consul in the whole of Germany who did not drink. He would like a recommendation from you which he can use with his papers in an application for a Consulship. He has good supporters from Illinois, and I think he is pretty sure to get the place. He says you recommended him before when he obtained the Consulate originally. Remember he does not apply for the same Consulate. The reason is he has something better in view, and so would simply ask to be recommended for a position under the State Department as a foreign consul. For general intelligence, gentlemanly bearing, pleasing address, integrity and tact I think him exceptionally qualified for the position - much better than most foreign consuls with whom I have come in contact. He is a member of the Grand Army, and as one of our own associates in the military family, I am sure you will be pleased to assist him. He would like the

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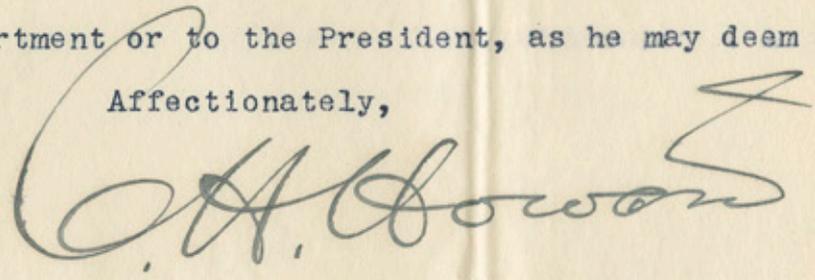
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Please take note that Capt. Blake desires the recommendation sent to him at #4509 Lake Avenue, Chicago, and he will enclose it with others to the State Department or to the President, as he may deem best.

Affectionately,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. H. Brown". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed word "Affectionately,".

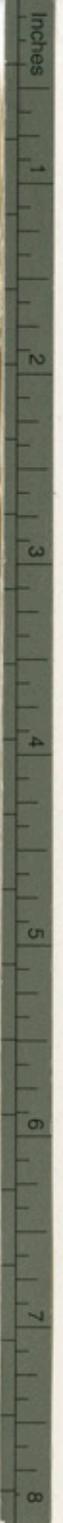
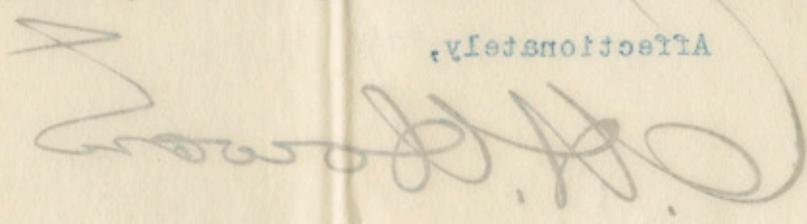
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Affectionately,



1501 4th Avenue,
Louisville, Ky., March 24, 1894.

Genl. G. G. Steward, U.S.A.

My dear Genl. Steward,

I am applying for an appointment as Capt and asst 2nd Lt and would be very much obliged if you would send me a letter addressed to the President, saying what you can in my favor.

Aside from the weight which a recommendation from an officer of your prominence would naturally carry, I believe a letter from you would be of particular service to me from the fact that I served as a cadet while you were Superintendent of the Military Academy and also directly under your supervision at

Gouvernor's Island.

I hope you will be able to give me a letter and I assure you I will appreciate anything you may be able to do for me in this matter.

I am now on duty with the militia of N.Y., and am living at the above address.

I graduated in 1885, am a 1st Lieut. 7th Cav., and have had a good deal of experience as Post Qrm.

The next assumed vacancy in the Regt. will occur June 11th - by retirement of Col. Forsyth.

I hope my dear Genl. that I have not trespassed too much on your kindness and that you will be able to grant my request.

Very sincerely yours,

A. S. Whipple.

OFFICE OF
FREDERICK MACK,
SOLICITOR OF CLAIMS,
500 FIFTH STREET, N. W.

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Washington, D. C., March 27, 1896.

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

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your favor of the 26th inst., relative to the pension case of Solon W. Davis, late of Co. "L", 1st, Vt. Cav., Certificate No. 895, 142, I have to say that the matter now pending before the Pension Bureau is a claim for reissue to correct date of commencement of pension, filed August 3, 1896. I requested the issue of an order for examination by a Board of Surgeons on this claim February 5, 1897, and have this day repeated the request and received assurances that it shall issue without delay.

The history of the claim under the Act of June 27, 1890, is as follows. Davis filed a claim under said act July 8, 1891, but in the face of the report of the Middlebury Board dated Sept. 28, 1892, recommending the rate of \$4, per month for rheumatism, \$6, for deafness, \$4 for varicose veins and \$6, for heart disease, the Pension Office rejected it on the ground that he was not disabled for earning a support by manual labor in a pensionable degree. I was not the attorney in this claim. April 15, 1895, I filed a claim for him under the same act which, after an examination by the Burlington Board, was allowed at the rate of \$8 per month from April 15, 1895, - the date of filing the second application. Under the provisions of an act of Congress

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Washington, D. C., March 27, 1890.

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Replying to your favor of the 28th inst., relative to the pension case of Colonel W. Davis, late of Co. "D", 1st Vt. Cav., Gentilly No. 895, 142, I have to say that the matter now pending before the Pension Bureau is a claim for release to correct date of commencement of pension, filed August 3, 1886. I requested the issue of an order for examination by a Board of Surgeons on this claim February 6, 1897, and have this day repeated the request and received assurance that it shall issue without delay.

The history of the claim under the Act of June 27, 1890, is as follows: Davis filed a claim under said act July 8, 1891, but in the face of the report of the Military Board dated Sept. 28, 1892, recommending the rate of \$4 per month for rheumatism, \$6 for business, \$4 for horse veins and \$6 for heart disease, the Pension Office rejected on the ground that he was not disabled for earning a support by his labor in a pensionable degree. I was not the attorney in claim. April 15, 1895, I filed a claim for him under the same act, which, after an examination by the Burlington Board, was allowed at the rate of \$8 per month from April 15, 1895, - the date of filing second application. Under the provisions of an act of Congress



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Having filed the testimony of a physician, Dr. C. L. Sanderson, showing that a pensionable degree of disability did exist at and before the date of filing the first application and his testimony being supported by the report of the Middlebyry Board, I can see no reason why the reissue in this claim shall not be made.

Very respectfully.

Fred. Mack

OFFICE OF
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Very respectfully,

Frank M. Wood

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FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL,
MADISON SQUARE, NEW YORK.

New York, March 27th, 1897.

Major General O. O. Howard,
Burlington, Vt.

My dear General:

I am not personally known to you, but as I had the honor to serve with the Army of The Tennessee from its organization until we reached Savannah, my respect and regard to you is next to that felt toward my own father. Now that you are resting on your richly deserved honors, my affection for you is no less than when you were leading the invincible Army of The Tennessee through the heart of Georgia.

I write at the suggestion of General Dodge to say that if I can help you in any way in the coming dedication of the monument to our great leader, the immortal Grant, I shall regard it as a great honor to serve under the command of the "Saintly" as well as the "Knightly" Howard.

As I have served with the National Guard since the war, it was suggested that my natural place would be with that Division, but I would rather be with you if you want me. I enclose copies of some papers that will tell you something more about me.

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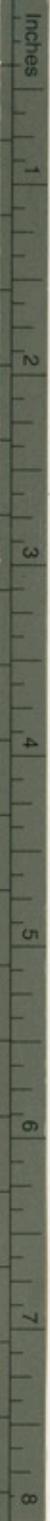
My new offices are to be in the Bowling Green building, next to that where Gen. Dodge has his offices. May I ask you to be kind enough to remail to me the original letter of Commander Seamans of John A. Logan Post?

With affectionate regards, I am

Faithfully yours,

Henry H. Boyce

29 West 26 Street
New York



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George of John A. Logan Post?

With affectionate regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry H. George

John A. Andrew Post



HEADQUARTERS

C. A. CUSTER POST, NO. 42,

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT.

BENNINGTON, VT., Mar 27 1897

Genl C O Howard
Burlington Vt.

Dear Comrade
Your favor of Mar 24 duly recd
shall in all probability celebrate
Saturday you will arrive here in
B. at 8.10 A M services begin
at 9 A M.

Now Comrade We are
a poor (financially) Post and cannot
afford to pay you any more than
your expenses and if you do
not feel able to come for that
please notify us of the fact
we shall not feel hurt at any
action you may take
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A. GUSTER POST, NO. 42,

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BURLINGTON, VT., Nov 27 1897

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To General O Howard

Burlington Vt

General Henry E Preman will accept
position of Chief of Staff to you
Please communicate with him immediately
at Caldwell Depot New York Greenville M
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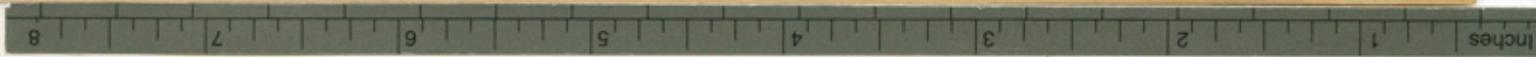
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3216 Pine St., St. Louis, Mo.,
March 28, 1897.

Gen. D. O. Howard

Burlington, Vt.,

Dear Sir—

I am a young boy
who is collecting the signatures
of noted generals and I am
sure that my collection will be
incomplete if it does not have
yours. If you will kindly
send it to me I shall
be greatly honored

Very respectfully
Geo. C. Mackay.

First Sergeant "Delmar Cadets."

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No. 100, 2nd St., Wash. D.C.

March 28, 1897

Dr. J. B. Howard

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir -

I am a young boy
who is collecting the specimens
of water snakes and I am
sure that my collection will be
invaluable if it can be
added to your collection. If you
will kindly send me a
check to me at the above

to greatly favor
Very respectfully
Geo. C. Howard

"Tobacco" "Sugar" "Tobacco"

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March 28 1897

Alameda Co.

Gen O O Howard =

Dear Sir I Comrade

I do not think it will be necessary
for me this time to enclose my
letters of recommendation from you
to recognize ^{me} I served all through
the Bearfoot Indian Campaign
at your command as Dispatch Carrier
Messenger & Scout. I was also in
the 100th New York Infantry for
nearly one year in front of Richmond
& Petersburg I have enclosed ^{some} of my
letters to show you that I have always
continued to preserve my good
name Please return papers I
am now an Applicant for the
Position of Landscape Gardener
at Mare Island the Present Gardener
is a Dutch Democrat he was put

there for Political Reasons & the ^{can} ^{page} ^{tion} ^{of} ^{my} ^{Application}
was let out without great ^{of} ^{my} ^{Application}
I have sent to the Hon J G Hillborn
Member of Congress from this District
Enclosed find Personal letters of
Recommend from leading Citizens of
Oakland the Appointment is made
of the Secary of the Navy I have worked
at Mare Island as a Labourer three
I have also done some Gunners
work on the Island & no one
could have better letters of Recommen^{ds}
then I have ~~got~~ Please write me
A strong letter Urging my Appoint^{ment}
& Direct your letter to the Secary
of the Navy or to the Hon Geo Perkins
U.S. Senator from Oakland Cal the
Position is a good Per Day Position
& I have men Detailed to do most
of the work I got General Debility
in the Benock Indian Campaigns
but You know I was not an enlisted
man you know that I was bound
to stand all kind of rough Exposure

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~~I~~ I wish you to write me a letter
to the Pensions Bureau telling them
that you know that I am drawing
of my Pension I applied 20 years ago
I have bin Rejected three lately
I have the sworn Affidavits of
two leading Physicians of Oakland
that I am Unable to make
my living by Manual Labour
I have more Affidavits from
two more Physicians of San Rafael
Marin Co Cal. The Pensions Laws
are very unjust there is no
trouble for a Rich man to get
a Pension. I should be very glad
to hear from you Personley. Please
let me know if you intend visiting
this Coast soon if I know when
you come I will try to meet you
I will be 50 Years of age the 7 of
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Part of the store of the Nappa Valley
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But I have good reasons to
believe that there will be a change
for the better Under the New
Administration. I will enclose
the form of a Recommend that I
wish you to have type Written
If you Please it will combine
your three letters of Recommend
into one one of your letters is directed to
David Gordon the other to Gen. McComb & the
third to whom it may concern Hoping to
receive a favorable reply from you in due
time I will close Yours in F. O. T. L.
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