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March 26th, 1897.

Honorable John Sherman,
Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Sir :

I have heard that the President has under consideration the appointment of Major General O. O. Howard, U. S. Army, as Minister to Turkey. I venture to write to you on the subject because I represented this Government at the Headquarters of the Russian Army during the war in Turkey nearly twenty years ago, and at the close of the war I spent nearly four months in Constantinople, and during that time became quite familiar with the Eastern question, and the International politics which centre at Constantinople. I have known General Howard for a great many years, and I cannot think of any one in the whole United States who would represent this country at Constantinople with so much dignity and success as General Howard. The various wars attending the settlement of the Eastern question have come at intervals of 20 to 25 years apart, and another one is now nearly due. If it does not come out of the present Cretan question, it is likely to come before the close of President Mc Kinley's Administration. General Howard is now the Senior among the few living men who commanded armies during the Civil War. His great reputation as a soldier; his high character, and his close affiliation with religious sentiment throughout the country will give him a position in Constantinople among his colleagues and the Foreign Ambassadors such as has not been occupied by any representative this country has had there for a generation past. While our material interests in Constantinople are relatively small, it is hardly probable that the United States will forever remain silent under such outrages as the Armenian massacres, and it is therefore particularly desirable that our representative in Constantinople should be a man of large experience, thoroughly familiar with our own history, and having such a reputation for ability and character as will command instant attention to any

Mexico City, June 28th, 1898.

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My Dear Sir:

I have heard that the President has under consideration the appointment of Major General O. O. Howard, U. S. A., Ret., as Minister to Mexico. I venture to write to you on the subject because I represented this Government at the Hemisphere of the Kansas City Trade Congress two years ago, and at the close of the new I began nearly two months in Constantinople, and during that time became intimately acquainted with the Ambassador, who is a man of large experience and a close student of Mexican affairs. I have known General Howard for a great many years, since he was a young lieutenant in the Regular Army, and have been intimately associated with him in one or two diplomatic matters, so that I think I can say that he is a gentleman of the highest character, and a man of great capacity and experience. He is well informed on Mexican affairs, and would be a most acceptable representative of this Government at the Capital of Mexico. I am sure that the President has under consideration the appointment of Major General O. O. Howard, U. S. A., Ret., as Minister to Mexico.

Yours very respectfully,

Matthew Stahl.

representations that he may make. At the same time, he should be a man of such discretion and good judgment as will avoid committing us in a quarrel in which we have no concern. In my judgment General Howard has all these characteristics to a degree not possessed by any one else who has been thought of for this position.

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.

I say nothing about General Howard's eminent services during the last campaign. Of these you can judge much better than I can.

Respectfully yours,

F. V. Greene

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United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C.,

March 26, 1897.

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,

H. C. Lodge

General O. O. Howard.

Dear Selena, I send 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 aspiring daily

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

Sincerely yrs.

O. O. Howard

Ft. Harrison, Mont.
Mar. 26. 1897.

My dear General
I thank accept my thanks for your very kind letter recommending my son, Harry, for a Cadetship.
I 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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Letter
U.S.S. Mississippi
Off Fort Fisher N.C.
Jan. 20. 1864

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Committee on Expenditures in the War Department,

House of Representatives U. S.,

Washington, D. C.,

March 26th, 1897.

Gen'l O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

My Dear General:-

I have yours relative to the Turkish Mission. Senator Proctor is just now in New York, but will return soon, when I will confer with him relative to the matter.

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

Very truly yours,

William W. Grout

Dictated.

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FARM, FIELD AND FIRESIDE,
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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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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.

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C. H. Deweese

1501 4th avenue,
Louisville, Ky., March 27, 1897.

Genl. O. O. Howard, U.S.A.

My dear Genl. Howard,

I am applying for an appointment as Capt and asst Qr Mr 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

Governor'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 Ky., and am living at the above address.

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

The next assured vacancy in the dept. 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,

H. 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", Ist, Vt. Cav., Certificate No. 895,142, I have to say that the matter now pending before the Pension Bureau is a claim for reissie 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

OFFICE OF
FREDERICK MACK,
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300 FIFTH STREET, N. W.

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

Gen. O. O. Howard,

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Dear Sir:-

Replying to your favor of the 25th inst., relative to the pension case of Solon W. Davis, late of Co. "I", 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 1, 1897, and have this day repeated the request and received assurances that it shall issue without delay.

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

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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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Washington, D. C., March 27, 1894.

Gen. O. O. Howard, #2.

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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 Middlebury Board, I can see no reason why the release in this claim shall not be made.

Very respectfully,

Fred. Mack

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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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I presume that arrangements have been made to secure for your Division some part of the appropriation for necessary expenses. Perhaps if you put me in communication with your Chief of Staff, I can help him in getting out the veterans.

I belong to Massachusetts Commandery, Loyal Legion and to John A. Andrew Post, Boston.

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

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Henry H. Bonce

29 West 26 street
New York

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Henry W. Sargent

HEADQUARTERS

G. A. CUSTER POST, NO. 42,

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT.

BENNINGTON, VT., Mar 27 1897

Genl O 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

Yours in F & L.

George England Adjt
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To General O O Howard

Burlington Vt

General Henry E Premain will accept position of Chief of Staff to you Please communicate with him immediately at Caldwell Depot New York Grenville M Dodge

3216 Pine St., St. Louis, Mo.,
March 28, 1897.

Gen. O. 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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3216 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo.,

March 28, 1917.

Gen. W. G. Harrow

Washington, D.C.,

Dear Sir —

I am a young boy who is soliciting the operations of vital funds and I am sure that any solution will be acceptable if it does not take years. If you will kindly send it to me I shall be pleased to

Very respectfully

Geo. C. Morrow

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First Sergeant "Hickman Cadets."

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March 4th 98 [1897]
Alameda Co.

Gen O O Howard:-
Dear Sir & Comrade
I do not think it will be necessary for me this time to enclose my letters of Recommend from you to recognize me I served all through the Bannock Indian Campaign under your command as Dispatch Bearer Messenger & Sergt. I was also in the 100th New York Infantry for nearly one Year in front of Richmond & Petersburg I have enclosed one 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 wont put

there for Political Reasons & the Repu-
ers let out without just Cause my Application
I have sent to the Hon S G Hilborn
Member of Congress from this District
I enclosed five Personal letters of
Recomend from leading Citizens of
Oakland the Appointment is made
by the Secary of the Navey I have worked
at Mare Island as a Labourer three
I have also done some Jenitors
work on the Island & no one
could have better letters of Recomend
then I have ~~got~~ Please write me
A Strong letter Urgeing my Appointment
& Direct your letter to the Secetary
of the Navey or to the Hon Geo Perkins
U S Senator from Oakland Cal the
Position is $4 Pr 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 Drafted
to stand all kind of Rough Exposure

I wish you to write me a letter to the Pension Bureau telling them that you know that I am drawing of my Pension I applied 20 years ago & I have bin Rejected thrice lately & I have the Sworn Affidavits of two leading Physicians of Oakland that I am Unable to make my living by Manual Labour & two more Affidavits from two More Physicians of San Rafael Marin Co Cal. The Pension 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 & meet you I will be 50 Years of age the 17 of next June I have bin an Inmate Part of the time of the Napa Valley Soldiers Home I can only do

light Work there is lots of light
Work all the Year around that the
Old Soldiers could do at Mare Island
But a large Part of the Labouring
work is given out to Low Irish
Catolic Chaws at Mare Island
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 Recomend that I
wish you to have Type Written
If you Please it will Combind
your three letters of Recomend
Into one one of your letters is directed to
David S Jordan 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. & L.
James Wardwell Newton Place Adres No
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