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April 1, 1897
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Maj. General O. O. Howard,
Burlington, Vt.

My dear Sir;

Under another cover I send you a catalogue of our School which will tell you something of the work that we are trying to do here, but it cannot tell you how deeply concerned I am in the work of bringing out and strengthening the manly qualities in boys. I know that you, too, are devoted to young people and that you have always been prominent in efforts to make them better.

Mr. W. W. Ellsworth of the Century; to President Hubbell of the N.Y. School board and to President Franklin Carter of Williams College. A refined and cultivated audience would listen to you indeed and an enthusiastic company with many old veterans would receive you upon the parade ground.

I shall anxiously await your reply trusting that your kind heart may turn you toward Mt. Pleasant.

Very respectfully and sincerely yours,

C. F. Brusie

It is for this reason that I have made bold to write you. Last year Dr. Hamilton Wright Mabie, Editor of the "Outlook", came to us on our closing day and spoke beautifully and helpfully to our boys. It has occurred to me that, out of the great kindness of your heart, you might be willing to come to Mt. Pleasant on the afternoon of our closing day, June 9, speak to the boys for about forty minutes, and then review the battalion at five o'clock.

It would be a very great inspiration to the boys to have you among them even for a short time, and to hear a man, who has had so great a part in shaping the course of our history, speak of purity and nobility of character would do much toward strengthening them for the work that is for them to do. I feel sure that if you can arrange to come to us at that time you will do so, prompted by your deep interest in boys.

I may refer you to the Hon. Joseph H. Choate, Dr. H. W. Mabie and to

Albany
April 1st 1897.

My dear General –

I received the letter sent me this morning and return the same as you say nothing with regard to returning it.

It seems more encouraging to do so after the light-like come to me of these days and I shall have the great pleasure of seeing some result of my dear husband's labors –

I trust – you and Mrs Howard keep well and are able to enjoy this charming weather.

With kind regards to you both

I am Yours truly
Mary W. Hemphill

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Philadelphia,
1st April 1897.
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Major General Oliver O. Howard,
United States Army, Retired,
Burlington, Vermont:

My dear Sir -

Through the friendly services of our mutual friend, Captain Hunt, of Pittsburgh, I have received your interesting letter of the 24th ultimo and hasten to say that your explanation is entirely satisfactory. I must confess that I felt much hurt at the time which, however, has long by. I take

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pleasure in withdrawing
any disagreeable remarks
towards you which the
occasion called forth.

Appreciating very highly
yr. kindly sentiments I am

Yours very truly,
George R. Crowder.

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Gen. O. O. Howard,
156 College Street,
Burlington, Vt.

My dear General:

I was out of town when yours of March 24th reached here. hence I am only just now able to reply. I spent some days in Washington, but did not see the President, although I tried to do so.

I return herewith as you request, Mr. Dodge's letter to you. I think the upshot of the matter will be that you will go to Turkey.

Yours very truly,

Wager Swayne

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Attys at Law

Chamber of Commerce Building,

Portland, Or. April 2, 1897.

My dear General:

I hand you herewith deed of the sheriff of Yamhill county, this state, conveying to you the Frame & Stowell property. It has been recorded in that county. The fee paid to the sheriff for making the deed, and that paid to the recorder of conveyances for recording it amount to $3.50, which you can remit to us.

I see Sladen more than anybody else outide of my own family these days, and we often speak of you. I trust you are all well.

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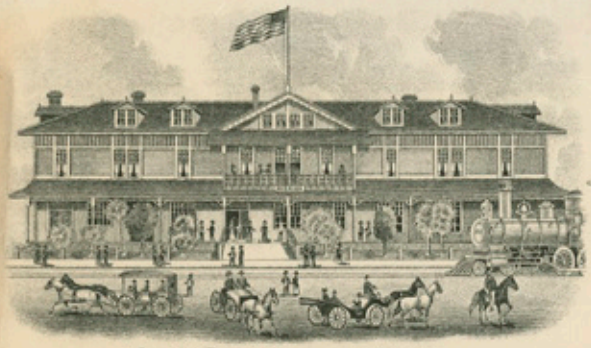

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Gen. O. O. Howard
Burlington Vt.

Dear Sir and Friend -

Your esteemed favor came duly to hand - and I thank you most sincerely -

I am certain that your indorsement will be of the greatest service to me -

With kindest regards I am
Gratefully Yours
Mrs. M. E. Richardson

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Shawmut Church, Boston, April 2, 1897

Dear General:--

I thank you for your letter of March 20 covering one from Mr. Cyrus Kerr. I do not know how long or well Mr. Kerr has known the mountain region of which he writes But let me say about his letter that my writing to you is not to be interpreted as evidence of hostility on the part of the Berea people. No one knows of my correspondence and it is wholly on my own account that I have undertaken it. I am a trustee of Berea: I am alos chairman of the college and academy committee of the Educational Society, which cares for two score institutions, of which Berea is not one, and I was once a missionary of the A.M.A., and I am considering the problem from its general aspect.

This is why I do not write to Mr. Myers. He cannot do this, and ought not. To a man in such a field, his own field and work are the center of all things, and all other work radiates from it. I do not blame Mr. Myers for wanting to have a university there. If you or I were there with life given to that work, we should want every good thing under the sun there, and believe in it.

But you, General Howard, President of the Congreational Home Missionary Society, must have a wider horizon than is possible to a local worker. You cannot be simply the "passenger" which your last letter calls you: the former letter which said you had been "the captain" in such enterprises more truly indicates the position which your name and office give to such an undertaking.

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Now, lest I seem to you or Mr. Kerr to indetify myself with Berea's interests, which I have tried to avoid, let me speak simply as a director of a society which is a sister society to the C.H.M.S. Sometime we shall have to have a system of federated missionary operation. At present our methods are predatory, and too often our good offices for one rob the other. Each attempt to raise a debt for

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Then let me refer again to the question of the admission of colored students. If you intend to start a school for the white people alone, you may succeed. It is your one chance of success. But if you intend to build on a different foundation than that you have already laid at Berea, it should be because you believe that to have been wrong. You say in answer to my direct question, "There are some places like Northfield, Mass. where the question does not arise." In so honest a man as yourself I hardly know what that means. For Tennessee and Northfield are very different places, and the question will not arise in Tennessee if the school is determined that it shall not. Is it the intention that it shall not arise? It does not arise at the Grant Memorial University. I have visited it and talked with its officers. I know in what way it does not arise. It must arise if the new school is brave enough to face it. If it stands saying that "This question may not arise", it practically announces itself as a school where a colored man is not invited. It does not arise at Rose Hill or at Williamsburg or at Barboursville. The simple question is, Do you intend that there shall be a school at Cumberland Gap that shall draw young mountaineers there rather than to Berea on the ground of race prejudice? That is what any evasion of the matter amounts to.

Believe me, that I write in most cordial spirit. I am trying to put the case plainly, but most kindly. If Mr. Kerr doubts my knowledge of the field, I might be able to convince him. But these are the facts of the situation.

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Sincerely yours,

W. E. B. DuBois.

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I note what you say about going into the lecture field again. I am not sorry for this if you can keep on and finish your book without interruption. I think you enjoy the work, and it is a good thing for the people, and, as you say, for your pocketbook. I think it would be fair and good policy for you to insist upon pretty good prices, as you are about the only veteran officer of high rank who remains to address the people. I believe it would be far better for you personally to do this than to go to Turkey. There can never be any glory, and I am afraid not much help to missions, to come from our diplomatic representative at that court, that is, not so long as our Government is unwilling to take any responsibility.

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Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard:

My dear Sir;

We are endeavoring to raise a floating debt on our Association of $10,000, and would it be possible for us to secure you for a Sunday and Monday any time soon? In April, if possible, or the first week in May? Or if you have no Sunday date could you give us any date at all on which you would be willing to come & have a reception tendered you at the residence of one of our prominent citizens, when we may have our ~~work~~ needs presented? We are very closely pressed for funds but if you would come I think we could guarantee you $50. Please let us know what date you could give us.

Very Sincerely Yours

Donald MacColl.