H. S. HOWARD,
SOLE AGENT
SPELTERINE HOOF STUFFING.
WASHINGTON RED CEDAR SHINGLES.
GENERAL AGENT
BURKE PATENT FLEXIBLE STAMPS.
156 COLLEGE STREET.

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BURLINGTON, VT., Apr 17 1892

Dear father:

Enclosed West Shore pass you can now get a train back direct to Albany without change by using this pass —

I telegraphed Chas P. Olney the time of your arrival. He is to entertain you — Capt Boyce writes 45 aides have been invited to go on your staff and 19 have accepted so far —

Every thing is lovely here, even tho' it rains again. Bessie took a drive with me yesterday — I got my short essay written for college and hung pictures all the P.M. — I hope you will enjoy your trip as much as I did There was no Shore mail this morning — I have just seen to pictures

of houses to be built here by
C. P. Smith's & Mr Holt's of N.Y. They
are to be mansions. Ours is a
modest little dwelling in
comparison —

With love from all
aff. Harry —

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Williams, Wood & Linthicum,

Geo. H. Williams,
C. E. S. Wood,
S. B. Linthicum,
J. C. Flanders,
Attys at Law.

Chamber of Commerce Building,

Portland, Or. April 17, 1897.

My dear General:

I have just learned that the taxes for 1896, now due but not yet delinquent, on the property at McMinnville of which you are now the owner, amount to $19.20; and that the taxes for 1895 are unpaid and delinquent, and amount, including additional costs, to $36.50; total, $55.70. I suggest that you remit this amount to us at once, in order that we may make the payments and get the matter straightened out before further costs accumulate on these delinquent taxes.

Very truly yours,

C E S Wood

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

Burlington, Vt. April 17, 1897.

My dear General:

I have just learned that the taxes for 1896, now due but not yet delinquent, on the property at McMinnville of which you are now the owner, amount to $19.80; and that the taxes for 1895 are unpaid and delinquent, and amount, including additional costs, to $26.50; total, $45.70. I suggest that you remit this amount to us at once, in order that we may make the payments and get the matter straightened out before further costs accumulate on these delinquent taxes.

Very truly yours,

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

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17 April 1897.

My dear General Howard:-

Permit me to extend to you a most hearty welcome to all we can offer you. I hope that you will stay with us just as long as possible. I regret that certain departments of the University are now having an Easter recess which will prevent us as a body giving you that general welcome which we wish we might. But I shall be more than glad if I can serve as your escort in a stroll through our grounds and buildings.

I hope I may have the pleasure of calling upon you before we meet at the time of the lecture.

Believe me, with very great regard,

Ever truly yours,

Chas F. Thwing

General O. O. Howard.

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Law Offices of
Tyler & Durand,
146 Broadway,

Mason W. Tyler,
John S. Durand,
Henry Edwin Tremain,
Counsel.

New York, April 17, '97/89

My dear General:--

All of your communications up to and including the card announcing your departure for Cleveland, have been received. There has not been anything special to report or I should have reported it. There is considerable detail, but it chiefly relates to the preparation of the matter for the official program or order. As this is to contain particulars respecting every organization, it is a very troublesome paper to compile. The unavoidable absence of any definite information in due season from the Grand Army of the Republic section of your division, has made it utterly impossible to make much progress so far as the veteran division is concerned. To save labor and printing bills, General Dodge's chief of staff is having the matter set up in type as it comes in; and the proofs of all that part that relate to your column it is arranged will be handed me on Monday or Tuesday, when many corrections and additions will doubtless be made. There were mailed to you yesterday some lists of staff acceptances and responses pending, and every day changes or adds to these lists. I have caused an informal letter of invitation in your name to be sent to several officials, some out of town, for staff nominations. The final printing will be held back until the latest practicable time, so as to insert all names accepted up to that hour. The column behind the Grand Army organizations will really be very slender. It might be called a division; but it is now, organized on paper into two independent brigades; the first under Gen. Hayes and the second under Gen. Henry, but with the understanding that Gen. Hayes is to command Gen. Henry as well as his own brigade at the formation and march, unless you shall, in some particular, order otherwise. This is done for facility of communication and because of the peculiar shape of the streets where we form. It will take some skill to handle the men properly in the short time allotted, and I have thought that Gen. Hayes was quite competent to do it, and am sure that one mind can do it better than two. The fact is, I wrote the telegram Gen. Henry received from Gen. Dodge, and designed it as a compliment from you to the President of the society of the Army of the Potomac. It simply gives a pleasant function to General Henry. I note what you say of having told him to select his own staff. If he has not sent the names in by the time this letter shall reach you, please ask him to send them forward promptly so that the names of the men who will actually serve may be inserted, if possible, in the printed program.

As to tickets; I spoke to Gen. Dodge about it promptly, and he says that that would be attended to. Where those tickets will be, I do not know and cannot yet ascertain. From my observation of the diagrams of the stands, I think that the seats in the section assigned to the Grand Army are better for observing the procession than the seats occupied by the official guests. The latter are better

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for hearing; but it seems to be the opinion of everybody that for this purpose no seats are worth anything. No tickets are out yet, and may not be for some days. The stands are not built. I have the promise from Col. Swords, who will have some Grand Army tickets, of some tickets for you in the veteran section. So about tickets, all you need do is to let me know how many you wish. Every guest of the city will also receive ~~an~~ the official ticket. I called at the Fifth Ave. Hotel to inquire if you were expected there, and they told me at the desk that your name was on the list, and that they did expect you, and would like to know when you would arrive. They said no special time was named to them in their instructions; and so the inference is that the guests are the public guests from the time of their arrival. Unless something occurs to the contrary, I am very clear now that there is no necessity for your presence, so far as the parade is concerned, until such time as you shall find it convenient to arrive. Monday the will be in plenty of season if you choose to postpone it until that time; but you will no doubt find it very agreeable and meet many friends if you choose to be here Sunday and Monday. Please seasonably notify the Fifth Ave. Hotel when to expect you there. The gentleman at the desk so requested, and I promised that you would do so. Please also notify me.

Arrangements have been made for all of your column to be in position before 11 o'clock, so as to receive the marching salute from the entire preceding column. Probably by the middle of next week I will send you particulars. You need give yourself no concern about any of the arrangements thus far. Everything seems all in shape, and requiring only current attention to its details. This is being given. We have arranged for, at least, one and sometimes two officers to be on duty all day at No. 1 Broadway representing you.

The Sickles matter is all provided for. He said to-day he had not received the letter you mentioned to me.

I cannot yet answer you definitely about the occupation of the time during Monday evening and Tuesday evening; but I expect to be able to do so in two or three days. I send this to Burlington, and before you will have received it will have wired you at Cleveland if it shall become necessary.

Trusting that you may have a pleasant journey, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

W. O. Bremner.

General O. O. Howard,
Burlington, Vt.

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HEADQUARTERS FIRST ARTILLERY,

ST. FRANCIS BARRACKS,

ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA. April 17 1897

Maj General O O Howard

Dear General

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of recommendation as requested by me - and to thank you very much for it. It far exceeded my expectation in scope in setting forth my qualifications.

No matter what the result of my application if I conclude to send it forward, the letter is a matter of great satisfaction to me and will be preserved among my retained papers, as one of the papers I am most proud to exhibit - I have had copies of it made - one of which I shall retain. Should I send on the original - Again thanking you

and with the most heartfelt wishes for your success in all undertakings, I watched you on your trip, preceding the late Presidential election, with great interest, hoping for good results - and was not disappointed. Please give my best regards to Mrs Howard and the members of your family with you and with the highest to yourself -

I remain
Yours very truly
M. R. Miller

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NEW YORK MILITARY ACADEMY

S.C. JONES, C.E. SUPERINTENDENT. ~~CAPT. J. GULICK, U.S.M.C.~~ COMMANDANT.
W. R. Dunton, 1st Lieut. U.S.A.

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If you can not come at that time, we will be glad to have you visit the Academy at any time. I know that you are interested in military education, and feel sure that you would be pleased with the effort we are making.

Very respectfully yours,

S C Jones

Supt.

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40 WEST BAY ST.
ROOM NO. 1.

NOTARY PUBLIC,
STATE AT LARGE.

JAMES J. HOLLAND,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW.

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Answ
declined
7th Apr 97

Jacksonville, Fla., April 17th 1897

Genl. O. O. Howard
Rutland Vt.

My Dear Genl:-

Being an old Union soldier and having been a member of Co. E, 75th Ohio Regiment, and attached to the 11th Army Corps, of which you were the Commander, I take the liberty of addressing this communication to you, I am an aspirant for the Jacksonville Post office in this city, and am advised to get if possible a letter of recommendation or endorsement, from my army officers as far as possible, while of course you do not remember every soldier that was under your command, still as old soldiers and comrades, we feel that we have the right to call upon, and receive the aid, or such aid as lies in our power to grant, so if you will give me a letter of recommendation to the President, you will I assure you confer a great favor on a old comrade, who will be ever grateful for the same.

Hoping that you are enjoying good

health. and with best wishes for you
and your,

I am dear Comrade
Fraternally yours.
J. J. Holland

I have endorsement from my Col. A. L.
Harris of Ohio.

J. W. HOWARD.
CIVIL ENGINEER.
No. 1 BROADWAY.
NEW YORK.

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"Be sure that Harry indorses the $14.00 interest paid on Apr. 15, 1897, on the back of the note for $200."

Yours affectionately,

Enclosure $14.

J. W. Howard

TELEPHONE, 1372 BROAD.
CABLE ADDRESS:
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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
NEW YORK.

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Copy for O.H.

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23 Fifth Ave., City.

Dear General:-

I find your letter of Apr. 14th before me on my return from Buffalo, for which I thank you very much.

For some reason known probably to polititions, my father was not selected for the mission to Constantinople, which however, personally pleases me because he takes such an intense interest in that to which he puts his hand that new duties at Constantinople at this time would wear him far beyond any remuneration this government could pay.

The absurd efforts to have the mission to Constantinople raised to an Embassadorship and thus place Turkey on a par with England and France, notwithstanding Mr. Foster's name and influence have failed. I repeat what I have ventured to write before, that a plain minister doing his duty can accomplish as much in matters of real importance as an Embassador.

If the mission to Spain were tendered my father I would be very glad to urge him to accept it, but you know he is a man who has personally never sought any position or promotion.

Again thanking you for your excellent letter and friendship in the pastas well as the present, I remain,

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New York, April 18/97.

My dear General

It gives me pleasure to inform you, that our friend has returned and though her health has only little improved it seems she felt too uneasy about her home to stay away any longer. The Doctor will come to the house now 3 or 4 times a week & with good care & rest we hope she will soon have completely recovered. —

I had a good chance to get another position with one member of the old firm, but unfortunately for me, he has been summoned quite suddenly to Europe and may not return before end of June. So I must wait two or three months or try to find something else.

Mr Kiderlé who has been with us so long, will also shortly leave for Europe and will not return anymore. As we cannot take in other boarders because it is against the rule of the house we may soon have to change our home again. Of course she feels greatly worried about all this and requests me to ask you, dear friend, if you could possibly get her a place with some friend of yours in N.Y. where she could take care of the house during the summer, while the family is in the country. — She thinks this would also be somewhat easier for her during the hot weather than to keep boarders. You know what a good housekeeper she is; and it would save her at least the rent and give her an opportunity to earn something for herself, as she seems to perfer to do without my assistance. — She would be very grateful to you if you could get her such a place without giving you too much trouble. —

We hope we shall be able to see and cheer you, when leading the army of veterans at the coming grande parade, and I shall take the liberty to call and try to see you at the Hotel. —

I remain, dear General,

yours very respectfully

M. Ritzler

Flora. Miss.
April 18. 1894

Genl. O. O. Howard
Burlington. Vt.

Dear Cousin:-

Your very kind letter together with those to Messrs Hill & Lea came duly to hand. I have delayed acknowledging their receipt thinking I could give you some definate news in regard to the Postoffice matter soon. So far, however, I can tell nothing about my chances. The present Postmaster, under the rulings of the P.M. Genl., will hold over for a year longer, so probably there will be nothing definate done for the present. However, it is evident that Hill has the patronage of Mississippi under his control and if influence enough can be brought to bear on him I can get the appointment when it is made. He wrote me that he would advise me to get the endorsement

of the County Committee, but I don't think that will count for much. for the reason that this County was a Lynch County and appointed a Lynch Committee. Since the State Convention, which split into a Still faction and a Lynch faction, and after the Still faction was recognised by the National Committee, a few of the County Committee met and organized themselves into a Still Committee and Endorsed, through a Sub Committee, a Colored man named Love. But there is such a strong prejudice against a Nigro being appointed Postmaster and because Love has arranged to have it run by a white democrat if he should get the office I do not think Still will endorse him. The other applicant is a white man who has been a republican only a short time and who used to make his living by gambling. Still he is quite popular with the people at Scanlon and may be able to bring considerable influence to bear on Still.

Mr Still is now in Washington looking after the Miss. appointments and if there is any way that you could bring any influence to bear on him and get an expression of his intentions in the matter and induce him to favor my appointment I wish you would do so. Perhaps a word from one of our Maine Senators would have weight with him. Honor I don't want to ask you to do anything that would be distasteful to you and only explain the situation so that if you think best you can take some steps to help me.

This appointment seems to be the only chance I have for a new start in the world and I am very anxious to get it and believe I am entitled to it.

With kind regards to you and to all of your family

I remain yours truly

John Otis

Washington, D.C.
18th April '97.

Dear Neil Howard:

You remember me I hope - I was with Capt. Stuart in the army, and afterwards came here into the Treasury Department, occupied the ~~the~~ position of Deputy Auditor. When Mr. Cleveland became President in 1885, holding a presidential office of course, was oblige to resign. When my party again came into power in 1889 I was getting a good living for my family outside, and thought I would never ask office again. I am now in different circumstances and would be glad to be restored to my old place, that of "Deputy Auditor for the Navy Department". I was, as you say, a member, a member of the Congregational Church, and am now helping to build up a strong Church at Westbrook - Rev. Mr. Fishburn is pastor. We have over two hundred members and an increasing constituency. I have retained my legal residence in Newburyport, Mass.

and cast my vote there in important elections. Took part in the last campaign and voted the entire Republican ticket. I advanced from a clerkship of Class one, step by step, without political influence to the highest clerkship and then received the appointment of Dep. Auditor from Mr. Garfield, which I held five yrs. If you are willing to do so, I would be very much gratified to have a letter from you, addressed either to the President or the Secretary of the Treasury, recommending my appointment on the ground of ability and Experience in the service

I am, Sir

Yours, very truly,

Benj. D. Davis

Leeds Maine,
Apr. 18, '97.

My dear Cousin,

Your kind letter so full of sympathy was duly received and much appreciated.

You ask for some particulars of Mother's death. To me it was very sudden I had been at home only two weeks before and fully realize how much she enjoyed.

At the last she seemed to have taken cold, at times was greatly distressed for breath. Father called the Dr, he thought it was mostly the bloat about her body that caused the distress and began to give her medicine to remove it, but she seemed not strong enough to bear it, the heart seemed to gradually weaken

spent the Christmas vacation & left Mother seemingly comfortable and when on the morning of the 18th of Jan. I received the telegram announcing her death it was such a shock to me! It seemed that I could not have it so. But God has given me strength to bear what at first seemed insupportable.

It is two years this March since Mother lost her health. The doctors called her disease heart trouble & weakness of the heart which caused poor circulation and bloating followed. The greatest suffering was from being pressed for breath when bloated. The Dr would remove the bloat and then for a time she would be quite easy but it would come on again. Poor dear Mother! She was so patient through it all I think we did not

hope to have a visit from you in Strickbridge. I expect to go to my new home the first of June. Of course our wedding must be very quiet. I shall send out no cards. Withers death makes many changes.

Father and Lucy join with me in love to yourself and family.

Affectionately
Lucia Howard Tree.

Mrs O. C. Howard,
Burlington, Vermont.

and on the morning of the 18th of June she passed away very quietly and peacefully in her chair. Father and Mrs Lyons were with her. Lucy was here having come from the Normal school the Friday before. Oh we miss her so much! She was such a good mother! but we trust that our loss is her gain. As Father said when

he last looked at her
"It's more hard breathing"
Father is very calm
but I sometimes think
he misses her more
and more as the
days go by.

I had planned
to stay in school
only another term
as resigned at once
and Lucy and I
have both been
with Father since.

I was very sorry
you could not be
here at the funeral.
I sent you a telegram
from Strickbridge
hoping you might
come. Uncle Croydon
came. I have thought
many times how
glad I was that Uncle
Croydon and wife
and Aunt Mary
could visit us last
summer. Mother en-
joyed them so much.

How you been well
this winter? You
call last summer
was so short; I hope
next time you will
have more time with
us. And I shall