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The present President of the Society, Mr. Baily of Philadelphia, will preside at the anniversary and Rev. Dr. Dunn of Boston, the successor of Bro. Stearns, will present a synopsis of the annual report.

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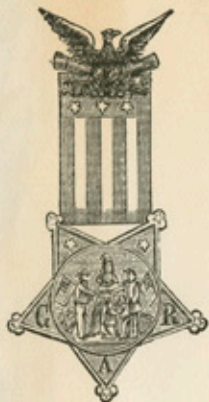
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C. D. GIBSON,
Assistant Quartermaster General.

A. W. FULLER,
Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff.

H. E. PERKINS, St. Albans,
Senior Vice Department Commander.

D. W. DAVIS, Chester.
Junior Vice Department Commander.

Bennington, Vt., May 19, 1897.

Gen. O. O. Howard. U.S.A.

Burlington. Vt.

Sir:-

The thirtieth annual encampment of this department will be held in this city June 22, 23d. and in connection with same, a grand reunion of all Vermont veterans. This is one of the delightful towns of Vermont. Our state Soldiers Home is located here, and is a model of comfort to those so unfortunate as to be obliged to avail themselves of its privileges. Many points of historic interest make this a most fitting place for the gathering. Many prominent men have been invited from different parts of the country, and every thing points to a successful meeting.

In behalf of this department, and the loyal people of Vermont, I extend you a cordial invitation to be present on one, or both days, and trust your engagements are such that you can be with us, I can assure you that you will be received with a hearty welcome by the Boys with whom you marched and fought. If not possible to be with us but one day, should prefer the twenty-third inst.

Fraternally yours.

Dept. Commander G. A. R. Dept. Vt.

Grand Army of the Republic

N. M. PUFFER, Commander

E. E. SMITH, Adjutant
John W. Puffer, Treasurer
N. M. Puffer, Secretary

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Bennington, Vt., May 19, 1891.

Gen. G. C. Howard, U.S.A.

Bennington, Vt.

The thirty-first annual encampment of this department will be held in this city, June 12, 1891, and in connection with same a grand reunion of all Vermont veterans. This is one of the delightful towns of Vermont, and the state soldiers home is located here, and is a source of comfort to those so unfortunate as to be obliged to avail themselves of its facilities.

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Respectfully yours,

N. M. Puffer

Gen. G. C. Howard, U.S.A.

COLGATE UNIVERSITY

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HAMILTON, N. Y. May 19, 1897.

General O. O. Howard,
Burlington, Vt.

My dear Sir:--

Your favor of May 17 is at hand. The subject which you suggest, "The American Volunteer", entirely suits us, and I have also answered an inquiry of Mr. Pond to this effect.

Yours very truly,

Albert Perry Brigham.

May 12, 1867.

General O. O. Howard,
Burlington, Vt.

My dear Sir:--

Your favor of May 11 is at hand. The subject which
you suggest, "The American Volunteer," entirely suits me, and I
have also answered an inquiry of Mr. Ford in this effect.
Yours very truly,

(Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Senate Chamber, Boston.)

35 Congress St

Boston May 20, 1897

My dear General,

I have your letter of no date,
(but presume it was May 19) and in reply
will say that though I want to see you
very much and might be able to give a
point or two, yet, believing the letter
ought to be answered, I enclose
the communication from Harper Bros.

I went over the ground very thoroughly
with Mr. Alden, and even suggested that
if Gen. Porter (a staff officer of Grants) can
contribute to the Century Magazine matter
of interest, what could a division commander
accomplish, full of history & present interest?

All this may, possibly, lead to a new
thought with you & the Harpers.

I also suggested that you had data
for illustrating the articles, and I
sincerely hope that you may make a
satisfactory arrangement. They are
very eminent among the world's publishers,
and your last great work I feel
sure could not fall into better hands.

Possibly you can slip to Boston from
Fitchburg or suggest where we can meet sooner.

I hope great care in your correspondence &
direct communication from you to the Harpers will
occur. Excuse my anxiety that this all may be
a success.

I am glad you like the
photograph. If you will write to J. E. Purdy
& Co. 146 Tremont Street, Boston, and say
you are pleased with the proofs and
would like copies of each size, they will
forward you some of each free & gladly.
Compliment them a little. God bless you. Ever
Yrs. O. S. Howard. } Sincerely Yours S. S. Blanchard.

HARPER & BROTHERS
PUBLISHERS
NEW YORK CITY

FRANKLIN SQUARE, May 17, 1897.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Henry M. Alden has shown us
your courteous letter yesterday in regard to
General Howard's Autobiography, and we
hasten to say that we would be very much
pleased if the General would kindly give
us the opportunity of considering the work with
a view to publication. Is the ms. in such
advanced stage of preparation that he could
send it to us for examination?

Acknowledging your friendly office in
the matter, we are, dear Sir,

Very truly yours,

Harper Brothers.

S. S. Blanchard, Esq.

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1887, 1st July

Dear Sir,

The young Mr. Allen has shown us
your letter which is published in regard to
General Brown's Cartography, and we
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pleased if the General would kindly give
us the opportunity of examining the work with
a view to publication. As the war is not
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Anticipating your friendly offer in
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Yours truly,

W. H. Stansbury

W. H. Stansbury, Esq.

Howard University,

Washington, D. C.,

May 20, 1897.

Dear Sir:

The Annual Meeting of the
Board of Trustees of Howard University
will be held in the President's Room, Uni-
versity Building, on Tuesday, June 1, 1897,
at 3 o'clock P. M.

Dinner will be served at 6 o'clock.

Very respectfully,

J. B. Johnson,

Secretary.

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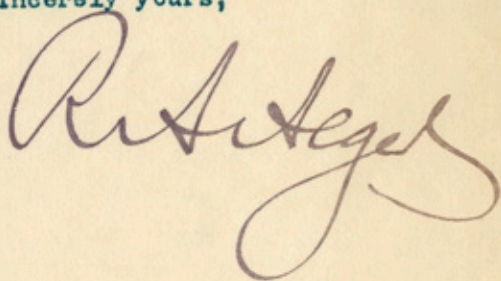
May 21, 1897.

My dear General:

I have your letter of the 17th
inst. I am glad your war-like blood is still
pulsating, but I hope we will be able to avoid
a conflict.

I did not receive the "brief account"
but would be very glad to.

Sincerely yours,

A large, flowing handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. S. Engel".

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

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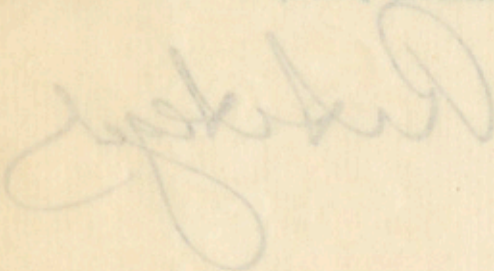
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