New York, March 11, 1898.

On Monday Evening, May 2, 1898, the National Council of the American Institute of Civics will give a Reception to the surviving Major Generals and Admirals of the Civil War, at Hotel Majestic, Central Park West and 72d St., New York City. All of the patriotic societies of the United States, the regular army, state militia, and other societies, will participate in doing homage to the surviving Corps Commanders and Major Generals, who, as a body, will represent the heroes of that great struggle which renders the nineteenth century conspicuous in the world's history.

This tribute will be gratefully rendered by a loyal people, and an object lesson to the generation which has risen since 1861.

The Institute cordially invites you to become its guest, at Hotel Majestic, during the celebration of Charter Day of Greater New York, May 2d, 3d and 4th.

Your early acceptance will be appreciated.

Chairman of the Executive Committee.

To Major Gen. O. O. Howard.
New York, March 11, 1939

On Monday evening, May 7, 1939, the National Council of the American Institute of Civic Design will give a reception in the back

and rear gardens of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Middle Park East and 129 East 59th St., New York City, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The reception will be open to the public and to members of the Institute. A number of other societies, including the American Institute of Architects and the American Institute of Municipal Engineers, will participate in this event.

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Chairman of the Executive Committee
Gen. Oliver O. Howard,  
Burlington,  
Vermont.

My dear General:  

Enclosed please find a copy of a paper read a few nights since at a dinner at which were present a number of veteran Major Generals of our late war. The movement for the establishment of The National Volunteer Reserves met with such approval at their hands and at the hands of other gentlemen, both citizens and Regular Army Officers, there present, that it was urged upon the author to visit our National Capital and lay the plan before the Administration, which was done and it was submitted to the Sec. of War, the General of the Army, the Head of the Bureau of Military Intelligence, the Asst. Sec. of the Navy, the Head of the Naval Militia and the Executive, and met with unanimous and hearty approval, and it was the hope of these officials that the plan therein contained would be carried into effect at the earliest possible date, as a spontaneous declaration of loyalty on the part of the people at this time would not only be a wise military measure but a valuable peace argument. A demonstration of such proportions as it is believed this appeal to the patriotism and fidelity of our people would bring forth would not only prove of practical value at the present time but would have a powerful influence at home and abroad in the future as regards our military standing.

You are therefore earnestly requested to carefully read and consider the enclosed and it is our earnest hope that you will allow us to use your name as a member of the committee of 100 in going before the country.

Enclosed also please find a partial list of the veterans who it has been decided upon to invite to take places on this committee, many of whom in the vicinity have already accepted. Kindly keep this matter confidential or at least out of the papers for the time being as it is hoped to bring it forward simultaneously all over the country at the proper moment.

Trusting to hear favorably from you at an early date, I beg leave to subscribe myself,

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

W. D. Washington

B. F. Kellogg, Sec.
The National Volunteer Reserves

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN RED CROSS
No. 1 BROADWAY, N.Y.

March 10, 1939

For Officer of Honolulu

Department:

In your capacity as a member of the National Volunteer Reserves of the American Red Cross, the movement for the relief of disaster victims is being carried on in many parts of the country. You are charity workers and as such, your efforts are appreciated. Your efficiency and promptness have been conspicuous, and I am especially pleased with the work of the Seattle Branch of the American Red Cross and the services rendered to the victims of the recent fires.

I am writing to express my gratitude for the help rendered and to express my appreciation of the excellent work of the Branch. The Branch has done a splendid job in rendering assistance to those in distress and its efficiency and promptness have been greatly appreciated. I am confident that the Branch will continue to render valuable service in the future.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Chief of the Branch

American Red Cross

[Address]

[City, State]
March 12, 1898.

My dear General:

You cannot imagine how your patriotic and unselfish offer of the 10th instant has affected me. I can assure you that your sympathy and support is much appreciated, and I sincerely hope that should the worst come to worst it will not be necessary to call upon you whose patriotism has so often been put to the test and never found wanting.

Very sincerely your friend,

[Signature]

General O. C. Howard,

The Buckingham,

New York, N. Y.
My dear General:

You cannot imagine how your request

and necessity after all I have advanced here

to teach me. I can assure you that your sympathy

and support are much appreciated, and I assure

I will not do necessarily to get you know you more

and never forget what I am.

With respectful your service,

[Signature]

General O. C. Howard

The President

New York, N.Y.
Dear Comrade,

A few days since in the hall of our Post it was stated that you were present at the Battle of Antietam. I infer that you have not been wounded in the engagements in front of Richmond, but a Comrade was present that he saw you throw through the rounds received in the engagements in front of Richmond.

Yours in G. H. 

[Signature]

Late Major 4th N. H. Cols
Northwestern Iowa Veterans Association

Fitchley, Iowa, June 13, 1898

Maj. Gen. C.C. Howard
Burlington, Vt.

Dear General:

I am in receipt of a letter from your Secretary in answer to a letter addressed to yourself in which he states that you will deliver a lecture at the annual meeting of this Association, July 15th, 1898, for $100 and entertainment while in Fitchley. We desire to accept this invitation. Kindly send us a contract in duplicate and we will sign one and return to you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,

H. Neill

J. F. Glover, Quarter Master
McAfee Brothers
Real Estate Brokers
and Financial Agents.
108 Montgomery St.
San Francisco.
Mar. 14, 1898.

Genl. O. O. Howard,
Burlington,
Vermont.

Dear Sir:

We inclose herewith a letter from Wm. R. Fall, Secretary
of the California Investment & Colonization Company, stating that
his Company desire"to deed back the land" etc.

We are in communication with Mr. Deacon of Bakersfield
who thinks that he can effect an arrangement by which he can pay
the $2,000 recently proposed. In the meantime we will prepare a
deed for the C. I. & C. Co. to execute provided no other arrangement
can be effected.

We will order an abstract of title to the property subsequent to the date of mortgage held by you to ascertain the exact
condition of the property.

We have had but little rain or snow so far this season and
there is every indication that a shortage of water for irrigation
will result.

Yours truly,

(Inc.)

P. S. If you have any abstract of title to the property, please
send it to us or let us know where it can be found.

[Signature]
Dear Sir:

We impose upon you a present letter from Mr. W. W. Niffen of the Co., and a letter from Mr. D., President of the Company, stating that the company cannot accept this offer.

We are in communication with Mr. D., President of the company, and the same statement applies to your letter of the 6th instant. We are informed that the company is in the hands of receivers and that the letter is to be considered as an offer to purchase the property.

I am, therefore, returning your letter and the property in question.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
North Vernon, Ind.,
Mar. 7, 1898.

Messrs. McAfee Brothers,
San Francisco, Calif.

Gentlemen:

Regarding the obligation of the Calif. Inv. & Col. Co. held by Gen'l Howard I have to say that there is no likelihood of the Company ever being able to meet them.

You have been very lenient with the company, giving it time as long as there was hope to accomplish anything, and now that there is no further hope the Company stands ready to deed back to the Gen'l the unsold portion of the land it had from him. Will you prepare the deed and send it to me for signature?

I have just received a long letter from a tenant which I shall return to him and ask him to send to you. I think he can make the place pay.

Yours truly,
(Signed) Wm. R. Fall, Secy.

P. S. The name of tenant on place is C. B. Alexander, Bakersfield.

W. R. F.

(Copy to Geo. C. Howard)

*Post*

Dear Brother,

I don't think we have any abstract of the title,"all papers regarding Kern Co. land are in the three boxes at Burnet's" perhaps some were on the shelves, from which the names and dates of your grantees can be ascertained by Gay & sent by him to McAfee. Ask him to request me if I have taxes adjusted. Harry."
Dear Miss Ellis,

I am sorry, but I have not been able to get in touch with you. I have sent a letter and a card to help you out with your information. It is not what you want, I hope you can help me.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Date] 19__
Dear General,

Your esteemed letter has been received with best thanks.

As my friend, who has hurt himself last week, has an appointment with the Doctor to-morrow (Tuesday) on account of which he might possibly miss you, he begs you to kindly postpone the intended visit.

If convenient to you, it would give me the greatest pleasure to have you take dinner with us next Saturday.

Yours very respectfully,

Mr. Ritzler.