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FRANK W. OBER, Editor
705 Association Building

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With many thanks for your kindness, and the earnest hope and prayer that God may overrule all this trouble to the advancement of His kingdom, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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S. HOLMES, PREST.

Salt Lake City.

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Gen. O. O. Howard
Buckingham Hotel
New York City

Dear Uncle Otis:-

David has answered the call of the Governor of Colo and gone to Denver with his company to volunteer for the war. He is Capt. of a Cripple Creek company and I wish you would write him a good encouraging and affectionate letter. I expect to return home next week.

Love to all

Hastily

O. O. Howard Jr.

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RECEIVED at 109 State Street, BOSTON. April 27 1898

Dated Lynn Mass 2

To Genl O. O. Howard, Care

S. S. Blanchard, 35 Congress St.

Boston,

ans'd April 28/98

If it would not interfere with your rights will you recommend me for appointment as a major General of volunteers

Adelbert Ames

2.40 Pm

2510 4th Ave. So.

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Minneapolis, Minn.
April 28, 1898

Gen'l O. O. Howard

Burlington Vt.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 21st inst. in response to my request of the 17th came. With the most sincere thanks for your kind courteousness I beg to state, that the President through his Secretary Mr John Addison Porter advises me that my application to the former has been referred to the consideration of the Secretary of war, to whom your recommendation I presume would now have to direct.

I hasten to transmit encl. recommendations from our Mayor, Mr Robt. Pratt, endorsed by Mr Wm Lochren late Commissioner of Pensions now U.S. District Judge of Minnesota; Mr F. G. Holbrook, Postmaster, & Governor A. M. Clough State of Minnesota - Genl John B. Sanborn Past Commander Minn. Commandery of the

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Loyal Legion and my own Post Commander I failed to meet thus far and as delay might be fatal shall forward the latter if required. Being convinced however that your own recommendation will suffice to gain recognition for me I have the honor to be

Most Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Rudolph Mueller
late Capt Co D 82d Ill. Vols

P.S.

My only son Albert Hecker Mueller is a Cadet at the U.S. M.A. West Point having entered June 19, 1897 is doing well in his Class

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Answered

file
O.O.H.

On the train

Hamilton Ont.
April 28th/98.

My dear General Howard:-
Allow me to congratulate and thank you for your grand and Christlike speech at Tremont Temple, Boston.

Would that all our great thinkers would so set duty to humanity above self interest.

Yours in the Lord Jesus Christ -
Irving J. Woolley
of Pawtucket R.I.

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His father M. S. Jarrett was a merchant in Malanzas but retired in 1892 and the now makes it his home in New York. He has never entered into political affairs.

Will you forgive me for all this writing and try to help this young man to procure a position to which he is fitted and where he will be of use? I know of no one of as much influence with the government as you have. Will you finally make some suggestion to him and do what you can for him?

His address is, 50 Madison Ave New York City.

Again begging your pardon for the liberty that I have taken I am most respectfully yours Jane Night Phinney.

1516 Bolton St. Baltimore, Md.
April 28th 1898.

Gen O. O. Howard.

My dear Sir.

I am very desirous that you should become interested in a young Cuban gentleman who, is very dear to me. His father brought him to me in Ireland, in 1885 when he was eleven years of age. He was in the Butler School for three years then I placed him in the Rodney Latin School, for four years and he entered Harvard University in 1893 & left June he graduated.

and the first of July, he
went to Europe, & has
traveled in England, France,
Spain (and Prussia
old family relations)
He travelled in Germany
in company with the
son of Earl Shaftesbury who
graduated at the
same time. In Sept.
he went to Geneva, &
entered the University
to study in the French
language. His intention
has been, to pass the
coming summer in
travelling, and to return
to his home in New York
in Sept. and in October
to enter the Harvard
Law School. But the
Man has changed his
plans. He telegraphed
his father on Saturday
that he was about to take
the steamer from South-
hampton for New York
hoping to, in course of
may be of use, to the
land of his birth and
also to his dear adopt-
ed country. Engaging
in of an exalted character
ter and cultivated mind,
and fine bearing, and
manners - only it
seems to me that he
could be of great use
as an interpreter, guide
and assistant to a General
He is conversant with
the life in Cuba and
has many influential
friends there.

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Camp Memorial Church and Mission,

141 Chrystie Street,

Between Broome and Delancey Streets.

Rev. H. G. MILLER, Pastor.

New York, April 28 1898

My dear General: Since the beginning of the present excitement and the opening of the war, you have often been on my heart and mind, and I have wondered whether or not you would be called into active service - I think I know how your heart beats and how every drop of your blood is loyal to the Country and how ready you are to follow the call to duty - I am one of those who were very conservative in expressing opinion before the storm broke upon us, - I am now ready to do what I am called on to do. I have always been a soldier - always ready to obey - willing to be subordinate, willing and ready to follow. Because I am a follower of Christ, and am the more ready to follow my superiors or those who are over me in authority -

I have passed the age limit for enlisting by a little over 3 years. but I am non the less ready to go to the front and would do so if I could find the opportunity. I was not quite 15 when I enlisted during the Civil War. was then a big heavy boy. Passing the

physical Examination Easily - I am now strong and vigorous, can endure hardship I think as well as ever. I am ready to go - where the need is greatest - where it will be hard and discouraging - I think I can be of service to the Country and I can be of great service to men - and serve the Master by bringing Jesus to them and making men acquainted with Jesus as their Saviour - I should like to be a Soul Saver in the army. Can you suggest and help in in this line.

I can leave the Camp Mission work in good condition and I feel that it will be taken care of during my absence. Mr Austin has returned from Alaska, and is now in Sullivan County, he can come down and help along - Mr Walton is without charge in Brooklyn and he will be glad to come over and help along in the work. We are now in good condition. We are sending some new men to our Ecclesiastical conference & Council to get them broken into the harness & to make them feel that they also have part in this work. The Lord has blessed us this winter and has honored us by his presence in our meetings. Next month - just a month from to day we will have our annual meeting

Camp Memorial Church and Mission,

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Rev. H. G. MILLER, Pastor.

New York, 1898

at which we elect our trustees. I think we will be able to report a good year. From Willie Hauptman I get very good reports. I wish I could help him more than I can. I have been hindered by the misconduct and thoughtlessness of others and of some in his own family. In his last he tells of your last visit to Oberlin

Dr Camp we are all well. We are praying for our country - and praying for those - who like you are deeply interested in the present conflict. I have been down to the Washington Building several times hoping to see you - but always failing to meet you.

The dear Lord bless you and fill you with Himself - and keep you strong and vigorous and make you a great blessing to many

Yours in His name
H. G. Miller

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Bissinger Building, 608-610 Court Street,

Reading, Pa., April 28. 1898.

Maj Genl O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

Dear General:-

My son Mr E.E. Stetson is an applicant for the position of 2d Lieut U.S.A. I served during the war as Captain 15th U.S. Inf. You will remember me as the son of Mr C. A. Stetson of the Astor House. New York. I should be pleased if you will send me a letter either to the President or Secretary of War

Respectfully
Prince R Stetson

Reading, Pa., Oct 28. 1908.

Mr Geo. O. Howard
Wolverton, N.H.

Dear Sir:-

My son Mr E.E. Stetson is an applicant for position of 2nd Asst. G. Engineer during the Winter on Atlantic Ocean. For his references we go to the Mr G. O. Stetson of the Cart Stetson. Hoping to hear favorably of for him and we letter either at Reading or Gettysburg.

Respectfully
Chas A Stetson

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W. R. Hearst

Answered Not at home

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Copy of telegram from New York Journal
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Answer

Despatch of 28th only just received. Having again offered my services formally to the government and expecting favorable action I cannot entertain your proposition

May 2, 1898.

O. O. Howard
Major General U. S. A.
Retired

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Chicago, April 29, 1898.

Gen'l O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

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Mrs Ames joins me in kindest regards to yourself and Mrs Howard. Your friend

Adelbert Ames

Dorchester Mass.
April 29 1898

My dear General:

You do me too much honor. If you are refused a command and would serve on any generals staff that general would do the patriotic thing by begging you to do so and by taking your advice at those important moments when your superiority would count for so much.

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Whether I am appointed or not you have doubled my debt of gratitude to Dryan. I do not forget your assistance thirty five years ago.

In thinking the matter over I recall that as both an Infantry and Artillery officer I might possess experience no other officer of the Army has.

At Bull Run 1st I was in Griffin's Battery. The following year – twelve months – I commanded a light Battery of regulars.

I was in the siege of Yorktown with it.

After Gettysburg I went to participate in the siege of Charleston S.C. with my Brigade.

As you know I successfully assaulted Fort Fisher N.C. with my Division.

While political considerations would and should influence in the

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30 LAFAYETTE PLACE.

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EDITORIAL ROOMS OF "THE VOICE."

New York April 29, 1898. *189*

Major General Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

Dear Sir:-

We regret that a misunderstanding has arisen concerning the compensation for your article published in this week's Voice. We should have specified in the telegram sent you something concerning our rates, but the editor in charge of the matter was under the impression that you had a regular understanding with the house concerning Voice rates. Our regular rate is $5.00 per column, and we only very rarely pay $10.00.

This matter has been, at your suggestion, referred to the head of the house, and we enclose you herewith check for $15.00.

Very truly yours,

Dic. F.

Editor of The Voice
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Major Gen O. O. Howard U. S. A. (Retired)

Dear Sir- The Commercial Club requests the pleasure of your company at its 143rd dinner which will take place at the Auditorium Hotel Saturday Evening April 30- 1898

The subject for after dinner discussion will be The Cuban Situation

I trust the club may be favored with your acceptance

Respectfully
H. J. Macfarland
Treasurer

Chicago April 27th 1898

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Chicago Ill Apr. 29th 1898

To Gen Russell A Alger
Washington D.C.

Why not give me a Volunteer Brigade of Colored troops and make me junior to all Generals on active list
O.O. Howard

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

For O.O.N.
Burlington. Vt.

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TELEPHONE 1272 BROAD.
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S. S. BLANCHARD,
35 CONGRESS ST., BOSTON.

April 29. 1898

My dear General,

The Lynn matter is off as they do not wish to pay the amount. Perhaps tis just as well take you running back so quick. Dont forget to let me know if the Boston Bap. Soc. Union can have you on Monday Eve June 6. That is if you are to be in this vicinity? It comes one WEEK after Decoration day, May 30.

Please write me your programme after you leave Berea College, Decoration Day.

The feud is heavy between Perkins & Boynton, Very Sorry. Bad blood.

Write me, & remember the latch string is out at our home, always. Very cordially

Maj Gen. O. O. Howard, S. S. Blanchard

To be answered after my return. O.O.H.

Revere House, Boston, April 29,1898

To the President.

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It appears that the art of war has become so great an art and science, the combination, grand strategy and supply of armies that only the most learned are deemed entirely competent to be entrusted with the life and honor of nations. Not in the leading of army corps, but in the combination made necessary by the sudden changes, so that the President of the United States, the King, and his nearest Von Moltke can properly advise and order those movements over the entire field on which success depend. If Generals Grant, Sherman and Thomas were living, and you appointed them upon a committee to select such a man by reference to the archives, removing General Logan and appointing General Howard to the command of the army of the Tennessee, you will find their reasons why no man, however brave, successful, able and patriotic was in their judgment fitted for the combinations of armies, extending through several states, as did the armies of Tennessee. Their judgment was ratified by victory from mountain range to range, until Sherman and Howard were united in the march to the Sea, and through the Carolinas until at Bentonville defeating Johnsons army of fifty thousand men Howard closed the last battle of the rebellion, and the armies of the South laid down their arms. Notice, Howard graduated at his own university with the valedictory, was at the head of his class at West Point; was appointed chief of ordnance under General Harney; was recalled as Professor at West Point, commissioned Colonel of the Third Maine on the breaking out of the war; opened the battle at Bull Run; saved Washington by forming the reserve line at Centreville, which repulsed the Black Horse Calvary, and preserved the Capital, that dark and awful night. Howard's right arm was shot to pieces nearest Richmond at the battle of Fair Oaks, when Richmond was un-

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General O. O. Howard
Washington – D.C.

My dear General.

Many of my friends have been urging the Secretary of War, to whom I offered my services, to appoint me or request the President to appoint me Brigadier General of Vol. I have received a letter from Genl. Alger in which he expresses himself in the kindest manner, and promises to make use of my services. The officers and men who have served under me during the War enthusiastically support me, also the officers and members of the G.A.R of this Dept. Remembering with gratitude the many kind words you always had for me concerning my qualities as a soldier

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My dear General.

Many of our friends have been urging the Department of Texas, to return & appoint our Comrade, to appoint or request the President to appoint our Brigadier General of U.S. & have received a letter from Gen. Edgerly in which he expresses himself as the Invalids prominent, and promises to treat one of our comrades. The appointment and Brevet are first rate under our Recently, the Texas National Encampment was, when the appointment and Brevet of the G.A.R. of the Rep. Commandery would practically be in our hand. Could you otherwise feel for me Concerning our Comrades as a Brother

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and as some of my services have come under your personal observation and notice, I take the liberty to beg you to tell the Secretary either verbally or by letter what you think of me and my qualifications for the position. By doing so you may greatly aid my aspiration, and you know, my dear General, that I will do my duty in such a manner that my old commander will not be ashamed of his recommendation.

Thanking you in advance for what I know you will do, I am as ever

Your sincere friend
Edw. S. Salomon

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Thanking you in advance for what I know you will do, I remain as ever

Your fraternal
Chas. S. Edwards

Gen. Carlos S.
Edwards
Marin County

MOHONK LAKE, N. Y.

April 30th.1898.

My dear Sir:-

The Fourth Annual Lake Mohonk Conference on International Arbitration will be held here Wednesday,Thursday and Friday, June 1st,2d and 3rd.

Mrs.Smiley unites with me in extending to you and your wife a most cordial invitation to be present as our guests. We would be glad to welcome you Tuesday so as to be at the opening meeting Wednesday morning. The last session will be held Friday evening,and you are invited to remain until Saturday morning.

The enclosed time-table gives the different trains by which Mohonk may be reached. Tickets should be taken only to New Paltz where my carriage will be in waiting.

We hope to hear that it will be possible for you to attend.

Very truly yours,

Albert K.Smiley,

by D.Smiley

To

Gen.O.O.Howard.

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GEO. PRENTISS ROBINSON,
POMONA, CALIF.

Answered

Pomona, Calif, April 30, '98.

Dear General,

In such times as the present when great difficulties are before the nation, is it not wise that each one possessing ability in a certain line should endeavor to to fill a station where he can be of the greatest service? The creation of the volunteer army will so greatly increase the duties of all staff departments, that expansion of these latter is an absolute necessity. This expansion will doubtless cause many appointments to be made, and I greatly desire to secure one in the Pay Department. I grew up in the office of my father Maj. Geo. T. Robinson whom you well know, and eventually becoming his clerk, served nearly three years as such, finishing my service in the department about two years ago when father left Denver on account of his retirement and come

to his home here. From my long
experience before and while being clerk, I
know I am capable of conducting the
business of a paymaster's office, and I be
my services would be more useful as
paymaster than in any other station
at the present time. My application f
such an appointment is made, and wit
the aid of a few strong men such as
yourself I am sure my case will so
A letter from you will help materially
and although it is asking much of you
as I well realize, I trust you will fin
it proper to so assist me. Your know
edge of me began in San Francisco a
'87 or '88 when father was stationed there
under your command. I was then
a student at Berkeley, and well rem
ber the lecture upon Gettysburg which
you gave before the Battalion of Cadets
at the request of our Commandant, Lie
Harrison. From Berkeley I was grad
with the rank of First Lieutenant, h
ing in my senior year inaugurated
there the drill in military signali

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and the excellence of the work of my detachment was highly complimented by Col. Burton, when he inspected.

Our last meeting was during your visit to Judge Gilmore whom it was my pleasure to know well in Denver, for some two years, being associated in two organizations, one of which the Pine Tree Club you may recall, and the dinner at the Windsor.

In this matter we count upon the valuable aid of Senator Perkins who is a personal friend. If in addition, aid from my native state can be enlisted, so much the better, for these two influences together with strong army support make a strong case. So therefore in addition to writing a letter of recommendation I ask you to, if possible, enlist the aid of some of the Maine delegation. Mr. Reed and Mr. Dingley are of course the very strong men of the hour and their influence is much sought after.

But with your acquaintance with them, which I take for granted, you can perhaps secure their good offices now if you will ask them.

From the outside, I have already very fine letters from Maj. Ponchake of the Los Angeles Nat. Bank and from Mr. Seaver Prest. of the First Nat. Bank in this city, where I am now employed as accountant. Generals Shafter, Merriam and Corbin and some others who are well known to the President I count among my strong friends.

You know a personal interview with the President counts for more, than a multitude of letters and you can readily gain the opportunity for an interview with Maj. McKinley if you feel so disposed. I trust to your good judgment to speak the word for me in the way it will do the greatest good.

Your last address known was Burlington, but lest it has been changed in the past year I send this in care of the Adjutant General Washington. My father joins me in best wishes and kindest remembrances.

Sincerely yours

Geo. P. Robinson

Address % First Nat. Bank Pomona. Calif.

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My dear Brother:

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Should you desire to make other arrangements please inform me and oblige,

Very truly yours,

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