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July 8, 1898.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Chickamauga, Ga.

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*{ written on the 6th of March
to Chickamauga. Returned
by P. O. Finally remained
from N.Y. on the 27th*

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

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I have repeatedly asked you to refrain from working in my behalf until I was satisfied that all other assistance would not fully suffice, coupled with a desire to be admitted on merit. But I regret to say that ~~about~~ two months' effort on the part of myself and the gentlemen above mentioned have failed, and I now ask that you take such steps as you deem best, to learn whether or not I will be commissioned or definitely set aside.

You are at liberty to show this letter to whom you desire.

Affectionately Your Son,

James W. Howard

P.S.---I attach a copy of my indorsement from Col. Eugene Griffin as a sample of the many letters which have gone forward. J.W.H.

P.S. 2nd July 27-

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*James M. Griffin & Co. 27-28
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The list of officers in the 1st. Regiment is complete, so that there is no room for him in this Regiment.

I would most earnestly recommend him to the attention of the War Department for appointment as an Engineer Officer wherever circumstances may permit. Major Howard has been in Cuba, is familiar with the climate, topographical and social conditions of the island, and as an Engineer Officer on the staff of a Corps or Division Commander, would, I am satisfied, render very valuable service.

I sincerely trust that you may find an opportunity to utilize Major Howard in this way.

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

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Northfield, Mass.

July 27th 1898

My dear General Howard:

I was rejoiced to learn yesterday by your telegram from Key West to Mr. Hillar that you were on your way to Cuba. I have not been able to hear anything directly from you before. If my letter to you has been forwarded you have learned that Mr. Moody is in thorough accord with your visiting Cuba, and all the camps in behalf of the Commission work.

We hope to send a good

man to Key West in a few days. We are now corresponding with Rev. Charles Herald of Brooklyn and expect that he may give us August for Key West, as soon as we hear from you as to the offering for evangelistic work in Geril. Shafter's says we will look around for some one to go there.

Schiverea has gone from Chickamauga to Jacksonville. I feel that we should have an evangelist at Fernandina

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with Genl. Cappingier's men.
Please post us about this.

I am slowly getting
back my strength and getting
rid of rheumatic pains;
and hope to be out in a few
days raising money.

We had a splendid response
from the young women's
gathering here in a col-
lection of \$720.

Mr. Moody is much
encouraged as to the
financial prospects.

and hopes to be in condition to push the work vigorously." We pray daily for you and Mr. Howland, and trust you may both be kept from sickness and be filled with the Spirit of God. If Howland can write for you another letter for the N. Y. "Independent," it would help us. We have not been able to get our communications into their columns.

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With very much love,
and kind regards to
Howland I am as ever

Yours very truly
D W Whittle

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208 Newbury St
Boston July 27th 1894.

Gen O. O. Howard

Honored Sir,

Perhaps you

will remember a few
appreciation words you so
kindly wrote me some time
since concluding those loyal
songs. I wish you could
suggest how when they
may do the most good or
be of the greatest helpfulness
at the front, among
the soldiers or in the hospitals.

Especially the Army to
Allegiance to be sure
with - uplifted hand.
They have been published at
this very nominal - price
for this special purpose.
and I wish the army
& navy might have a
generous supply.

Very sincerely yours

Charlotte W. Hawes

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Buffalo, N. Y.,
July 29, '98.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir:-

In one of the late issues of "The Ram's Horn", I noted the statement that you are interested in the establishment of a new university at Cumberland Gap, Tenn.

I write to offer my services as instructor in Latin and Greek.

Upon completing the Classical Course in the University of Rochester in June, 1896, I received the degree of A. B., with recommendations as to character and ability from several of the professors. I spent the next school year in the Rochester Theological Seminary, but was prevented from returning in the Fall of '97 by a peculiar sorrow.

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Buffalo, N. Y.
July 22 - 98

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If opportunity offers, I would assist in some other department than the one I mentioned, as for example, in conducting Freshman classes in French and German, - also in mathematics.

It would be my purpose to preach the gospel as time and opportunity afforded to the neglected ones of that region.

Whether I receive a reply or not, permit me to express my hope for the future welfare of the university.

Very truly yours

Chas. E. Parker,

199 Oneida St.,

Buffalo, N.Y.

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Charles B. Parker

199 Quaker St.
Buffalo, N.Y.

Calbreath & Goucher

PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS.

Office over McMinnville National Bank

McMinnville, Oregon, July 30 1898

Major General O. O. Howard

Burlington VT

Dear Sir

in looking up the records of lot
1. Block 37, Oak Park, addition to McMinnville
I find you hold title. If title is I am
correct. I own the joining lot 2. and I
would prefer having two lots to build
on. otherwise I don't think I will build
on the one lot. now if you wish to
dispose of your lot I will offer you
twice or 3 times the worth of your lot
by way of trade as follows. 4 lots in

Port Townsend
No. 4, 5, 6, & 7. as
shown on plat
making a size
of 150 + 135 ft
which I paid

Plat shown

45	45	45	45	45	45
6	5	4	3	2	1
117	111	100	90	80	70
40	7	135	8	135	40

Austin
addition
to Port Townsend

\$50 per lot. lots going sold by single lot at \$80 each
and I will give you a warrant deed to the
4 lots as stated and you ~~deed~~ warrant deed
to me.



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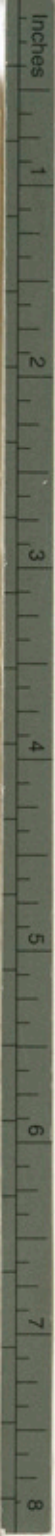
Office over McMinnville National Bank

McMinnville, Oregon,

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Yours here is worth to day about \$60⁰⁰ the
lots across the way and corner lots are offered
at \$55-50 per lot including corner. while
yours is not a corner. but as it joins
mine I will give you this extra tract
the taxes on yours are not paid. and
I will assume that also. and
pay on mine. and give you perfect
title as mine are all paid for and
will give you a warranty deed. and
you give me a warranty deed. if you
will do this you may make deed at
once and send it to McMinnville
National bank with instructions to deliver
to me as soon as I deed mine to you
and place same in their hands to send
to you. so the transaction will be perfectly
safe. on your part as well as mine
hoping to receive a prompt reply I
remain yours truly

Mathias. W. Gortner
McMinnville Ore



Calbreath & Co
PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS
111 N. 3rd St. St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the case of the above named patient. I am sorry to hear that the patient is still suffering, but I trust that the treatment prescribed will be successful. I have no objection to your publishing the case, but I would prefer that you should not mention my name. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, etc.,
J. C. Calbreath

Lieut. Harry R. Lee, 6th Inf'y,
In Charge.

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Post • Exchange,

July 30, 1898.

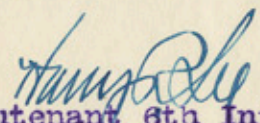
Fort Thomas, Kentucky, _____ 189

Mr. H. S. Howard, Secretary,
156 College St.,
Burlington, Vt.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt this day of check
on Burlington Trust Company, for \$55.40 - amount of collection of
certain Exchange checks from Detachment 6th Infantry, by 2d Lieut.
John Howard, 19th Infantry.

Respectfully,


1st Lieutenant 6th Infantry,

Exchange Officer.

Copy & mail

Post-Exchange

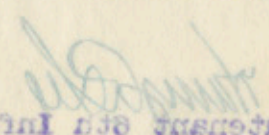
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