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THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA.
JUDGES' CHAMBERS.

Bellefonte, Pa., Sept. 29th, 1898.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.,

My dear General: Your letter of the 19th instant has been received. I am home for a day or two from the duties of our War Department Investigating Commission and am endeavoring to bring up my correspondence, etc., and take great pleasure in enclosing you my check for $10.00, as requested, in aid of your Lincoln Memorial University. The name is good for that amount and the object of it makes a strong appeal to me. I would be glad indeed to be one of the 150 to contribute the amount needed to clear your property from debt but my benevolent fund is very largely overdrawn and there is a very active demand upon my small balance, so that this is about the best I can do. Sorry I cannot do more.

Wishing you great success in this noble effort to give a lift to people who greatly need it, I am

Very cordially yours,

James A. Beaver

Enc.

Gen. Jas. A. Beaver
Bellefonte
Pa.
Amid
O.O.H.

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Re Rev. Thos. L. Riggs for Indian Inspector

Chicago, Sept. 29, 1898.

Dear Brother:-

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The times have been very hard and missions have been cut down until there is not living for Mr. Riggs and for all the others that should be kept in that work, and it would be beneficial in that respect for him to draw out and would serve to put him in a more comfortable place in the matter of salary.

Affectionately,

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C. W. Morse

Gen'l O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

Chicago Ills
Sept 29-'95

Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

It having been a most pleasing diversion of mine for many years in collecting the Autographs of well known and representative men I take this liberty in writing to ask if you will kindly give me one of yours - Written on the enclosed Card - And should you favor me with a sentiment, if nothing better should suggest itself, would say that I cherish with most profound esteem the following which was

uttered by our beloved martyred President - Abraham Lincoln - at Gettysburg. "The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here."

I have his autograph, also many of the Generals who were active participators in the Civil Strife.

Now should you graciously respond be assured of my hearty thanks and high esteem

Yours Very Truly

Edwin F. Balden

241 - 55th St - Hyde Park

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Chicago, Sept. 29, 1898.

Dear Brother:-

I received your letter, appealing the case of Capt. J. I. Wilson to the Secretary of the Interior. I will fill in the name of the regiment, company, etc, and forward a copy of the letter prepared for you, addressed to Hon. H. Clay Evans, Commissioner of Pensions, which I suppose you signed andsent to the Pension office. You were to fill in the date. It was sent from here on or about June 18, 1897.

I never knew positively whether yousent it to the Commissioner or not at that time. Harry once wrote me, or some clerk in your office, in your absence, that he supposed you forwarded it soon after it arrived, but that it never was recorded.That letter, a copy of which I will inclose herewith, gave all the necessary data. I simply forward it for your information andto be retained by you, as a copy of your former letter, which I now forward directly to Hon. Webster Davis, Ass't Secretary of the Interior.

Capt. Wilson's regiment was the 36th Illinois Volunteer Infantry; he was Cap't of Company "C" and he served in Gen'l Stanley's Division of the 4th army corps under your command; was an exceptionally good company officer. He became deaf before leaving the army but the deafness grew upon him. According to the Surgeon of his regiment, this deafness and diseased state of his nervous system, was the result of a severe illness, which you know about, and that severe illness was chiefly the result of his being lost in the swamps of Arkansas when he came near starving to death, and was greatly exposed in the rainy weather without shelter and without blankets. He was cared for by the colored people.

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These freedmen befriended him and supplied him with food. It is a shame for the employes of the Pension bureau to try to prevent Mrs. Wilson, the widow, from obtaining a pension. But this letter, which I suppose you signed, and copy of which I now forward to the Ass't Secretary, gives the essential facts in the case.

Affectionately,

C. H. Holden

Gen'l O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

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Burlington, Vermont.

About June 20 1897

Hon. Henry Clay Evans,

Commissioner of Pensions,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to ask your attention to the inclosed application for widow's pension by Mrs. Josephine M. Wilson, of Chicago. I knew her husband, the late Capt. James I. Wilson of Company "C," 36th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. That regiment was in my command in the Fourth Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland. I do not need to identify him, as he had for some years received a pension before his death as referred to in Mrs. Wilson's application. Capt. Wilson was associated for some years with my brother in business, and was almost totally deaf and as stated by Surgeon Pierce of his regiment, this deafness and a diseased state of the nervous system was plainly the result of his severe illness while in the military service. In support of this fact, and also of the fact that his death resulted from the same causes and is directly traceable to his suffering and hard service in the campaigns in Missouri and Arkansas, I invite a careful examination of the affidavit of Dr. Sam'l K. Crawford, formerly Surgeon of the 50th Ohio Vol. Inf. Dr. Crawford is still a well-known physician in Chicago, and held important positions as a staff surgeon, I am told, as well as Surgeon of the 50th Ohio Vol. Inf. Dr. Crawford states that he knew Capt. Wilson in 1865, and that it was evident at that time that the impaired functional operations of his brain and nervous system had resulted from exposures in the swamps of Arkansas, and resulting sickness.

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I submit that this affidavit of a well known and reputable citizen of the United States and a late prominent officer in our volunteer army supplies ground for reversing the decision made by a former Commissioner to the effect that Capt. Wilson did not die from diseases resulting from his military service.

I ask attention still further to the affidavit of Dr. William P. Peirce, late Assistant Surgeon of the 26th Ill. Vol. Inf., who was officially connected with the regiment at the time Capt. Wilson served in it, to the effect that the diseases contracted during that service produced a permanent impairment of the functions of his brain and nervous system. A copy of this affidavit of Dr. William P. Pierce is submitted herewith, but I am credibly informed that the original is on file in your office. I scarcely need to add that I have no interest whatever in this claim, except to do justice to a late comrade whom I knew personally, and to his widow, who is in every way worthy and deserving of justice in this matter of her application for a widow's pension.

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Major Gen'l Retired

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Camp Meade Pa
Septr 29 1898

Dear father:

Thank you for sending Smith's note. I have been so absorbed that I did not even know that he had been nominated for Governor which I suppose is the office referred to.

At the same time I telegraphed you I telegraphed to Rev. Mr. Pleton at Medford, but I was not sure of the town, and have received

country to do garrison duty. At least I think it would be foolish to send them, with their many wants and many friends to want things for them. I imagine they will be held together somewhere till the peace treaty is signed and then mustered out. I am very well and living comfortably now and have my work well organized, so there is no longer a rush and hurry. Give much love to all at home.

Your affectionate son Guy.

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a note from him thanking me and saying that he was just starting for Washington as a result of my notice. His name is Geo. M. Preston. I learned of Preston's sickness from an officer of his Regiment who said he was too ill with typhoid fever to be asked where his family were and that he barely was not permitted to see him.

I don't know about the scare in reference to Harry's eyes, but hope he has not had to have painful operations.

Do you think of going to take Mohawk Oct. 13th. I would like to meet you and mother there if we are not in the midst of a move or a muster out and can get away from here for a few days. Does Bessie think of coming to Philadelphia this fall? If so she and Miss Weightman must come out here for a day.

There is talk of Cuba but I do not believe any volunteers will be sent out of the

Station R.
Kingston, N.Y.
Sept. 29, 1898.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
New York City.

My dear General:-

We are planning a meeting for the young men of our city on Sunday afternoon Oct. 9th. Our object is to stir them up, enlist them more earnestly in Christian work and to make them an effective force for righteousness

in their respective churches and in the Young Men's Christian association.

I write to ask if you can and will spend that day (Oct. 9th) in our city, address the men's meeting in the afternoon and a general meeting in the evening?

Your presence and message at that time would be of great service to the cause of our Master hereby

bringing more men into active Christian Service.

We will gladly pay the Expenses of your trip and furnish you good Entertainment. If more is required let me know.

You may not recall me, but we have met at our Christian Endeavor convention and spoken from the same platform.

If you can come and

will feel like speaking more than in the afternoon and evening I shall be happy to have you occupy my pulpit in the morning. We expect to have a large attendance of men at all the services.

Kindly reply by return mail and <u>come</u> if <u>possible</u>.

Heartily and fraternally yours,

R. W. Sherwood

Medford Mass. Sep 29. 93.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir:-

Many thanks for your kindness in informing me of my wife's sickness in Washington. I have just returned from a short visit to him, and found him improving, having passed the crisis of his disease. He seems to have every care that can be given him, and I hope that nothing new will take place to prevent his final recovery. We are all very grateful to you and Aurelia and Lucia to be remembered to you.

Sincerely yours,

Geo. M. Rustin.

Maj. Gen O. O. Howard.

EDGAR O. ACHORN,

Counsellor at Law.

27 Tremont Row,

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BOSTON, Sept. 29th, 1898.

General O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vermont.

My dear General:-

I received notice today that there would be a meeting of the Boston & Fall River Bicycle Road Co. on Wednesday, October 5, at 10 A. M., in Room 313 of the Exchange Building, Boston. This notice was served upon me upon the theory that I held a general proxy to represent your interest in the road. It was said that you also were to receive notice. I am not aware that I hold any general proxy to represent you and should not attend such meeting unless further advised. If there is anything I can do for you in connection with this matter, I should be very happy to do it, and I wait to hear from you.

I hope you are very well, and I remain

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Yours very sincerely,

Edgar O. Ashorn

of his family he leaves behind him.

Mrs Shepherd sends love and all good wishes to you in which I join.

Ever sincerely yours
Chas H. Shepherd

61. Beekman St
New York.
Sept 29th 98

Dear Genl Howard.

I remit the letter and circular regarding the "Lincoln Memorial University" and will do what I can be it little or great.

I can not do anything financially as you know as this time but I can talk and bring it to the notice of people who will no doubt

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consider it and contribute.
I am struggling hard this
to get out of my tangle
of financial difficulties
and hope by Christmas to
see some light towards
it.

If you will send me
some of the circulars
circulars I will try to
push them where they
will bear fruit.

I wish you could let
me know when you
expect to be in

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New York again so I
could see you for a
few minutes at the least.
I see by this morning's
papers that Thos. F. Bayard is
dead. He was a kind hearted
cultured gentleman. And one
who thought a great deal
of you. which makes me
love his memory the
more. I shall never forget
the kind words he said
to me on the "Paris" coming
over from England and
the warm affectionate manner
in which he spoke of
you. May God bless and
comfort the members

GEN. O. O. HOWARD,
U. S. ARMY, RETIRED.
156 COLLEGE STREET.

BURLINGTON, VERMONT, Sept. 30th, 1898.

DEAR FRIEND:

Will you kindly read my circular to your school and let them make a single contribution to the grand object that I have in view. It is Christian and missionary and intended for the upbuilding of the mountain people.

In the name of our Master.

Sincerely yours,

Oliver O. Howard
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For Lincoln Memorial University,
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From Cong. Sunday School
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A. M. Somers Supt.

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Relect for Mr. Jones file

H. W. Jones,
Pastor Cong. Ch.,
Ashfield, Mass.

New Brunswick, Sept. 30th, 1898.

My dear General:—

Your touching appeal is at hand, and you may be sure it would afford me much pleasure to respond. But one who has given his life to teaching, Y.M.C.A., and Sunday School work, the last third of a century without any salary, fee or reward, finds himself far past the threescore and ten without the means to meet such noble calls as yours before me. Long and serious sickness in my family, followed by sad bereavements — leaving only my daughter, have changed the outlook for your friend, and now he is waiting and waiting — a pilgrim nearing HOME.

God bless and prosper you and all your work, and give you great success!

Regretfully, but sincerely yours,

C. B. Stout.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Burlington, Vermont.

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Hon C. B. Stout
New Brunswick
N. J.

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D. APPLETON & COMPANY,
72 FIFTH AVENUE,
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LONDON OFFICE: 25 BEDFORD ST. (COVENT GARDEN.)
CABLE ADDRESS: HILANDERO.

30 September, 1898

General O.O.Howard,

156 College street,

Burlington, Vt.

Dear sir:-

In reply to your letter of September 19th we beg to enclose you statement of sales of General Taylor, together with statement of your account. From this you will see that there is a debit balance of $17.99.

We are making a decided effort on the subscription edition of the Great Commander series and we hope that our next report will be more satisfactory.

Yours truly,

D.Appleton & Company,

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Treasurer

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SUPERINTENDENT REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT.

Louisville, Ky. Sept. 30th, 1898.

COURIER JOURNAL ENG. LOUISVILLE, KY.

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Gen'l O. O. Howard,
No. 156 College St.,
Burlington, Vt.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of recent date received, and in reply beg to say that we are now communicating with parties in Memphis and in the East with reference to the extension you have asked for as to the payment of the Four Seasons Hotel property. So soon as we are in receipt of an answer we will communicate with you. We are, dear Sir,

Yours respectfully,
Columbia Finance & Trust Co.,
By J. Lithgow Smith
Supt. Real Estate Department.

Lynnville, Ky., Sept. 30th, 1898.

Gen'l O. O. Howard,
No. 156 College St.,
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Dear Sir:

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General O. O. Howard,

My dear Sir,

Mr. John Bricker Walker has asked me to prepare for his newspaper syndicate, The International Literary and News Service, which, as you probably know, supplies a large number of the leading newspapers of the country with special matter, a very extended article on the Reorganization of the National Guard of America - should it be reorganized and in what ~~way~~ manner, that is, what are its needs? A plan has already been proposed, of this order, to have ~~the~~ the field officers of the Guard West Pointers, serving on half pay and giving approximately

much good may come to the militia service.

I shall hope for a speedy answer ~~for~~ from you, and believe me, my dear Sir,

Very truly yours,

Cromwell Childe.

430 W. 24th St.,
New York,
Sept. 30/98.

or
Editorial Rooms,
The Cosmopolitan,
Irvington,
N.Y.

About
Oct 1st/98
O.D.H.

half their time to the militia. There are, of course, other projects, the above being simply one of the number.

The subject is a most important and vital one, and Mr. Walker has commissioned me to get the opinion of all the military authorities possible. Those near at hand I am, of course, visiting personally. Gentlemen like yourself at a distance I must needs write to. Mr. Walker is especially desirous of getting your opinion and General Schofield's. He has spoken to me very definitely on this point. We want the views of thoroughly representative men on this subject, for out of these opinions

Rec'd Oct. 7, 1937

CHARLES BROADWAY ROUSS,
NEW YORK CITY.

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Mr. O. O. Howard,

Managing Director,

Cumberland Gap., Tenn.,

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Dic. by A.J.S.
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CHARLES ROSS & SONS,
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