833 Shrader Street,
San Francisco, Cal.
[June, 1901?]

General O. O. Howard:
Burlington, Vt.

My dear General:—

I have returned from the Philippines and am once more a citizen of the United States, but I cannot say that I am glad to be out of the Army. I think a commission as a lieutenant in the cavalry would be about the finest thing in the world, still Captain Brownell would probably laugh if he heard that I wanted a commission, and as I cannot be an officer I have made up my

You
in the Army and I have had
an experience that I shall never
forget nor regret.

Colonel Rice out of considera-
tion for you, has ever been exceed-
ingly kind to me, and I am sure
if, when you see him, you should
thank him he would appreciate
your act very much.

Captain Brownell: I love
with all my heart and there is
nothing in the world I would not
do for him if I could. There is
not a braver or better Captain in
the Army than he. I hope that
the country will be fortunate

mind to try the United States Consular service. I shall get something to do here to defray my expenses and then until next fall or Spring study shorthand, typewriting, French, and Spanish, also any and everything I can get hold of on South America especially Venezuela. Then if possible I shall spend at least two years in college taking up special work bearing on the preparation for work in the consular corps. After this, I shall go to Caracas, Venezuela, get in our consul's office there some way or other and then make myself so valuable in the service that I cannot help but work up in it.

If some day, my own little state of New Jersey shall have reason to be proud to call me one of her sons, and I shall have done something, however little, for this grand country of ours and last but not least, I shall have made my mother's life happy, then I shall feel that my life has not been quite in vain.

All things are possible to him who wills, but, man proposes and God disposes and without his aid I can do nothing.

enough to secure his services in the regular army. They could not find a better captain.

My heart went out in sympathy for you, my dear General, and Mrs. Howard, when I heard of the death of your brave son, yet he died a soldier's death and for his country. Could one ask more!

Hoping that this will find you and yours in the very best of health and again thanking you for your interest in me, and with kind regards to Captain and Mrs. Brownell and other friends in Burlington, Believe me, My dear General, yours most respectfully.

Walter Stockton

June fifth, Nineteen hundred
and one.

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My General:—

I know it must be great relief to you, but it makes me lonesome not to ask you as Managing Director. I feel as though I was in the middle of the week and did not know which way to look for Sunday. How I would like to sit down and talk with you regarding this work.

We are getting things into pretty good shape. The boys I have had moved into the house and they will be inspected and taught every day. The new committee has not met yet but I trust they will soon. I hear very little from Dr. Curry except through others.

I am very sorry that nothing was done about defining the lines of authority, as I suggested in my report.

These terms, President, Vice President and Acting President, must be confusing to those who see them on the letter heads. If I had been consulted I could have arranged matters in a simpler form.

I come here especially to develop the Industrial features as well as to represent you. The office of Managing Director should be abolished. Let Mr. Avery be President. Let me be Vice President and Supt. of School of Practice, which includes the Industrial features and let me have a free hand in my chosen field. Then we can all work in harmony.

I can raise the means to carry on my end of the work.

Burbank
Lewis

As it is I am at sea. I care nothing for a little. I have always refused have of men. I know what I can do in making ordinary boys and girls into good men and women. I know how to accomplish things with little money if need be, though I know how to spend large sums when they are at hand.

Now, it looks to me as though our work would be delayed. Eldefer & Girls Bldg on the ground that it cannot be put up for 6.000. I know it can be done, though I know I could make it cost 50.000.

We can get money for other and grander buildings if we can prove our ability to build for small cost. Don't you see this? Let me hear from you if you have got chk from Mr. Carey.

Yrs fraternally John Hale Lacey.

Banfield
Estate

races going to school to-
gether. I very much doubt
whether you can write the
word which will induce
Mrs. Cheney to be with
us. Her influence for the
school would mean a
good deal. She is first vice
president of the N. E. Women's
Club, Boston, as well as a
well-known writer and phil-
anthropist.

At any rate, it is no harm
to write you these thoughts.
I feel glad to help any good
work, and you have ever been
ready to do it regardless of
race. With kind regards —

Susan A. Whiting

11 Washington Street,
Newton.
Mass. June 4, 1901.

Dear Major Howard, —

I am going to have a
"Lucy Stone Room" in the new Girls'
Dormitory of Lincoln Memorial
University, so write to let you know
in ample time. Mrs. Seavey sent
me some photographs of the girls,
the foundations of the dormitory, boys
at work, etc. All of which was
very satisfactory and interesting.
I have not all the money yet, and
presume it is not needed till
later, but I mean to have the room
if I have to give some more my-
self.

A letter came to me a few days
ago from Mrs. Ednah D. Cheney,
whom you doubtless know either
personally or by reputation.

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She says she long since decided not to assist any school which does not cordially admit colored and white alike.

She considers that any action than that, would be "false to the memory of Lincoln and still more to the character of our dear Lucy Stone, who set aside the woman's claim dearest to her heart, because it was the negro's hour" etc. She asks further if you can assure me that the Lincoln Sch. is to be carried on on this basis I will gladly contribute to your fund and shall rejoice in the progress equally of both colored and white, hoping for no rivalry but in efforts after intellectual rivalry and moral worth, otherwise I must hold up the race that is still oppressed and down-trodden.

Nothing would raise the mountain whites so much as the establishment of their Schools on the broad principle of the public school "for all and by all". I shall be glad to work with you in this cause."

I thought I would write you the principal ideas of her letter before answering. I thought possibly you could say that if the question should arise as to colored students going there, some effort might be made to have it done, even if that implied some effort toward changing the State law, which if I understood right forbids the

GEN. O. O. HOWARD, Managing Director, Burlington, Vt.
JOHN HALE LARRY, President, Cumberland Gap.
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Cumberland Gap, Tenn., June 4, 1901.

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

Dear Gen. Howard: I have not heard from you since we parted at our railway station May 23rd. Hope you had a pleasant return trip and arrived home safely and enjoying good health.

When you went away I understood that you would write to me as soon as you arrived home. Have not heard from you yet. Perhaps you did not go directly home. Having received no remittance from you we have made no arrangements to settle our debts now due. Not knowing how much you might have on hands.

Have heard from Dr. Avery several times. He seems to be thoroughly infused with enthusiasm and a desire to make a success of this work. I believe he will. Shall be glad to hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours
Chas F. Eager
Secy.

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H.Y. HUGHES. J.T. HUGHES.
HUGHES & HUGHES,
LAWYERS,
TAZEWELL, TENN.

June 5, 1901.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

My Dear Gen.:-

Yours of May 29, just received, and I am also in receipt of a letter from Mr. Avery on the same matter. I saw and talked with Dr. Larry on last Saturday and he expressed the same sentiment you give expression to in your letter. He feared that Mr. Myers would injure the University if he went into the field with any kind of authority to act for it. Mr. Avery also fears that his representing the University might have the same effect. This, of course, is a matter that those who have been in the field know more about than any one else, and I think the board should be guided in its action by the wishes of you and others who have done and are doing the work in the field. I shall therefore speak to Mr. Myers about the matter when I see him again and shall make known to him the desires of you and others. I should write him, but it is a rather delicate subject and I think it might have better effect if I can see and talk with him. I shall try to see him at once.

Yours very respectfully,

H. T. Hughes.

June 5, 1901.

J. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

My Dear Sir:

Yours of May 29, just received and I am also in receipt of a letter from Mr. Avery on the same matter. I saw and talked with Dr. Lerry on last Saturday and he expressed the same sentiment you give expression to in your letter. He feared that Mr. Myers would injure the University if he went into the field with any kind of authority to act for it. Mr. Avery also fears that his representing the University might have the same effect. This, of course, is a matter that those who have been in the field know more about than any one else, and I think the board should be guided in its action by the wishes of you and others who have done and are doing the work in the field. I shall therefore speak to Mr. Myers about the matter when I see him again and shall make known to him the desires of you and others. I should write him, but it is a rather delicate subject and I think it might have better effect if I can see and talk with him. I shall try to see him at once.

Yours very respectfully,

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June 5 1901
Morris Conn.

Gen. O. O. Howard Managing Director
Burlington Vt.
Dear sir:-
Find enclose
money order for $7.60 given by the Morris
Sunday school for the Lincoln Memorial
University. With good wishes for the work.
Yours
John S. Whittlesey Treas.
Morris Conn.

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Provo Utah

Hon. G. Q. Morris/ Treasurer Sunday School Assn. Dear Sir:

Find enclosed Money order for $2.50 given by the Provo Sunday school for the church Temporal Community. With good wishes for the work

Yours

John A. Whittaker Treas.

Provo Utah

this will find you and your quite well. I wish that I could get away from here soon. I have not yet seen Mr. Jones, he is very very busy.

Does it not make you very happy and thankful that you were chosen to do so much good in this world?

Always yours — mon General,

J.

1115 - 17th St. N.W.
Washington, D.C.
June 5. 01.

Dear General

This came open in my letter with the request to address it properly. I am so - so humbly proud - thankful - etc. etc. - - -

One - in fact - several of my children told me - or wrote me: "When I see the flag - Mrs C. - I think of you."

Some one of the dear old church in San Francisco told me: "You always make me think of the General."

I went to Arlington - took some beautiful flowers - lilies - peonies - fern and unknown - ma-donna grass - but I found none to put them in - so I put them in some of the leaves pretty

On my way back to the Carsel got lost in the woods - I just wandered around and

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came to a lonely part - where not a little flag nor a flower showed that some one had thought of the poor men who slept here. I had a little flag with me and put it to one "Unknown". — Cousin, when you have an opportunity - especially with W.R.C., tell them to decorate "Confederate's" graves first - When I asked "Why are these graves not decorated?" I was told: "Oh, they are confederates". On the top the speeches had thrilled me with the noleness of "no North - no South" — and when I came to the lonely graves - away off in a corner - bare - I felt - well - I did not feel very sweetly. I only met three boys - who answered my question - afterwards people told me - when I commented - ed upon it that "the Confederates have a day of their own" — Nonsense! All graves should be decorated - then if the Southern women want to decorate their graves again - why - let them do it - every day in the year if they choose!

The day was the first sunny one for quite a while - it was beautiful the wild grasses bowed to me did they know - that I bowed to their Maker in spirit? — I hope that

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LINCOLN MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY

JOHN HALE LARRY, Acting President.

GRANT-LEE HALL.

Cumberland Gap, Tenn., June 5, 1901

Dear General:—

I send you herewith copies of front elevation and of ground floor plan of new dormitory. The upper floor is similar to lower and the attic is to be finished off when needed and in such a manner as the demands will indicate. It should be remembered that our ground plans are all made and laid with the exception of the corner of lower and some other adaptations. So these plans are not given. Whether we shall build the upper story of brick or wood

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is still a question. Simply one of cost, however. I will send you later estimates of cost of lumber etc.

Now, as to machinery. New machinery. I could give you the cost of, but remember the engine we have, well worth 800.00 I placed for about 100.00. that I have put in the electric work needed, dynamo and all for 100.00. I keep my eyes open as I go through the world. I can personally hire a saw mill. If not I can buy a 2d hand for $90 that will need $90. put on it.

Planing mills 2d hand can be bought for 225.00
Turning lathe 50.00
Shingle Mill, 125.00
Cutting off saw 75.00
475.00

I think by taking a trip to Cin. O., I might save nearly 100.00 on them. We shall need some shafting and belts to these but cannot give estimates now.

I would buy these at once and get them in place if means were at hand. The good building days are going by. This wood working machinery will pay for itself soon in the work we can do for the outside world. If we can purchase these things at once I will see that the building fund of the dormitory is reimbursed, from other accounts for me, must put up other buildings and the difference between.

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finished lumber and our own, and will soon pay the cost.

We have foundations for this machinery all laid and shall build for it as soon as we get a vote through to tear down the Watts building.

Further:— It may be best to get detail plans of a good architect, though I think we can manage the thing all ourselves. You and Mr. A can decide this. On another sheet you will find reference to other matters.

Private. It is, like I have written Mr Acorn an appreciative letter. I have not published the matter in any way. I supposed the matter was private, but since Mr Acorn spoke so freely I thought the promise of utter secrecy was void. I sent S.P.A. front sketch and ground plan.

A.

McMinnville Or June 5th
1901

Gen O O Howard.
Burlington Vt
Dear Sir

I write you in regard to Lot No 8 in Block No 35 Oak Park Addition to McMinnville of which you are the owner there is a party here that will buy the lot and will give you the sum of $40.00 Cash he has bought a vacant lot next to it for that money. lots are very low in price in this addition and in fact all over the town if you conclude to sell for that money send deed signed and

I will send you the money less 5%.

Yours Very Truly

J. O. Rogers.
McMinnville Or.

If you will not take the amount named what will you be willing to take. I wish you would give me the lowest price on all of your property. ~~either~~ by the Lot as a whole and also your price for the whole in one body

J. O. Rogers