Ritch, Woodford, Bovee & Butcher,
18 Wall Street,
New York, Sept. 16/03

My dear General:

I get your letter, enclosing copy of letter from Mr. Wanamaker, urging me to go with you to Cumberland Gap. Am sorry he cannot go, for it would be very helpful if he could become personally & practically interested in this most valuable work.

We are just home from Europe where we have been all summer and I find my work in our law office in such shape that I cannot, must not go away again.
this autumn.

Am indeed sorry.

I note your first letter that I have been made a Trustee. As soon as I get official notification, I will see Mr. D.R. James the Treasurer; get from him a statement of the financial condition of the University; and then if conditions justify, I will accept.

Am an old-fashioned business man; want to know just what I am going into; and then, if I go in, will do what I can, as well as I can.

All at home since.

Hearty greetings. Faithfully,

Olivier O. Howard
Burlington, Vt.
Burlington, Oct 1, 23

My dear Sir: Let me express to you my high appreciation of the kindness and courtesy expressed in the gift of the badge and ribbon of our society, received by me yesterday, from yourself and the other gentlemen who joined in the excursion to Lake George.

I shall treasure the badge, not only for its intrinsic beauty, but still more as a mark of the regard of gentlemen whom I hold in such high personal esteem.

Sincerely yours, G.F. Benedict

Portland, Oregon, October 14, 1903.

My dear General:

I cannot thank you enough that you should have written us so promptly after the wedding and given us such a graphic picture of it. You shall have the palm for descriptive writing after this. It was like a picture, a touch here and there, a strong feature occasionally, and you gave us a happy glimpse of the whole affair not only at the church but at the house. Everybody else has been delaying until they could catch up and write us some what at length, and as a consequence we have not had a word from any one about the wedding until your good letter came. I shall take it home at noon, though I do not usually go home for luncheon, but I want Mrs. Sladen to see it as soon as possible.

Well, it was more than good of you all to go. I had been hoping that the wedding might at least catch you in New York, and that you might attend, but I did not think you would go merely on that account, and so we are doubly rejoiced that Fred could have had the pleasure and honor of your presence, and that of Harry and Bessie too. I know Fred and the bride's family appreciated it, and I am glad that they held you in the honor which is yours. It makes us feel almost as if some of our family were there, that you were present.

The rain, well, it did make us feel sorry when we saw that New York had never had such a rain storm before, and we feared all sorts of things might have happened, and that it might have thrown more than an actual dampness over the wedding. But your letter tells us that, in spite of the weather, all went well with them. That you did not kiss the bride must have been entirely your fault, for I know she would have liked it, and it makes me have some misgivings about your health, for it is not like to you let an opportunity of
slip. And as for "Joseph", and I am inclined to believe that he must have been Bessie's Joseph, he was craven to allow the Groom to kiss his wife and not retaliate in kind.

Mrs. Sladen has always been predicting that Fred would finally fall in love with some girl whom she did not know and who would not care for us, and now she says, "Isn't strange that he should marry a girl I have never seen, and yet one whom I love as if I had known her for long." So you see, if we have never met her, she has managed to crawl into our affections very deeply. She has written much to my wife, and so they have become very fond of each other, but, of course, the deep maternal reason is that she Elizabeth should love the mother's first-born so well.

Well, General, it was good of you to go, and it gives us great pleasure that it was so, and that Harry and Bessie should go. - Well, the dear children grew up together from infancy, and it is a happy thought that they should keep up their friendship begun so long ago.

Fred is old enough to have married many years ago, but he seems to have kept heart whole until he met his fate in this girl, and since that occurred he has been like a young kid who has just discovered his first love. Even Tumps said that Fred wrote about just like a boy. And so I think they both love each other well, and pray for them a happy life.

With much love to Mrs. Howard and Harry, and whom else of your family are within reach of you, and for yourself too,

I am, yours sincerely,
HALL FARM,
W. BENNINGTON, Vt.
Oct. 19, 1903.

Gen. O. D. Howard,
Burlington, Vermont.

My dear General,

I understand that you are to address the VT. Bible Society at Bennington on next Sunday evening, the 25th inst.

I just learn further from Rev. Mr. Sect of this village that you have been or will be invited to say something at his church on next Sunday morning. If this be so, if you think you can accept, Mrs. McCullough and I would be glad to have you stop with us Saturday night, if I will see that you get to Bennington Sunday afternoon to keep your appointment there in the evening.

And if you will let me know what train you will come down on Saturday, (which probably would be the flyer, arriving here about four P.M.) I will have you met at the station.

As ever, yours very truly,

O. G. McCullough.
The Hamilton,

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

Dear General:

I have this day received a letter
from H. L. Mitchell, Esq., of Bangor, Me., in relation
to the securing of a pension for the widow of our
old friend, Lieut. F. W. Haskell, late of Waterville.

Mr. Mitchell inquires if I was present at the White
House when President McKinley presented a Medal of
Honor to Lieut. Haskell, and asked me to inform you
of the facts. I was not present at the White House
on that occasion, and have not seen Haskell in a
considerable number of years. He was a good sol-
dier, and his widow deserves well of the country.

I am sorry to hear that his death left her in
adverse circumstances. I have written Mr. Mitchell
that I will do anything in my power to help the
matter of the pension along, but I think the move-
ment had better be made in Maine, where I am sure
Haskell had a large number of personal friends, who
will interest the Congressmen in the case.

My family and I enjoyed the little visit you
made us when in Washington. It was a source of
great pleasure to my daughter to meet you, of whom
she has heard me speak so frequently.

We hope that we may be fortunate enough next
Summer to have a visit at our home in Beth from
both you and Mrs. Howard.

My wife and daughter join me in regards to
you and Mrs. H.

Very truly yours,

P. Howard
Gen. C. C. Howard

My dear friend,

In a recent letter from one

mutual friend, Wharton J. Green of the New

York Historical Society, I found that when in the 

woods near Gettysburg recently, he 

attended 

some 

one and he says, "He spoke most feelingly

of a slight misunderstanding between 

himself and General Early after the war, leaving 

the impression on my mind, that he would not 

be amenable to have it obliterated. Can it

not be? I still stand by his

Yes! General - here are too near the 

end of our lines, to harbor the feeling of a 

misunderstanding. And here is my hand - there

is no feeling now, and I salute you as my 

classmate and friend.

Yours sincerely,
Stephen D. Lee
General O. C. Howard,
Burlington, Vt.

My dear General Howard:—

With all my heart I wish to thank you for your very cordial letter of October 21st. I have just heard from the Slayton Lyceum Bureau, under whose auspices you are, and have arranged with them for Friday night, February 12th, 1904.

Everyone here to whom I have mentioned the fact that you are coming, is greatly interested, and not a few are enthusiastic. I assure that we, here, shall leave no stone unturned to secure you a large audience.

Very sincerely yours,

G. E.

President.
Oct. 31, 1903

My dear General,-

I wish very much I could help you in your enterprise, but I have calls upon me which I cannot decline, and which exceed my ability.

Yours truly,

J. M. Woolworth

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Burlington, Iowa.
Dear Edward Howard:

I was in Maine when your letter came; heard the story in answer.

It gives me pleasure to contribute to the furnishing of a room and I hope long to see the election of the man. New York 5/1903
the first book of any name.

Ludlow House

Anne Attwood

Ch. 08 Dec 25th. Enfield.
Mayfield [illegible]

Dear [illegible],

I am sending you a book today. Mrs. Chamberlin [illegible] the volume and I remember that we met in the 72 on the 15th of November, 1902.

You are older than I am, but I don't feel any [illegible] energy than I do. If this you should be my fault. You are now ready to seeds for good. I think life from long ago, and if I have been longer than you, you may now feel more that the way you live is the same.

The kindly bear this in mind, and so right on reporting. Your thoughts have been made noticeable of [illegible] and Delagoa [illegible].
Worlese, for make me as you have been. On the day that bring back to you
so much stored in memory, let the
Chancellor's near them and loyal
5 to the nearest whom they hope to see
more soon in their home. Entrie more the
Chancellor's near me in June 5, 1855

Yours truly,

Franklin \[Signature\]

Wm. \[Signature\]
Tarrytown
on Hudson N.Y.,
Nov. 9, 1903

Major General
A. E. Howard

Randall M.

My dear General,

Our Young Men's Christian association will be gratified if you can address them on Lincoln's Birthday at 4:30 p.m. All expenses paid by them.

We are prosperous. Our leading citizens very active. President of our Bank. Mr. Baldwin, President. Hoping that you may be able to favor us. I am very truly, in F. C. B.

Alexander Hamilton.
Military Order of the Loyal Legion
::: of the United States :::
Commandery of the State of Vermont
Burlington

Nov 16, 1863

Lieut. George Grenville Benedict
Commander

Dear Sir and Companion:

You will be called on to respond to the toast to "The Old Army of the Union" at the banquet tomorrow evening.

All responses will necessarily be limited to ten minutes each.

With high respect

Very truly,

Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard
L.G. Benedict
HEADQUARTERS
MEDAL OF HONOR LEGION.

New York City, Nov. 16, 1903.

Dear Companion:

The meeting at the residence of General Sickles called for to-morrow Tuesday evening is necessarily postponed to Wednesday evening, November 18th.

Fraternally yours,

[Signature]

Gen. O.O. Howard
15-0 Nassau St.
New York City.
Mr. Harry S. Howard,
156 College Street,
Burlington, Vt.

Dear Harry:

It is 3 P. M. I have made several visits today, but have not been very successful. Have some appointments for to-morrow. Those of more value. Last night the G. A. R. turned out and I gave them a little reception, but no formal speech, at Shawmut Church; and they declared that they would come to the lecture. Dr. McElveen did nobly. I had promised me $50. from the Sunday School, and $100. besides. Today Mr. Frank Wood gave me $100., and Mrs. Kingsley sent me $25. I shall attend the Congregational Club at about 4 o'clock P. M. today, but have declined the G.A.R. Club banquet. I shall go to bed early to night out at Wollaston, so as to get a good sleep and be well prepared for to-morrow. I lunch with Mrs. Arnold to-morrow, who is about 93 years old. I am surprised at such longevity. [Handwritten note: She is 101 years old.]

I had a royal visit at Mr. Perkins, stayed out there all day Sunday, and will go with him to night to the Congregational Club Banquet. I have written Chauncey that I will be in Washington at 1-30 P. M. Wednesday, and if he must go sooner, he can pay his way, and I will refund to him at the end of the month. The cost will not be more than $3.50.
Give much love to men and yourself.

Affectionately your Father.

O. O. [Signature]
Ambassade des États-Unis
18, Avenue Kléber
Paris 2, December 1903

Gen. O. C. Howard U.S.A.
156 College St.
Burlington, Vermont.

My dear General,

I have your very kind letter of Nov. 30th. and congratulate you heartily on the honor conferred upon you by the Medal of Honor Legion in electing you President. Once more there is “the right man in the right place”.

I recently made out my papers and sent them with a check to Quarter-Master Preston in Philadelphia, with a view of joining the Legion. I should have done so before but being out of the country have neglected it.

With my best wishes for your success, and hoping that you are growing old gracefully and that I may get back before too long to take you by the hand and talk over the heroic days of the past.

Yours very truly

[Signature]
December 5, 1903.

Hon. James T. McCleary,

House of Representatives,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:-

I said that I was on an inspecting tour as Commissioner of Freedmen during the summer or fall of 1866; that I visited a school held in a building constructed principally by the aid received from the Rev. Dr. Storrs' church (Pilgrim Church) in Brooklyn. The building was a temporary one, I think of one story, out of capacity to hold about two hundred children.

In addressing the school I closed what I had to say by a remark that I was going North right away, and asked what I should tell the children up there about them. One little boy, some twelve years of age, having on a white jacket, with a curly head and complexion not very dark, having large, bright eyes and a mouth full of the whitest of teeth, rose up by his seat in about the middle of the school room and, raising his right hand, used these words: "Tell 'em, Gen'l, we're risin'!" This boy's name was R. R. Wright.

When I arrived in Washington I made a public address at the Congregational church. General George W. Balloch, who is still living in Washington, was present and heard my story
about the colored lad. The next day he saw the account in print in the "Evening Star", cut it out and sent the clipping to Mr. Whittier. It was not long after this before I saw Mr. Whittier's beautiful poem in print.

Wright kept rising as a teacher and a scholar until he published an excellent work entitled, if I remember correctly, "The Education of the Colored Youth of Georgia." He wrote me concerning this work, getting data and information before its publication.

The next I heard from him was as Superintendent of the Agricultural College for colored youth which is situated near Savannah, Ga.

Again he became Minister to San Domingo, and after his return was made a captain or major and paymaster in the volunteer during our war with Spain. Since being mustered out of the United States service at the close of the volunteer period he has, as I understand, gone back to take the superintendency or presidency of (the Agricultural College above named).

He is a very intelligent and able man and a very pronounced friend of his people. I have never heard aught against him and believe that a man like him will continue to rise and be helpful to others as long as he lives.

Hoping you still remain in good health and strength,

I am, with much esteem,

sincerely yours,

(Signature)
The next day, we saw the account in print.

"The Evening Star" part of it and read the article to Mr. Whitfield. I was not long after this, before I saw Mr. Whitfield.

After this, I went home to paint.

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Nothing has ever taken memory in so far as history and arithmetic.

I wish you much success.
Dec. 15, 1903.

Dear Harry:

I send up a few letters for file that have been disposed of. I would like to have Dr. Larry's letters sent to Mrs. Bluebaker. It was Mr. Martin's wife to be associated with the room for the young men's dormitory. Her name is on the back of Dr. Larry's letter. I hope to hear that Mamma got home all right. You probably expected me in Burlington, but I will remain down until the Poughkeepsie meeting. To-day the American refineries issued to the university stock 10,000 shares which I transferred to Mr. James. Mr. A. G. Agnew paid me $1000. (his subscription) with permission to use it in paying Rev. Dr. Anderson some money which he advanced and which he now needs. With much love to Mamma and yourself.

Affectionately yours,

P.S.

Wednesday 9 A.M.,

Dr. Gill's and Miss Mott's letters came this morning. I am glad that Mamma seems better and hope the excitement of the journey has not done her any harm. I wanted to take her home myself; but Bessie's escort was doubtless better. Jamie is in his office today. Willie is at home before this. Chancery spent two or three days at Philadelphia; he came asa witness for the government. It will help him a little as he gets his expenses paid.
Dec. 17, 1902

Dear Henry:

I was quite interested to hear that you have been able to return to the United States. It is good to hear from you.

I hope that you are well and that your trip has been successful.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Appendix:

Mademoiselle,

I am delighted to learn that you have returned to the United States. It is good to hear from you.

I hope that you are well and that your trip has been successful.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
General O.O. Howard
No. 1 Broadway, New York City

My dear General,

I am greatly pleased to have had another

letter from you and to know you are enjoying good health.

With regard to your “excellent teacher of music at Cumberland
Gap” and her desire to procure another piano, I should be
very pleased to select a piano for her and make the price
on the grade that I sell to first-class piano dealers.

I would like to know how much she can afford to pay
as a first payment and then how much each month.

With a business understanding of these preliminaries I
shall let about my part of it immediately following.

With your compliments of the season and many returns,

Sincerely yours,
Freeborn G. Smith
United States Senate,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 28, 1903.

Gen. C. C. Howard,
Burlington, Vermont.

My dear General:—

In reply to your favor making inquiry concerning the whereabouts of Mr. Fred Sharon, I beg to say that I learned today that Mr. Fred Sharon is not now in Washington but is expected here about the 4th of January. He intends to make his home in Washington during the winter.

With compliments of the season, I am,

Yours very truly,

[Signature]