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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 postscript 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 statement of the financial condition of the University; & then if conditions justify, I will accept.

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

All at home join in hearty greeting.

Faithfully.

Edward L. Wheeler.

General
Oliver O. Howard,
Burlington, Vt.

SOCIETY OF COLONIAL WARS IN THE STATE OF VERMONT
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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Burlington, Oct 1, 03

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. G. Benedict

H. S. Howard Esqr

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

United States Circuit Court,
District of Oregon.
J. A. Sladen, Clerk,
Portland, Oregon.

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 somewhat 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 brides 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, 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 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 it-all 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,

J. Sladen.

STATE OF VERMONT,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Hall Farm,
No. Bennington, Vt.
Oct. 19. 1903.

Gen. O. O. 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. Peck 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, & you think you can accept, Mrs. McCullough & I would be glad to have you stop with us Saturday night, & 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,
J. G. McCullough

The Hamilton,

Washington, D.C., Oct. 26, 1903.

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 soldier, 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 movement 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 Bath from both you and Mrs. Howard.

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

Very truly yours,

F. Hersall

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COLUMBUS, MISS., October 29 1903.

Gen. O. O. Howard

My Dear General

In a recent letter from our mutual friend, Wharton G. Green of Hayetts Ville N.C., I find that when you & he went over the field of Gettysburg recently, you alluded to me, and he says. "He spoke most feelingly of a slight misunderstanding between you & himself just after the war, leaving the impression on my mind, that he would not be averse to have it obliterated - Can it not be? if still standing"

Yes! General - we are too near the end of our lives, to harbor ill feeling or 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

Answ'd by O.O.H.

# TABOR COLLEGE

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

TABOR, IOWA. October 29, 1903.

General O. O. 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 you that we, here, shall leave no stone unturned to secure you a large audience.

Very sincerely yours,

George N. Ellis,

President.

G.B.

WOOLWORTH & McHUGH.

JAMES M. WOOLWORTH.
WILLIAM D. McHUGH.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING,
OMAHA.

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~~ Vt.

THOS. H. HUBBARD.

THE BROAD-EXCHANGE,

NEW YORK, Nov. 5 1903

Dear General Howard:

I was in Maine when your letter came; hence the delay in answering.

I give my pleasure in contributing for the furnishing of a room and I would leave to you the selection of the name. Your card will be the basis; or take

the first book of Tony
Mann.

Sincerely Yours
Wm H Hobart

Check for £25. Enclosed.

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TELEPHONE CONNECTION.

25 Equitable Building,
150 Devonshire Street,
BOSTON, MASS., 7 Nov. 1902.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard.
(U.S.A. Retired).

My dear Friend:— I am sending you a book for your birthday. Mrs. Chamberlin procured the volume and remembered that you were 72 on the 8th of November, 1902.

You are older than I am, but I doubtless feel as young and have as much energy as I. Of this you should be very thankful. You are now reaping the seeds of a good upright life sown long long ago; and, if I am here longer than you, you may now feel sure that in my own life you will, because of the kindly time you have given it, be so richly reaping. Your thoughtfulness for me has made me thoughtful of others, and I believe in time I shall be about as unselfish and as considerate of

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Utterly fortunate than I as you have been of me.

On this day that brings back to you so much stored in memory, let the Chamberlains renew their love and loyalty to the Friend whom they hope to see ere soon in their home. Entire now, the Chamberlains have never failed to show you.

Yours very truly,

Fred Chamberlain

Tarrytown
on Hudson N.Y.
Nov 9. 1903

Major General
A. A. Howard
Rutland Vt.

My dear General

Our Young Mens Christian association would be gratified if you can address them on Lincoln's Birth day at 4 P.M. - All expenses paid by them.

We are prosperous. Our leading citizens very active. President of our Bank Mr Paterson, President. Hoping that you may be able to favor us.

I am very truly Yours
Y. C. & L.

Alexander Hamilton.

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Military Order of the Loyal Legion
:::: of the United States ::::
Commandery of the State of Vermont
Burlington Nov 16, 83

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
Yours truly
G. G. Benedict

Maj Genl O. O. Howard

Major-General DANIEL E. SICKLES,
Cp. Commander,
No. 23 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

HORATIO C. KING,
Cp Adjutant,
375 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

NOBLE D. PRESTON,
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2312 Poplar Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

HEADQUARTERS

# MEDAL OF HONOR LEGION.

New York City, Nov. 16, 1903. 1902.

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

Horatio C. King

Gen. O. O. Howard,

150 Nassau St.

New York City,

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TELEPHONE CONNECTION.

25 Equitable Building,
150 Devonshire Street,

BOSTON, MASS., Nov. 23, '03.

Mr. Harry S. Howard,
156 College Street,
Burlington, Vt.

Dear Harry:-

It is 3 P. M.. Monday I have made several (11) visits today, but have not been very successful. Have some appointments for to-morrow. Those are of more value. Last night the G. A. R., Jno. A Andrew Post's 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 Mr. 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. ~~Mama~~ Mamma and I met her at Fort Independence when we visited the Thomsons there,—sometime during our being stationed at West Point.

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 ~~Kate~~ Mamma and yourself.

Affectionately your Father.

O. O. Howard

*Ambassade des Etats-Unis*

*18. Avenue Kléber*

*Paris* 2.December 1903

Gen.O.O.Howard U.S.A.

156 College St.

Burlington,Vermont.

My dear General;

I have your very kind letter of Nov.20th. 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

Horace Porter

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

BURLINGTON, VT.,

December 5, 1903.

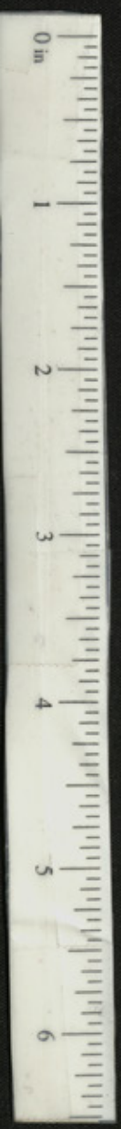
Hon. James T. McCleary,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

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, named: the Storrs'-School house, — ~~but~~ 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 ~~at~~ 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



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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 do well to rise and be helpful to others as long as he lives.

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[redacted] sincerely yours,

Oliver Otis Howard

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

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Dear Harry:-

I send up a few letters for file that have been disposed of. I would like to have Dr. Larry's letter enclosed 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 Poukeepsie 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 of our Board some money which he long ago advanced and which he now needs. With much love to Mamma and yourself.

Affectionately your father
O. O. H.

P. S. Wednesday 9 A. M., Your note of 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 at Ocean City before this. Chancey has 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. I will start for Pool Keepsie tomorrow at 10-30.

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Dec. 22nd 1908

General O. O. Howard
No. 1 Broadway. New York City

My Dear General,

I am greatly pleased to have had another epistle 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. It shall be my pleasure 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 set about my part of it immediately following.

Wishing you the compliments of the Season and many returns.

I am Sincerely yours,
Freeborn G. Smith
J. P.

United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 28, 1903.

Gen. O. O. 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,

Wm Stewart