United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2, 1907.

Mr. M. W. Bumham,
639 Main St., Lewiston, Me.

Dear Sir:

I have yours in relation to a special act granting a pension to George Washington Kemp. I fear the service as given is not sufficient to enable the Department to locate him. It is given as in the 4th Corps, the 11th Corps and the Dept of the Tennessee. If he can furnish affidavits of officers under whom he served stating the kind of service, the times and places &c, it is possible something might be done, though the prospect is not very bright in case of any man who was not mustered in.

Very truly,

[Signature]

Clear return

Mr. Bumham
639 Main St.
Lewiston

[Signature]
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON.  

December 3, 1907.  

My dear General Howard:-  

I thank you for your kind congratulations on the wedding of my daughter and Lieutenant Grant. He is a very fine young fellow and all his grandfather’s friends have reason to be satisfied with him.  

My son brought me the message regarding an address at Carnegie Hall on the evening of Lincoln’s birthday, and I was very sorry to be obliged to say to him that it was impossible for me to make it. It is absolutely necessary for me to give all my time and strength to my duties here, and it is entirely out of the question for me to make speeches.
not required by the position I am trying to fill.

With kind regards, my dear General,

Always faithfully yours

[Signature]

Major General Oliver Otis Howard,

Burlington, Vermont.
Miss Ethel Orgood Mason
The Evening Post
New York

Dear Miss Mason:


...the interest...you have not written too highly of him...his tribute to Gen. Grant, I think, is wonderful and...well deserved.

I suppose the system to which you refer is that of War, partly of Reconstruction...even war...will never forget that war...I am...support...but such men as you, I think...suffering...We passed from Heaven...to foresee...less shocks than any of...
We believe President Wilson will find
Humorous Flashe...

Like Satan our Bureau assistant
commissioners were almost without
exception, exceptions. True men, who
perform and their part to the best of their
ability. History, such as you have
so generously helped to appear, will
do them justice.

Thanking you for your kindness,
I am very sincerely,

[Signature]

Oliver O. Howard

P.S. Please note an error page 16.

Should be Wagen, George Wagen

Then it was Col. Wagen Swarne.
My dear Sir Howard

Smile to thank you for the complete

military set of your memoirs - in accommodating

very many more than so much work. I will
try and get a few spare moments and read

painfully your memoirs - but at the present-
time I am fully occupied - I do not for-
one moment to the same time after the

battle of Bentonville - the skirmish in

which some Neelys son韦利 was killed

in the Chaffe, while the Texas Rangers - he
could not have written to you from Hillsboro

think Lord write you at all costs asking

protection for taint Solomons since his

when the city came into your hands,

with tender vows,

Your classmate & friend

Stephen D. Lee
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 5, 1907.

My dear General:

I have your letter of the 3d instant. I am not acquainted with the details of the Peabody fund and so I can not answer as to what I can do in the matter. But I do heartily believe in the Lincoln Memorial University. That much I can say in advance.

With hearty regard, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

Theodore Roosevelt

General O. G. Howard,
Trustee, Lincoln Memorial University,
Burlington, Vermont.
My dear Mr. Howard,

I have yours of the 5th instant enclosing a copy of your letter to Senator Proctor and hasten to say that I note all you say in both letters. I believe you are entirely right and I shall be glad to be able to secure some legislation.

With best wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours,

[Signature]

H. S. Howard, Esq.,
Burlington,
Vermont.
My dear General Howard:

Your letter interested me greatly and I do wish we could use some of these verses, but we are spoiled for poetry. We get thousands of poems a year and can only take a very few and those the most accomplished. There is a beautiful feeling in these poems and I am sorry we have been unable to use them.

Sincerely yours,

General O. O. Howard,
Burlington, Vermont.
DearGeneralHoward

I want to tell you how much I am enjoying your stories in the St. Nicholas. "Billy Bowlegs" was a mean old Indian but I don't think he will bother us again do you? Today is mother's birthday and we are going for a drive this afternoon. We do not celebrate formally you see. I have something to tell you.

The Bossier Parish Fair Association sent a large pound to the President. It was about five feet long. They have just received his reply, a note from his secretary. On the pound was engraved "The President's big stick." Grace is at the Piano now and it is about time for me. My father has just received an interesting pamphlet from me Sherman. When you finish the Indian stories won't you please write some about the Civil War. It is so much more interesting to study history with you than out of a

Avalon Farm
Ruston, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Clarke: you may wish to see a letter of a little girl of eleven. If you wish an extract, I will send it. Please have this returned to me.

Sincerely,

December eight, 1907

Your Affectionate,

Louis McKee.
December 9, 1907.

General O. O. Howard,
Burlington, Vermont.

My dear General:

I have your letter of December 6th.

I thank you in advance for your kindness in requesting Colonel Dodge to send me his book on Chancellorsville.

Sincerely yours,

Isaac N. Seligman
my dear General,

On returning from Canada, where I have spent
at that time, I found from
letter of the 6th inst.

I shall be very

glad to read from a short
history of my father's life,
and his connection with
the founding of the West
over, with which from past
less been so intimately and
incredibly proven.

I am afraid that
it would not be practicable
to give a concert of my
works for the L.M.I., for
in order to get material
results, the musical part
should be only incidental, but
if I can spare two, you
know I shall be only too
pleased to do so.

Join my kindest regards
to Mrs. Howard and all the
members of your good family,
Always yours sincerely
A. Lincoln Bixler.
Major General Oliver C. Howard,  
Erlington,  
Vt.

Dear General,

I have just been reading of you in the war, the great and honorable part you bore. I, too, was there well on to four years, and as you were a Commander, we want to ask you to again lead us - for "Peace hath its victories."

You remember the Greenback, after gold and silver went into hiding, how it fed, paid, clothed the soldiers and saved the Nation. A crisis in our country's affairs now exists. A scarcity of money; many banks partially closed, others failed. Millions of gold have been imported. Only about 346 millions of the greenbacks now remain. Greenbacks can again save the nation. Now, General, will you again lead the old Veterans and the younger ones who will join our ranks, Congress has assembled. Will you write a brief Memorial to Congress, asking or demanding in the name of the old Veterans, or of all the people, that Congress at once authorize the issue of 500 millions full legal tender greenbacks, the same as the first issue in war days of 61 millions legal tender, which stood at par with gold and silver during the war and ever after. And so it might at once go into circulation, ask that this money be especially used to pay pensions, government employees, salaries of members of Congress, bonds, and other government expenses throughout the country. This money, like that first issue, would be based upon the credit and the wealth of the Nation, and draw no interest, a full legal tender, the same basis as government bonds; but no interest burden.

We hope you will prepare such Memorial and have it printed. Read the list with your name, and send a copy to every G. A. R. Post in the country, requesting their action. If you would send me 100 copies I would agree to supply Colorado, Utah and Wyoming. We hope this course may meet your entire approval and that you act at once, and that the old soldiers thereby may save their country the disgrace of the proposed and most vicious asset or credit currency scheme.

Respectfully submitted,

Jos. N. Stephens

Later - We expect to hold a "government money" Conference early next July, inviting people from each State in the Union. I wish to now ask if you would probably attend and speak on the advantages of the Greenback for full legal tender money.

Sincerely, Jos. N. Stephens.
ARGADIA BOND
BURLINGTON, VT., Dec. 20th, 1907.

Comrade Jos. N. Stephens,
634 Seventeenth Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Comrade:

Thus far I have kept clear of political complications, except in so far as my duty seemed to demand action. Now I am so far advanced in years that I am unwilling to take any very prominent part. Again, my judgment does not agree with yours concerning the green-backs. My own experience on the Pacific Coast after the war was that I was paid in green-backs, but was obliged, as a rule, to get green-backs transmuted into gold and silver. The depreciation then was between 30 and 40 cents on a dollar. For a dollar in green-backs I received 65 cents in gold or silver. According to my reading of history there is always a danger in the making and issuing of what is called "fiat money", even when based upon the credit and wealth of a great Nation like ours. How far the Government could go in such an issue of money, without impairing the public credit and without the usual depreciation which has occurred in so many nations, it is not easy to form a judgment.

You see at once that I would not be a good leader in the monetary field, and I would not like to commit myself to doctrines which are not in accordance with the views that I have so long held and expressed.

Very truly yours,

O. O. Howard
20 Irving Place, N. Y. December 20, 1907,

Major General Oliver O. Howard, U.S.A.

Burlington, Vermont.

My dear General Howard:

I thank you for a set of your Autobiography, and the kind words in which you express your interest in my welfare.

I purchased a copy of your work, as soon as its publication was announced, and have read every line with great interest, pleasure and profit. It will take its place with the writings of the other great generals who commanded armies in our Civil War. It tells more fully than others have done of the progress of a well born boy, reared in the plain surroundings of New England country life, through all the steps to the topmost rung of the ladder, to the highest military and civil positions; of a progress without a repulse, and achieved without adventitious aids, making it an inspiration to the young in whatever condition of life one may be born.

I count your story of military life most important, but I regard that of your services in the Freedmen's Bureau a more important chapter in our country's history. The world needs the true history of that service and you only could give it fully and correctly. The people of this country have not yet come to fully understand and appreciate the value of your labors, not only to the Colored, but to the White people of the entire country. It is well and modestly told.

May the blessings of that Providence to which you looked for support through all the years of your busy life sustain and cheer you in all the coming days.

Very sincerely your Companion and Friend,

[Signature]
Dec. 21, 1907.

My dear Sir, Howard.

As soon as I saw your autobiography advertised, I said I must have it, so bought it immediately. Last evening I finished the reading of it, and now must write you a word to say how deeply I have been interested in it. The first vol. thrilled me with the accounts of the battles you had been in, and the heroic work you did in the war, and the second was equally interesting.
The story of a manly, heroic, work in connection with
The Freedmen's Bureau, a subsequent labor in Educational mat-
test, strange that you should have
Here such opposition to meet!
You have had a wonderful car-
rear of experience, to God be thanks
that your life has been preserved
from all its dangers, so that you
have been able to accomplish so
much and so grand a work, I now
that you have given the world the
history of it. It is a history
which will go down the centuries
as an important part of the history
of our Civil War.
Some one, I know not who,
December 21, 1907

Major General O. O. Howard,
Lincoln Memorial University,
Burlington, Vt.

My dear General Howard:-

Yours of November 29th received. I hope to be able to give a favorable answer to the formal invitation from your New York Advisory Board, if it should come, to preside at the meeting of February 11th, but I can tell better when I receive it what my engagements will be.

Yours very truly,

Joseph H. Choate
and I am sure it special will mean much. Thank you also for loan of the booklet. I see it is by your friend, De.Achorn whom I have heard you speak. We have all much to be thankful for, that your household are all well for times as often think of you as a family gathered in the library and you reading along. It was a great pleasure and privilege to have

506 LaBelle Ave.
Chicago, Illinois
Dec. 23, 79

My dear General.
I cannot find words to express to you and Mrs. Howard the thanks and deep appreciation I have for the splendid gift. It is not only a gift to me but is an heirloom for my children and grandchildren. I wanted yourAutograph, more than any thing else.
Been able to spend three weeks in the lovely home last summer. I think I join in the morning reading your Bible, Lord, then the gathering for prayers. Dear Mrs. Howard in the garden taking care of the shrubs and flowers and so on. I go in memory this the day. May each of the loved ones be stronger physically in the coming year than in the past. I shall be very near in spirit at the time of the day I must be together, and in thought. I may be sure, we will write to me, be far away.

Once more, permit me to say for each—many, many thanks for my gift from the entire household. Will love you each in which Elga joins.

Mary Berly
Supreme Court of the United States,
Washington.

Dec. 24, 1907.

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

My Dear General:

Please accept my thanks for a copy of "Holiday Greetings" which I have read with pleasure. I have no doubt many will enjoy them.

Wishing you the compliments of the season and a happy new year, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

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November 28, 1907.

My dear General:

The annual banquet of the New York Association of Norwich University will be given this year on Saturday evening, February 15th, at the Murray Hill Hotel. In due time complimentary invitation will be sent to you, but I am writing you in advance so you may put aside that date and not make any other engagement. You are always with us, and all present will expect to see you again this year. Of course you know what a personal gratification it is to me to have you attend these dinners.

Trusting that you will send me your acceptance promptly,

I am,

Truly and cordially yours,

[Signature]

General Oliver O. Howard,
Burlington, Vermont.
December 30, 1907.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

Dear Father:—

Will you please order another set of your autobiography sent by the publishers to me at my office and have the same charged to your account. I wish it to give to a friend.

I enclose check $3, to pay you for this set.

Affectionately,

P. S. The telegram from Burlington in the name of John and Brittie made us at first think they were there but we now understand how the telegram happened to be dated from Burlington.

I have been so closely confined assisting the attorneys in New York and before Governor Hughes investigating the bad administration of New York City that I could not get away a day. I am now expecting telegraph request to go to Chicago for about a week. As soon as I can break away from the people whom I have to serve on fixed dates, I shall come to Burlington at least for a day to see you all and especially Mother. I have planned to do so before the middle of January. Love to all.