



Headquarters Fort Vancouver, Washington Territory,

January 23^d

1875.

Brigadier General O. O. Howard.
U. S. A.

Portland, Oregon

General,

We, the Officers at Fort Vancouver,
respectfully solicit you to deliver two lectures
in the town of Vancouver, on such subjects,
and at such times, as may suit your pleasure.

Alf Sully
Col 21st Inf

W^m F. Sprague
1st to 21st Infantry

Isaac H. H. H.

by order of
J. H. Alexander
Surgeon

Geo. E. Coan

Adj. 21st Inf

Thos. B. Bain Hodge

Post Chaplain &c.

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Ans'd per Telegram

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Office Indian Agent,

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NEZ PERCE INDIANS,

Lapwai, Idaho Territory

Jan'y 23rd 1875

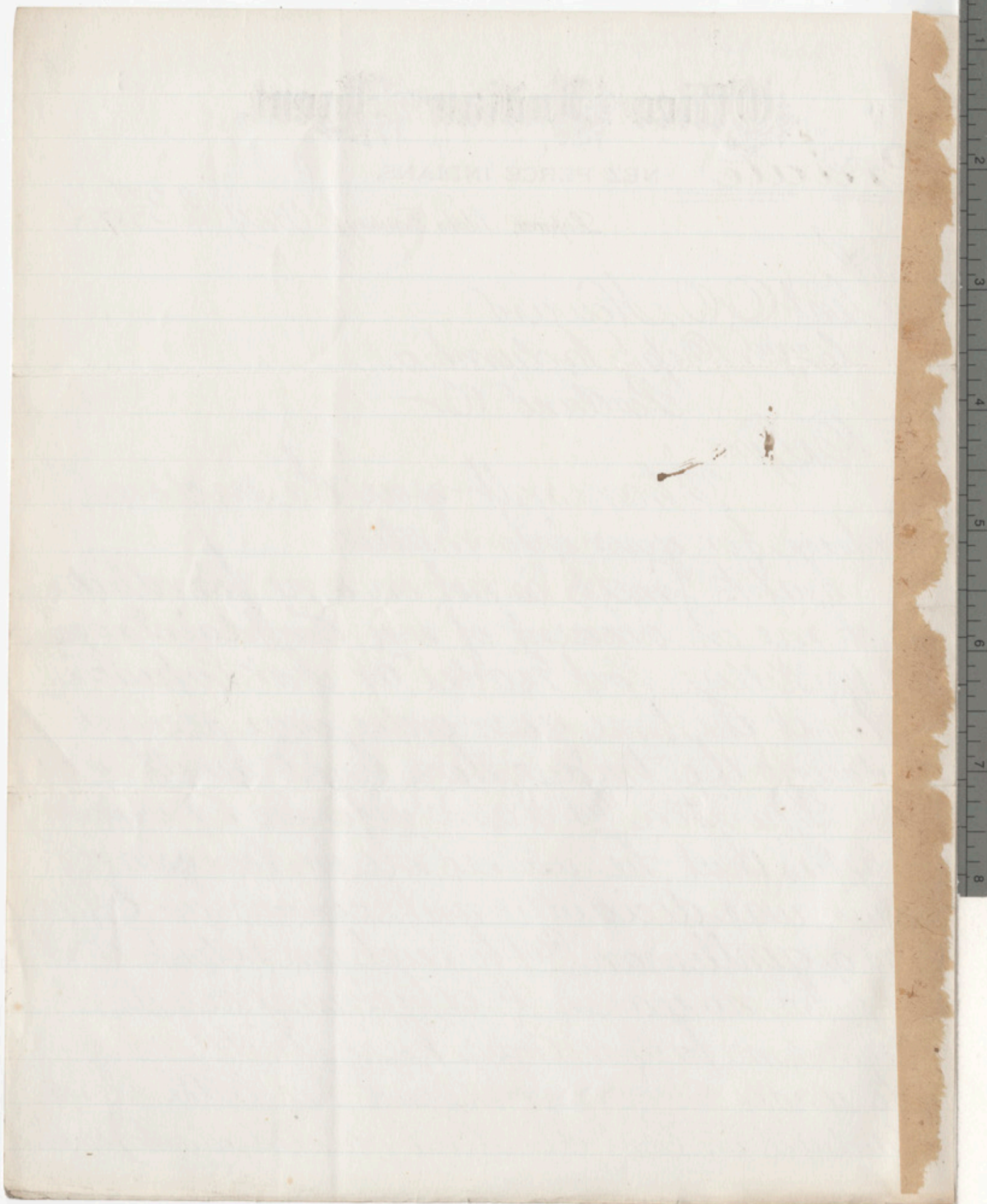
Genl O. O. Howard
Comd' Dep't Columbia
Portland Or

Or Sir

I transmit you the enclosed
papers for your information

Capt. Smith is not on very friendly terms
with me on account of my complaints against
O. L. Kelly, Post Trader at Fort Lapwai

About the time your order was received
closing the traders store Capt. Smith was
in Lewiston. And I am informed by responsible
parties that he abused me in language
that was decidedly unbecoming an Officer
and a gentleman, and to such an extent that
I have no reason to expect any assistance
from him further than he is strictly obliged
to render. I think his letter to me
(dictated by him and written by his Adjutant) implies



as much, where he refers me to the Comdg
General.

I am very sorry that Col. Sanford
is away from the Post. In him I always
had a hearty supporter and counsellor in
matters pertaining to the use of the soldiers.
Capt. Smith is the only officer that has
been in command here who has been
disposed to withhold hearty co-operation.

He does not look upon orders from the
Com^d of M^t. Aff^s. or Secty of the Interior to me
as having any force so far as he is concerned.

I cannot think the Commissioner would
issue orders to me to call upon Troops to
assist me, unless it was lawful to grant
such assistance.

Mr Langford was at the Post today
in consultation with Capt. Smith. I learned
from Lewiston that his mission to the
Post was to get Capt. Smith to support
him in keeping possession of the Agency.

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or Mission Claim.

If you think proper please telegraph
orders to Capt. Smith as the mails are
very tardy now.

I am Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
Jno. B. Montith
U.S. Ind. Agent

Jno. B. Montith



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Richmond, Jan. 23^d 1875

Dear Aunt Eliza

It is my painful duty to announce to you the death of my darling Father. He had not been well for several weeks but we saw no occasion for immediate alarm until last Saturday evening about eight o'clock he had been over to the Post Office returned home and read aloud ^{to me} a letter he had just rec'd. He and Mother were going out to spend the evening and when he came in he did not take off his hat and overcoat. At about ten minutes after

eight he sat down in his chair
and was dead instantly without
a struggle. I thought he had fainted
but he was dead. His death
was caused by ^{over}exhaustion of the heart
although I think he has been troubled
for a long time with heart disease.
Mother bears the blow much better
than I feared she could but it is
a terrible loss to us all but especially
to Mother Annie, and I. We have
laid him away in a receptacle for
the present but will probably have
him buried at Maple Grove Cemetery
in the Spring. It is only about half a
mile from here. So will please tell
Rudolphus and if you think of
anyone in Maine whom we might
forget Mother wishes you would
inform them. Mother will I hope
be able to write you fuller particulars
in a few weeks but not at present.

I will send papers to Cousin
Rowland and I think. We tele-
graphed Cousin Charles at the time
but he was in New York.

With much love from all to
Rudolphus and family and yourself
and hoping you will write to Mother
very soon

I remain

your aff. niece

Lizzie Pickard

P.S. We telegraphed to Carrie and
Fred and they were both with us
within a few hours after Mother's death.
Of course Mr. Anthony and Fred's
wife and Aunt Chola and Bessie
were here. Carrie is still here and
will remain for several weeks.

ansd Feb 10 by C. Wright

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Sitka Jan. 23rd 1875.

Gen. Howard

Kind Sir;

You must excuse the liberty I take in writing to you, but believe me kind sir, necessity compels me. I will here state the plain and honest facts. About three months ago my father (for it is in his behalf I am writing) had permission to open a small beer saloon, and having went in so many expenses, he was closed up for a mere trifle, which I will here state: On the eve of the 23rd of December as father and some friends were gossiping at our house, a gentleman came in and said a friend of his wanted a little beer; father refused it, but the gentleman teased father so, that he gave him some that we had in the house not exceeding over a gallon. The consequence was that father's license was revoked and his business closed up forever; after having sent for a ^{new} license and stamps. Kind Sir, please take this into consideration and not cast it aside, as we have nothing to live on, when the bread was taken so unmercifully from our mouths. I am young yet and can work but believe me, sir: that I cannot earn enough to feed and clothe a family with - 7 children me, being the eldest. As I am writing this without father's or mother's knowledge, please answer it in my name. I forgot to mention that father was brewer here but he cannot sell anything for all the saloons are shut untill further notice, except father's which is shut forever, for a mere trifle. Please answer immediately.

Please Address me as

Miss. Paulina Cohen

Sitka

Alaska

Genl O. O. Howard

Sir:

I have been re-
-quested by Dr J. A. Davenport to trans-
-mit to you the accompanying volume
of Lectures on the Natural History of
Man, and to call your particular
attention to Lectures Seventh and
Eighth -

Yrs &c

Arthur. Lewisfield

Portland,
Jan'y 27th, 1870 -

Wm. A. D. Howard
 Sir,

I have been re-

-quested by Mr. A. D. Howard to trans-
 -mit to you the accompanying volume
 of lectures on the History of
 Man, and to call your particular
 attention to the lecture devoted and
 signed -

Wm. A. D. Howard

Boston, Jan 27, 1870

of Caesar, & are now beginning the 3^d. She
is just with them & if she does not
go into the class now will lose some-
thing. Miss Ford only gave her
five minute examination, with
four other people in the room at
the time, & Gertrude thinks she did
not pass at all in Latin. I had a
letter from Guy two days ago. His
spring vacation is from April 8th to
April 21st. While mine is from March
25th to April 7th. I shall stay here during
the vacation, I think. Blanch's Board
sent me an invitation to visit West
Point. New. but I don't expect to ac-
cept it. I have not had a letter from
Loring for over a week. The last was
written on and after Jan 1st, & sent
Jan 5th. I hope to have another today.
Captain W. told Gertrude that for me
while you had given up all hope of
Bessie's recovery, you did not tell us

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Pasadena, Jan 27. '75.

Dear Papa.

A letter from Louise Brown
dated last Sunday tells me that
Captain W. is invited by Gen. Whit-
tey to spend a week with him.
He has staid a week with the Barber's.
Gertrude had a letter from her mother
this morning, she is still at Luck
aboard but is going to Washington
before long. She will come up here
perhaps before she goes. Gertrude has
had no letter from her father since
last Monday & expects one today tel-
ling her what he thinks about
her rooming on the fourth. Gertrude
is well, has not had a headache
since she came, and only had ^{one} lesson
as yet, English grammar.
Miss Wray examined & did not

pass her in that. Gertie and another
new girl are to recite in grammar
to Miss Jowry one of the seniors.
This morning the thermometer was
5½ below zero, not as cold as we
had it last week, but much colder
than it has been for several days.
Good coasting, but no skating.
The icehouses are full, & the pile of
ice by the lake is not yet covered
over, so the lake will not probably
be cleared off to cut ice again, there-
fore no more skating. In the morning
while I study & recite, Gertie is
busy sewing, reading & writing, & af-
ter 12 o'clock, I am at her disposal for
the rest of the day. I have to learn
one lesson in the evening & some-
times a part of another. Just now
we are having an easy time. In
French we are reviewing our grammar
by the retranslation of the "Recapitu-

lations"; themes to translate from English
into French. As we were obliged to copy
all the translations, it is an easy way
to review. In French literature we
are reviewing the principal ^{poets &} authors,
such as ~~Mme~~ de Staël, Chateaubriand,
Beranger, Quixot, Lamartine, Con-
sin, Thiers, Delavigne, Michelet
and Victor Hugo. In algebra we re-
viewed as we went, & are now study-
ing logarithms. We are reading the
last chapter in Sisy that we shall
translate (the ~~XXVII~~^{chap} of the 1st Book). Then
we are to review for two weeks. In
Latin too we have written our trans-
lations so that review will be easy.
This semester has been lengthened
one week, so that the second semester
will not begin before Oct. 15. Gertie
has just gone down to ask Miss Jowry
to allow her to go with the 1st Prep.
Latin class. They have read two books

or, and I think the Capt. must have
exaggerated the story. I hope the
children are all well now. That is
the hardest thing to bear, to have thought
of you sick, while I am so far away.
Tell mamma that Mr. Smith has
not sent the "box" by freight, as I
asked him to, but has kept it to
send by Captain Wilkinson. I am
sorry, for I think mamma needs the
books now, from what she wrote. Miss
Gerry has given Gertrude permission to
have another examination in Latin.
I am writing just before dinner. After
dinner & mail, Gertrude & I will go
out to slide. I stay out as long as
she wants to, for she is used to spend
so much time out of doors, that if she
stays in all day, she is not half as
well. You will be glad to hear that she

has a very good appetite, and eats things
here that she would not touch at home,
such as brown bread, baked apples, rare
meat, rice - balls and even milk, some-
times. Afternoon. The sled until
our sled got broken. We were afraid
of running into some girls, & ran
into a sack & broke the sled. That
is, it is all in pieces, but can be
recovered again. I wish Fannie was
here to mend it. For us. Gertie
says she wishes she could get a letter,
so as to have something to talk about.
When she gets to work, she will not
look for ^{topics of} conversation. Give love to
Mamma & the children, and tell
Fannie & Chaney to write to me.
Gertie sends love, and says she has
no letter now to send you, except that
Frank Preston writes to Jessie Woodman.
With much love I am your
affectionate daughter -

Mae.

Wm. Conover N.Y. Jan. 28th 1875
 Gen. C. C. Howard U.S.A.
 Dear Sir

I received your letter
 of the 27th which I turned over to C. Hopkin
 Vanhook at the Garson. He will write
 you soon as to the time of your lectures

In conversation with you when last
 in Portland I understood you to say
 that you would give us 50 per cent of
 the net proceed of your lectures at this
 place - Please let us know your exact
conditions as I may let the C. Hopkin
know. I trust that God will greatly
 bless your labours in the cause of Christ

Yours truly

J. H. Devou

Worcester, Mass. Jan. 28th 1872

My dear Mr. Brewster

I received your letter of the 27th which I turned over to Mr. Brewster at the Lyons, the next day. You were not the time of your lecture. The correspondence with you when last in Portland I have been waiting for to say that you would give us a few cent of the net proceeds of your lecture at this place - Please let us know your exact contribution as I may let the Lyons know. I trust that has been great. Bless your labors in the cause of Liberty from yours
 J. H. Allen

Free

Pacific University,

Forest Grove, Jan 28 1875

Genl Howard

Dear Sir.

Bro Ellis joins me in asking you to be with us to hold a series of meetings, beginning with the Thursday Evening Prayer meeting next week. The time & arrangement of these can be determined after you come out. I hope that we may see the presence of the Holy Spirit. We shall make it a special subject of prayer that the long-pending for revival may come. Your zeal & interest in the work expressed to me & others seem to justify us in asking so much of you.

I shall expect you at
our house & be glad to
entertain you while here.

Yours
W. H. Marsh

P.S. I suppose Bro Ellis will
write to you. but if he does
not you may be absent of this
Could it wish for your coming
on

Not Baker
Wm H Marsh
Wm H Marsh
Wm H Marsh

Kansas City Mo

Jan. 28/74

Dec 1875

Gen. O O Howard

Dear Friend

I am here on my way to
San Antonio Texas with
my son Merrill & Fee

The object is recovery of health
to him. He has had
bronchial affection - now
to his lungs.

Since leaving home I learn
there is a Military post at
San Antonio & that Gen
Aeger is in command

I am loyal; and a word
from you to him might give
to me protection & facilities
to my son, who is now 25
years old, a graduate from
Berea College & has spent one

Dear Sir,

Jan 28/74

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Dear Sir,

as a friend

I am sure you will be

very glad to hear

that the object is

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year
in Theological study at Oberlin
This last was detrimental
to his health.

Please send to me a
line of introduction to the
Commandant at
San Antonio Texas.

Yours respectfully,
John G. Lee

the geological strip at Clinton
this last was determined
to the south
I have found to the
line of intersection with
Clinton and about at
Saccagawea's Spring.

From Saccagawea's Spring
John C. 733

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 Vancouver B.C. Jan. 29th 1875
 Gen O. O. Howard U.S.A.,

Dear Sir

Chaplin Vanhook

and myself have conferred together and we suggest that you give your first lecture at the Methodist Church in this place on Sunday evening Feb. 16th and the second in the Chapel at the Garrison on Wednesday evening Feb 17th

Please write me as to whether the time
will suit you or not

Yours binder

J L Devore

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Wm. A. C. Moorhead, Esq.
Dear Sir

Chaplin

I have myself been confined together and in
the past few years your first lecture
at the Methodist Church in this place and only
last week, 18th inst. the lecture in the
 Chapel at the Garrison and Westbury avenue
and 11th

Please write me as to whether the time
will suit you or not
Yours truly
Wm. A. C. Moorhead

Wm. A. C. Moorhead

United States Internal Revenue,

Collector's Office, District of Oregon.

Portland Jan'y 29th 1875.

Sir.

Referring to "General Order No. 2" Department
of the Columbia, of Jan'y 21/75, kindly furnished
me to-day, permit me to inquire, whether said
Order embraces the introduction, manufacture,
and sale, of Walt Signore in Alaska.

Very Respectfully

To Maj: Gen. A. A. Howard
Commanding Department
of the Columbia
Portland O.

O. B. Gibson

Col. Int. Rev.

District of Oregon

No. _____

Collector of Internal Revenue, District of Oregon.

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Officers of Internal Revenue must fill out the endorsement and
brief on the back of each letter to the Department.

Buffalo Jan'y 29. 1875

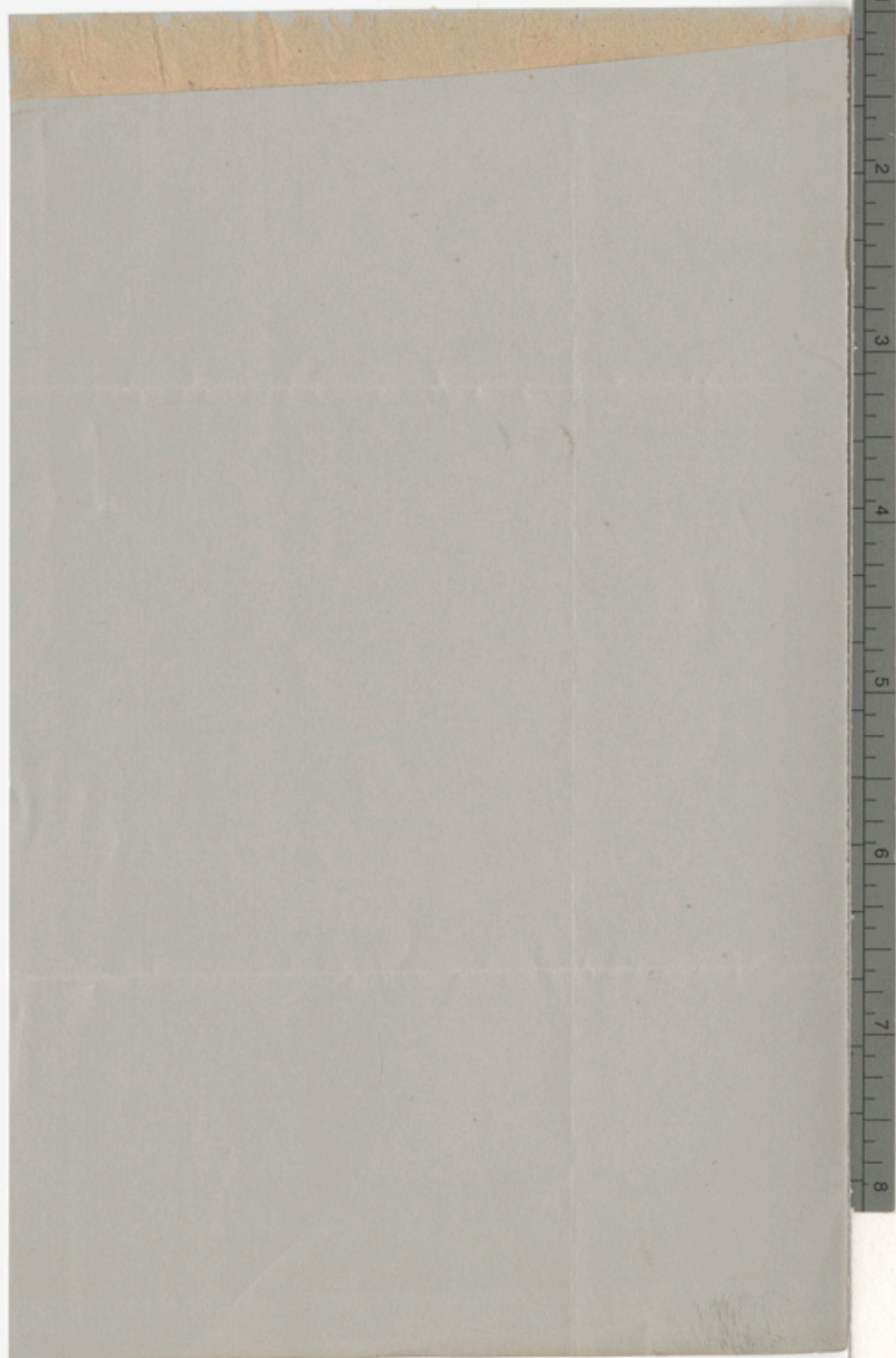
Brig. Genl O. O. Howard.
Portland, Or.

Respected Sir,

If not too much
inconvenience to yourself
would you kindly favor me
with your autograph?

I assure you I should
value it very highly.

With the greatest respect
Your Obt servant
Wm D. Reed



Forest Gr., Or. 52

Jan 30, 1875.

Genl Howard,

Dear Bro -

Both

Pres Marsh & Dr Atkinson
have spoken to me of your
willingness to spend a few days
with us here. Nothing c'd be
more welcome, I assure you.
Such an event w'd answer a
secret wish that has been
stirring in my heart ever since
I came here & knew that you
were in Portland - so busy I supposed
that I dared not ask you here.

I shall give notice to-morrow that you are expected next Thursday & the Lord so directing, to remain with us over the Sabbath following.

In the meantime prayer will be offered constantly that the power of Jesus may be displayed in connection with your efforts.

The meetings shall be at your direction.

Dear General, tho' a stranger to you, suffer me to breathe one word of the warm esteem in wh I have held you ever since those trying war time. All these years you have had a warm place in my heart. Verily J. F. Ellis, Pastor

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crops out in looking to attach such importance
to that unsigned approximated estimated account
current you have found by this time a copy of in
his memo. to Sec. of War. Of course the meaning
of all this rather helps, than hinders you in this
case. With the kindest of messages to you, I
dismissed myself from Mr Broadhead's office.

My last two days in W. were taken up
mainly in looking after your matter in Congress.

You will remember the first message I
gave you from Col Dyer which was that "a
majority of the appropriation Committee were
very favorable, but that the Republicans were
afraid. Afraid that the Sec. of War would spring
something upon them that would hurt more
than your matter would do good" I think I
quote him ^{Col Dyer} word for word. Of course after this

P.S.
Kindest
regards to
Capt. Sladen
M.E.W.

Mrs. Schoucraft
has a promise of
an extension of
one year of the
protection of the
University hill
house.

Emira Jan 21st 1875.

Dear General:

I left Washington day before yesterday
arriving here yesterday. Tried hard to get time to
sit down in Mr. Smith's office, the day I left, &
write you from there, feeling the peculiar worth of
a letter from W. rather than from here. Yet
facts don't wear out by travel.

With Mr. Gilfillian I called upon Mr. Broadhead
^{day before yesterday} who with a message to you of "continued faith in
you" & that he "had acted wisely in deciding, with
you, as to responsibility etc., also spoke of
certain conversations had by him recently with
the President, Sec. of War, & Crosby of the War
Dept. that I will try to give you the upshot of.

It seems that Vincent has, & is, continually

in late B.R.F. & S.

Sending little matters claiming ^{the} "irregularities" to Mr. Broadhead until Mr. B- disgusted and worn out, goes to the President and asks him - "does the Court of Inquiry in Gen. Howard's case mean anything, was it for a purpose & did it accomplish its purpose. Does the fact that it found Gen. H- neither legally or morally responsible signify anything & if so why does this continued following up of Gen. H- continue?" The President replied that "no one believed that Gen. Howard was anything but an honest man" "why," said he - "if Gen. Howard should come to me & say that he had been stealing I wouldn't believe him". This conversation had with the President seemed to have stopped Vincent, for meanwhile Gen. Sherman was in the city and paid him the little call which I wrote you concerning from Washington. But now, comes up the Post Home affair & Vincent takes the inside track again. At first, Mr. Broadhead said, "this

matter troubled him, but as it is being looked up, & as the matter of interest, growing out of it, is to be found running through the accounts of Armstrong no trouble is anticipated. ^{in its final satisfactory adjustment.} By the way Gen. Balloch says that he is now prepared to make up an account of the interest of this Fund. Gen. Dyer at the proper time will request him to do so. Gen. Dyer also requested me to say to you, "that any account or communication you had to make had best be submitted through him". But to return to Mr. Broadhead. After a very satisfactory call upon the President, he then went to Crosby and it was at this time, & to him, that Crosby said, "The Sec. of War is tired & sick of this whole thing, & he would drop it only Vincent keeps ^{on} sending his communications". If this Post Home affair had not come up Vincent would have been effectually silenced. V. to Wick ^{ed}mes

fearing that the Sec. of War, or rather Vincent
might get track of the fact of my having secured
a copy of his mem. made me feel not a little
cautious, & also fearing I might injure your
case in some way, I merely ascertained what
facts I could in a quiet way, and then dug out
than two last words are not quite dignified yet
they do describe my leaving Washington, really, not
having had ~~any~~ much time to myself. I wanted
to see Major Brown, only met him for a moment on
the sidewalk but could not, and a dozen others,
homeward bound, I shall waste no time in reaching
H.D. Ins. As I said in another letter, I never saw Cal
or as he is called in report of Ind. Com'r "Maj. General
Green" looking so well as when I parted with him
on Pa. Ave. Please stay any length of what my course
has been in Epistolary case till I see you. ^{Respectfully} M.C. Wilkinson.

I did not feel that there was anything I could do.
In a day or two after this conversation I called in
at the House upon Mr. Smith, our member from
this Dist. incidentally I spoke of how hard it
seemed that you should be left out in the cold. Said
Judge Smith "we can fix him if the matter was
brought up, who is looking after it?" I told him
who was your atty. well said he "it now or
never", Come with me to Mr. Stale. ^{By} Mr.
Stale of appropriation Comt, we were told that nothing
had been done, the matter had not been brot.
before this Comt. this yr. but said Mr. Stale "if
there was somebody to push it, it would go through".
Please remember General I am not charging Cal.
Dyer with not having done all he could, but it did
appear that some pushing was necessary. so I
went to Com'r Smith & Gen. Whittens and told

them of what seemed to me to be the status ^{of your case} ~~case~~ ^{of your case} Smith thought best, as did also Gen. Whittier, that Gen. W- & myself should see, first of all, the Clerk of the House Comt. on Appropriations, then follow up in House & Senate. The next day Gen W- and I first went to this Clerk to find that in no way, so far during this session, had it come before his Comt. The next saw Mr. Garfield who told Gen W- that it had better come up as a private bill, for as an item in appropriation bill our objection would kill as usual.

The next saw Mr. Morrill who was decidedly in favor, especially after such a finding by your peers ^{Mr. M's} ~~whose~~ promises you have sadly learned to appreciate. But the Senator really talked very kindly indeed of you saying that you were "proud" that no man could have done your work without being persecuted &c &c. He promised to do all in his power. Gen Whittier

believes he will. The next saw Mr. Hamlin who was greatly surprised in turn that the matter had not been seen after and pushed. As I spin this letter, out time & paper won't allow me to give you, in black & white, all Mr. Hamlin & lots of others said of you personally. These messages will keep till I see you. Of course I conferred with Col. Dyer & have told him fully what seemed to be the mind of these few that we saw. Mr. Frye was in La. Gen Hawley will fight for you from the go. so that I believe ~~that~~ Col. Dyer will feel helped, not hindered, by this stirring around. Col. Dyer had said to me that Mr. Hale had promised him to look after your matter, but nothing but keeping the necessity before your friends will secure the appropriation. My work with Mrs. Sherman taught me at least this much. Being not on duty in W- and