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Northern Pacific Railroad Company

PACIFIC DIVISION.

Office of General Superintendent and Assistant Land Commissioner.

Kalama, Washington Territory,

July 26. 1876

Dear General

Your favor of yesterday
concerning N.P.R.R. Bonds No 658
for One hundred dollars with Coupons
attached to July 1874 is received -
These Bonds are not now convertible
into Lands on this Coast -

They can be converted into Lands
owned by the Co. in Minnesota or
Dakota - or they are convertible
into Preferred Stock of the Co.
at the General Office 23 Fifth
Avenue New York -

I will hold the Bonds until I am
advised of your choice.

I cannot give you their present market
value but presume it is not over
25 or 30 cents on the dollar -

Yours Very Truly
W. H. Sprague
Genl. C. O. Howard
Portland
Or.

Ausby G. W. H.
Feb. 5. 76



influence, a fine & influential young man.
He was ^{gladly} persuaded by you the last
time. I think no one's labors have ever
been so blessed to him as yours. His in-
fidel friends have kept him back. Try
again, urge him to decide tonight.
Don't leave him without a promise.

One of the very ablest young men
here, Mr. Eastham, is a skeptic of
the worst type. He is interested enough to
attend meeting. He says if he had one
doubt in regard to the truth of the
Bible, he would try to become a Christian
within two hours. He said nothing would
convince him of the truth of the Bible
except the "miracle" which, he supposed, was
worked in converting people. Last night
I asked prayers for him & he declared he
would not come to meeting if he was told
about through not by name. Can you
say something to visit him without ex-
pecting to convince him of "our doubt & of our
adv."?

Hoping & praying that you may have power
to remain here I am, Dear You Johnson,

Qu. Cy. Qu. Jan. 27. 1870.
Gen. C. A. Howard,
Hartford.

Allow me
to venture as one interested with
you in the cause of Christ & know-
ing something of the people here
& ~~there~~ knowing also the immense
work you obtained here in your own
visit to make a few suggestions in
regard to your work here, together with
a statement of how in regard to
the state of things here.

There is a universal interest in
religion such as has never before ex-
isted here. "Conviction" is very gen-
eral. God has brought that about.
The great work to be done now
is to strengthen those that he has
attempting to be Christians & to
induce those who want to start to
do so.

I wrote to-day to Capt. Wilkin.

son & told him that the people might
with a few exceptions be divided in
to three classes:—

First, those who have publicly man-
ifested their desire to become Christians.
Some of these are dead. They are those
who speak & work. Others do not pro-
gress. They rise but never speak public-
ly or privately on the subject of religion.
They are at a standstill.

Secondly, those who have been pray-
ing, striving & working to become Christians
& have not manifested themselves as
publicly as followers of Christ. They
say they will not do the last till they
know that they are fully blessed.
They can continue to do so. Most of
these acknowledge some degree of
God's favor. They are little Christians
& I believe could be great ones if they
confessed Christ publicly & accepted
His promise to help them stand.

The great missionary work done
by the young converts is done by the
thru the

They will be cursed for not publicly con-
fessing Christ. Some of our first young
people are among these. They would
carry the town, if their Christian
life was protected.

Thirdly, those who are trying
to "get religion" privately & watching the
success of others. There are some
of such. They do neither know them-
selves nor work.

Those preach faith &
"duty" & every other kind of good
thing to these. They are waiting
so for you that I tremble. Very
many have pinned their faith
on you & on the captain. They
are almost decided that
what you urge them to do they
will do. They think you can set
plain things to them & they have
confidence in you. I pray you
may do them good. Don't you
specially ask some of them to decide now.
I hope to do that.

*I did not ask for
too much of you
I should like just
a word from you
to know that
my letter reached
you*

J. V. THOMPSON, President.
JOHN A. BENDRON, Vice Pres.

S. S. E. C. Knight and John Gibson leave Pier 41 East River every Saturday at 4 o'clock, and Foot
of High street, Georgetown, every Friday morning.

MOSES KELLY, Treas.
JOHN C. COOK, Sec'y.

New York, Alexandria, Washington and Georgetown
Steamship Company,

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Washington, D. C., Jan'y 27 1876

Dear General

With the hope that there is still
one vacant place in the Album that was
presented to you, on your taking leave of
the Young Men's Christian Association of Washington
and that you will consent to fill that
vacancy by the enclosed. has induced me
to send it on a journey across the Continent
and at the same time to say that although
you may have forgotten many of our faces
we shall not be likely to forget yours

I don't know that I can tell you any
thing in the way of news. Presume however
you have not lost your interest in Washington

Last Monday Evening the working men
of the Association were gathered in the
Rooms to the number of about sixty to
take a farewell shake of our Dear Bro.
Hall's hand. He is now laboring under
the auspices of the Executive Committee

of the International Association, and has
gone on a four months trip through the
South. ^{But he} has lost none of his zeal for
the master, and we shall all look and
expect much good will result from his
labors. Mr. A. T. Stuart is his successor
in the ass^y and I don't know that we are
ever in a more prosperous condition.

I have the honor of being the Recording
Secretary of the ass^y, which office I have
held four years.

Jamie will remember Willie King who
was formerly in our Sabbath school class
and was always apparently very indifferent
as regards his son's interest. But through
the ass^y he ^{has} been reached, and is now
President of a large ass^y recently formed, and
which gives promise of much good.

I was glad to hear that Jamie & Channing
had united with the Church, in Portland.

Our church is still prospered and some
are uniting with us at each communion. We
are trying to "Hold the Fort"

Wishing to be remembered to Mrs. Herron & Jamie
in which my wife joins me Yours Truly, Alfred Hooker



Recd by Mrs. H.
Feb 14/1876

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Washington City D.C.
Jan 27. 1876.
Gen O. O. Howard
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir: I received
your kind letter a few days ago. I
thank you for it.

I have called upon
Mr. Cook several times in regard to
my claim. He fails to pay me, or
to make any arrangement with regard to
future payment. I am compelled, therefore,
by reason of my necessities as directed by you
in your letter, to ask you to pay me. I am
sorry to be obliged to make such request of you,
and nothing but necessity leads me to do
it. I have tried to avoid it. I am now.

With very great regard, I am

Yours truly
John M. Langston

as the fact would make me appear - and I think I shall have
I hope of you have no fears
of my selling out Congrega-
tionalism. My course is
like yours. in regard to that
I shall do more than a
to give it up. Though
I cannot do more I cannot
trust the damage that he
has done it by his narrow
policy. You I presume
understand his failure where
he has failed. the fertility of
many of his saving plans -
I don't want Bee drawn in
to his whirlpool -

I do not mean to be fault-
finding. I remember your appear-
ances of support. & have crum-
pled in you. your sympathy
with us & are most national
He has been a dupe of Collins
to some extent & is not so blameworthy

Private
FEB 7 1876
O. C. H.



Jan 29th 1876
Genl. O. C. Howard
My Dear Sir.

I again write
to you in pencil because I
cannot use ink in the camp.
I fear that my writing will be
illegible.

I cannot help worrying over
the impression that I fear from
your letter. It seems to me
that from the way you speak of
the three points. The impression
will be made that because the
questions involved are being set-
tled that therefore I have no cause
of difficulty - which is not true.
Whereas the difficulties were
most real & fruitful of trouble

and now only remaining or being
remained by my patients persistent
effort.

As to the point you made
about my being mistaken as
to the Thom Professors being got
in against me. Dr. B. must
have understood perfectly the
facts as you state them. He
meant that the presence of the
Thom was now at the bottom of
the difficulty. & This is
what my body believes that
knows anything of the matter.

I have had hard work to keep
my friends from making that
the special & only issue
because I know that the
real difficulty is not in Dr.
man's being in the Board but
in Collins being there.

again your sister as if the
issue

more between opposing views of
A & myself whereas the issue
is between Dr's views. - my po-
sition - Shall I be turned out,
because my views do not
accord with his?

I have been very quiet re-
lating my views of the denomina-
tional matter. have not stirred
up the matter at the East in re-
spect to the Board. Though that
puts me just where I have always
said we stood. ^{position is indicated} & I feel that my

As to the Scholarship question
my opinion about that is new
though from the nature of the
case it must be a matter of opin-
ion. Collins says the standard
has not been lowered. I say, 'I
has. And there has been a man
up in his course in respect to that
that he is not probably conscious
of.

a - Condon also Presbyterians in
their treatment. unconsciously perhaps.
The difference is the dif-
ference between Congregational-
ism & Presbyterianism.

Pr. stands on Congregational-
ist ground. Let her know
the error of being right even
if the public don't know that
it is Congregational to be
so.

I shall write a history
of the Institution by & by
- will present you a copy
more easily read than this -
if in other wise better time.
This designated letter.

I see the morning Californ-
ian has a miserable attack
on your great attack. I
presume you are used to such
things. at any rate you are se-
cure in the confidence of the
Christian people of the country
a rare affair to witness the spirit
of the whisky & other things - M -



You must excuse me for
my feeling in respect to Collin
- believe he is a Christian
- can be true as such. but his
course has been a most worthy
one. as I regard the yet I have
made no demand of him or a-
bout him except that since
forth I must be the President
of the Institution - as you &
my College President at the
East indicated it - If he
can accept me as such and act
as a man of honor & should. I
shall be satisfied - yet my
knowledge of human nature
tells me that such magnanimity
is dangerous to myself - & at
times my natural feelings get the better
of me

As far as some trustees were concerned, Collins election to the board was because they thought him a good man & they did not know of my differences between him & me - & did not understand the influence & working of a board so constituted. Higginson voted for him under such misapprehensions. But Collins knew what he was about, & as I think did intentionally. Do you doubt it? They carefully kept from me this intention & I the President of the Institution.

Do you blame me for making in tolerating it? I feel as if I deserve respect & sympathy.

As for my wisdom - wait & see the issue of this struggle & the position at length made for me. Before that is decided on.

How came Collins to get into a place where he could do so much damage? That was because of the old Academic trouble, to remedy which I sacrificed or risked the sacrifice of almost every thing - I was fighting Anderson on that, while Collins turned my flank before I knew it. ^(I did not even realize that he was an enemy) or hid for - I think he has failed. If I did not feel sure of it should not be on my very back now.

I hope nothing will be said or done to diminish the credit that the Institution owes to him for the position the Board gives him. A ought to suffer the discredit of his jealousy rather than that we should relieve him of it at his expense. The Board position is not at his position.

328 Washington Street,

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Boston, Mass.

January 30th 1876

General W. Howard U.S.A.

Portland Oregon

Dear General

I am just in receipt
of copies of your report on Alaska sent
me by Hon J. H. Mitchell, printed by
order of the Senate. If you have no
copies, you can easily obtain them
if you wish by applying to any member
of Congress. It seems to have a good
effect upon the public mind and
now I believe something will be
done for the good of the country and
of Alaska.

My kindest remembrance to
you and all.

I am, Dear Sir,
Forster Tappan

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J. H. Johnson

Patience Wilson

Don't know

For the good of the country and
I believe something will be
done for the furtherance of
peace. It seems to have a good
basis by appealing to my readers
and you can easily observe them
of the course. If you have not
by the Anti-Slavery, printed by
this of your report or letters sent
I am much obliged

Ans. by Gov. H -

Feb. 15. 76



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Olympia, W. T.,
31 Jan'y, '76.

My dear sir,

I doubt if the time suggested in yours of the 24th inst. can be met by me, nor do I now feel able to suggest any other. On the 3^d Monday in ~~April~~ ^{March}, I shall hold court at Vancouver & may be able to be at Portland some day in the term.

On the 1st Monday in April a court commences here. Until the Vancouver court my hands seem filled. When I come to V., I'll endeavor to see you at Portland,

Very truly yours,
R. S. Greene
Maj. Gen. L. O. Howard,
Portland, Oregon.

Fort M. Henry,
Baltimore, Md., Jan'y. 31, 1876.

My dear General -

Having returned from
Egypt & rejoined my reg-
iment, I have concluded to
write to you to see if there
is any duty you could
give me at your H. Q. Gro.
I am almost sure that
there is not, but as I am
anxious to get some other
than Company duty, I am
also anxious to go to the Pacific

Ans'd. Feb 27, 1876

By Slader

Capt. Slader

Send Genl. kind regards.



Coast again, & write on the
bare possibility of such a
thing being practicable.

I had some pretty hard
work in Egypt, but altogether
a very interesting & instructive
experience. On my departure
General Stone kindly gave
me a very pleasant & flat-
tering letter to the Secy. of
War, which, however, will
not probably be of much
service in a political way.

Begging you to excuse
my numerous requests of you,
but trusting that you will,
if possible, add one more
to your many kindnesses to
me - I remain, General,

Yours very respectfully & sincerely,
Robert M. Rogers,
1st Lt. 2nd Arty.

Eastern Office of THE ADVANCE,
47 Bible House, New York Jan. 31. 1876.

Many thanks for your letter.
I never realized the cost of
correspondence till since
I went into the Advance.
Long your "substance" must
be eaten up by lawsuits.
My church is neither ^{Bacon}
or Adams. It is E. Orange
near Newark - a little
community by itself. I
have been cordially received
but find myself not
only in a real revival but
hard up against ^{3 or 4}
Causes. Theatres & tobacco.
Heretics on one side &
factious narrowness on
the other & the whole bap-
tised in a church quar-
rel! So my stay may be
short & will be if God
does not help me.
I bid my family Feb 20th
Love & all. Revland



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*Gen. O. O. Lawrence
Boston
Mass.*

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