Dr Sir

Lapwai Idaho Sep 1st [1876]

My Father died on the 29th ult. after a painful sickness of nine days. Please inform Dr Douglas if in Portland.

Respectfully Your

Jno Ellentuch

United States

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U.S. POSTAGE

To G rd

Portland

Oregon

Bucksport Sept. 2nd 1876

My Dear Friend

I rec. a very well come letter from you so long ago at Brooklyn, that I so long delayed a reply, that I am almost ashamed to write you now, but I will venture on your kind forgiving spirit, and conclude you will be glad to hear a word from us even at this late day. We have had, as you know an intensely hot summer, on this Atlantic Coast interior, whether it has been so on the Pacific Slope I am not aware.

In N. York, where we all remained until middle of July, the weather was fearful night and day, so that my blood almost boiled, and

in opposition to Andrew Jackson, I think in 1828, & I have never been ashamed of it.

P.S. My 1st Vote for Pres. was cast in N.Y. for J. Q. Adams

I have not heard from Lately, he seems to have found the position he gave some of his Church members, "dropped out" and if he & his friends would only allow him to remain out, he & they would show more Wisdom, and the Churches would be guilt[illegible]

As you see by the newspapers we are having a great political excitement, the Republicans held a great meeting in this town last week, Mr Pratt of Iowa & Mr. Blaine made very fine speeches, I met Mr & Mrs Blaine at the hotel, he seems very vigorous, well, & hope with great care & cleanly, he must will live yet many years to serve his Country.

We have now in Hayes & Wheeler, take them all in all the two best Candidates for Pres. & V. Pres. that have ever been on the ticket for those offices since I became a Voter

this gave me an attack of the gout, more protracted than I have had for 10 years, did not wear a shoe for 3 weeks, but for the past 3 or 4 weeks I am recovering my general health & that of Mrs Buck & Emmie, has become excellent in this cool bracing air, & good nights to sleep.

Dr Taylor wrote me last week he was going to Moosehead Lake & wished me to meet him at Mt. Kineo; this I could not conveniently do, but went up yesterday to Sebec & came down on the train with him to Bangor, where Mrs Buck & Emmie met us at the Depot, and as we had a couple of hours before the ex. train left for Boston & Louis for Bucksport we took an open carriage and made a general survey of Bangor, the Seminary, Thomas' hill, Broadway &c, & then had a good supper together & all the party enjoyed it much, Dr T. spoke of you & of the beautiful trip we had together at Gettysburgh; he asked me if I had read your Article in the "Atlantic" for July on the Battle, (which I had with much interest) & said your description brot. the whole day & scene vividly before him on which we all visited the field. Taylor would have come down & spent Sunday with us, but for a previous engagement to preach tomorrow at Nahant.

I rec'd. a letter from Dr Storrs yesterday, he & his family are spending the Summer at Lenox Mass, and are all well, he returns to Brooklyn about the middle of this month & to do so Mr H. W. Beecher &

and I can but think, there is yet Patriotism & virtue enough in the Country to elect them, instead of Tilden & his Democratic, Southern, Anti War, rebellious Crew, I hope Oregon will go right, If Tilden does not go out of New-york City & Brooklyn with over 50.000 Majority I think the rural districts will be able to overcome this, and thus secure the State of N. York. We have a very popular man nominated Gov. Morgan for Governor, he has in former years served the State twice in that Capacity very acceptably, And as his War record, as well as his financial, are good, there is a fair Chance of his election,

Mr B. & Emma send their kind regards to you & Mrs H. and wish we were near enough to see each other often, but God fixes our habitations

for us in a much wiser, and better way than we could all we have to do, is to serve him and our fellow men as best we can, where he places us, this I know you endeavour to do, and by his grace, both you & your good wife have succeeded pretty well I think.

Don't let it be so long as I have before you write, we are always glad to hear from you, and of the welfare of your family. Is your eldest son with you now or at the East?

With my kindest regards to Mrs Howard, believe me as ever yours affectionately,

R. P. Buck

Rec'd: R. P.
Ans'd: 2. 1876

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Washington, D.C.,
September 2nd 1876.

My dear General:

I know you will join heartily with me in thanking my good, kind friend, Senator Mitchell, for all he has done for me. By a steady, persistent effort, in the very face of the tremendous reductions now being made, he has extracted a promise from Judge Tyner, P. M. Genl. that absolutely astonishes me. It is to the effect that I shall have work in his department on the 10th of October, proximo. I know, Genl., that you can imagine with what heartfelt joy and gladness Mrs. C. and I received the good news. From the time I handed your letter and those of Genl. Simpson and Hon. Sol. Hirsch to the Senator he manifested the most lively interest in my behalf — never ceasing in his up-hill work till he had accomplished the herculean task

his friends and myself had put upon him. Tell all his friends in Portland that they may safely trust their interests and requests to the care of Senator Mitchell with the full conviction that they will never be neglected. A few weeks ago when I told him of my penniless condition he drew from his pocket a twenty dollar bill and, in spite of my objection, ~~he~~ thrust it upon me. When I bid you good-bye, Genl., I felt in my heart that I was parting with the dearest and only substantial friend I had on earth; but God in His mercy has provided me with another who has indeed proved a true friend in the hour of my greatest need. With deep reverence I can now say "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." The Senator leaves here for home about Wednesday next. Dont fail to assure him of the sincerity of my gratitude, for I greatly fear that my emotion prevented me from fully expressing my thanks when he brought the glad tidings to our room. I told him to take with him my assurance that the promise I made you never to drink has been fully kept. This evidently gave him much pleasure and he advised me, for his sake, to stick to my good resolution through life — and I will.

Mrs. C. & I are truly grieved at the sad, sad news of our dear friend, Sladen's, misfortune. Please give us full particulars, as Major Boyle simply stated that he had fallen and again broken his injured leg.

Say to friend Wilkinson that I have not forgotten my promise to write him concerning my trip home. But indeed my mind has been so occupied with my miserable condition that I could think of nothing else.

Love to all. I hope soon to see you, General.

Very truly yours,

W. P. Cudlipp,

918 - L. St. N.W.

GEO. W. DYER,
Attorney and Counsellor at Law,
519 Seventh Street, Lock Box 100.

Washington, D. C., Sept 5 1876

Genl O. O. Howard.
Portland Oregon.

Dear General. I received your telegram of Monday week, and that of last Monday. During last week, Morrill was away, having gone to Maine the week before, and there had been a general scattering of all the officials, to get rest, and to avoid the importunities of the friends of employés about to be removed. The Attorney General, and Sec^y of War, were busy devising means to secure a peaceful and fair election in the South. I was unable until to day, and then with difficulty to get a conference with Genl Sherman. He said that he had not approved your application for leave, and intimated as I thought that he would not do so at present. He declared that he considered himself one of your best friends, that he under-

stood your anxiety, and your situation, and has your affairs constantly in mind, and thought that in good time he could do some thing which would be satisfactory. Among other things, he said: "Advise the General, to do his duty cheerfully to the best of his ability where he is, and the earliest opportunity will be taken to give him the chance he wishes, and assure him that I shall not forget him". or about these expressions.

Secretary Morrill will not be back until after the Maine election, say about the middle of this month, and the President and Officials generally will be absent until next month. In fact little will be done except of routine until after the Presidential election, in which the chances now favor Hayes.

Remember me kindly to Mrs Howard

Very truly

Geo. W. Dzer

Solon: 5. 1876

Rec'd Oct. 10.

Fort Townsend W.T.
September 8th 1876

My dear General

I recd your very kind note from Lt Wood. We had about given up the boats for the baby when your information reached us concerning the ventilation of the boats. We both appreciate your kind advice about church and especially your suggestion to cultivate Mr Highland, whom we like very much. Mr H- did call on us more than a year ago, but Mrs Burton has been in very delicate health ever since up to the present time, and though we intended, yet really never could get over to return Mr Highlands call. In case you should, with Mrs Howard

visit Victoria this fall we should be pleased to have you remain over a few days with us. I should esteem it a great pleasure to meet Mrs Howard. and I think she might enjoy a visit at the Post. Mrs B & myself were pained to hear of Capt Stadens misfortune Honor Dr Baily thinks it a blessing in disguise, I hope so. Mrs Burton joins me, and I many kind wishes for Mrs H— and yourself. and for a pleasant voyage and safe return from your contemplated trip to the East.

With much respect I remain
Truly yours

G. H. Burton

Genl. O. O. Howard
U S Army

Burton G. H.
S.M.S. 1876.

(YUMA, ARIZONA.)

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SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. Sept 8th 1876.

Genl O. O. Howard U.S.A.
Portland
Oregon

Dear Sir.

Your valued favor of 29th ult, with enclosure of draft for $125. currency, received.

I have credited this amount upon your note, as desired.

Very truly yours
James M. Barney
Per M. K. B.

The Dalles Ogn. Sept. 11th 1876

Genl O. O. Howard

Portland

Ogn.

Dear Sir

I ship you per to-morrows Boat 7 Boxes Fruit (assorted) just to show you & lady what our old pioneers in Eastern Oregon are doing hoping they may reach you in good order & be a slight source of enjoyment while they last. Please accept the same as a present.

Yours Truly

~~A. H. Leonard~~

C. W. Denton

ans by Capt W—
Sept. 13.76

day love to "Bessie". Sorry she is fine papa likes your best but she will grow & must go to school. We had a little Chinese girl aboard who was very bright, daughter of a rich Chinese merchant. She played briskly & happily with the other numerous children. Give much love to all. Jamie must get his Latin well this term, everything depends on it. I should not regard him "forever deficient" if he missed to the Military or Naval Academy. Latin is a good test of ability. Charley must think how he can do something for Mamma, more than for Charley. I saw several of Johnnies & Frankies aboard the steamer.

Sweet love to Mamma & Sey
Your husband
Otis

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{Gen. Brecht's room}

Headquarters Department of California,

P. O. BOX 2261. San Francisco, Sept. 11, 1876

Dearest. We had a very pleasant trip indeed - arriving last night (Sunday) by 8 o'clock though we did not get to the Hotel till 9½ owing to the long delay in getting to the docks - the tide being very low. Dr Beckley preached yesterday morning to a full room (the Cabin) The sea was so smooth that there was scarcely any sickness. Mrs Spurgeon. Mrs Sully & Mrs

Butler
was quite sick the first day
at sea. Mr Todd kept improv-
ing - tho. his sons have to move
his legs as he moves his crutches -
he is sprightly & happy. The
family goes to New York State
to some cure establishment
on the Erie R.R... I find all
right here - Have had all my
matters before Mr Donnell
satisfactorily... He says, I give
you permission to be absent
from your seat yes. just go to
Washington & get the journey
sometime afterward. All sights
I have not seen our
excursions, the Martins, yet.
The first officer I met
here was Ben. Schenck. He
was very cordial & seemed
to forget he had ever
"pitched in" so did I seem
to forget. It is better to
be cheery & forgiving is it
it? I shall finish reading
his book "Dutch Republic"
& return it by his "Elder".
Guy must ask the Purser. Mrs
Hughes for it... & return it
to his library. Give a little

HEAD QUARTERS

MIL. DIV. OF THE PACIFIC AND DEPT. OF CAL.

OFFICE OF CHIEF QUARTERMASTER.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Sept. 12th 1876

General W. T. Sherman
Commanding Army U.S.

General

As you have left Washington I cannot be sure at what point to reach you - so that I will leave this communication for you here. I am called to Washington by a dispatch and hope to make now with the War Dept. & the Treasury a final settlement of disbursing officers' accounts. I have important matters connected with my Department that I should have consulted with you upon - but can do this same with the Adjutant General. Will you have the kindness to approve my journey on & back or ask the Secretary of War to do so. General McDowell gives

his sanction with provision that I retain the entire responsibility for my Department.

Very respectfully your obedt. Servt.

O. O. Howard

Brig. General Commdg Dept. of the Columbia.

Journey taken by Gen O. O. Howard U.S. Army from the 12th to the 22nd of September on official business from San Francisco Cal to Washington D.C. and return is hereby approved

W. T. Sherman

General.

Signed at San Francisco, Sept 24, 1876.

This must not form a precedent, for the order cannot provide the funding

W. T. Sherman

General.

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Portland, Oregon, Sept 16 1876

Gen O. O. Howard

Respected Sir

I am asking you to go on a very delicate mission. All that I can say to you is see my wife quietly as possible and sounder her feeling toward me. See how she appears to be living? Fredricksburg Va is full of my enemies. She lives or did with her mother Mrs Gilham on Hawk St between main St and the river. It is well toward the upper end of the town. You can ~~get~~ get directions from Mr Thomas Boot whose dealer ~~&c~~ I have no friends there to be whom I can send you

Yours Respectfully

D H Stearns

Sept. 16. 1876

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Walla Walla T.
Sept 19th 1876

Genl O. O. Howard
Portland Ore

Sir. The carriage has arrived safely. We have one of about the same style. About the only objection is in the light. Making it very inconvenient for Ladies to get in and out. I think we will be able to make use of it.
The Wheel needs some repairing before being fit for use. The hubs have shrunk so as to let the band fall off. We will write you again in a few days.

Very respectfully yours
A. Small & Bro

A. Small & Bro.

Sept: 19. 1876

Headquarters of the Army,

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Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, September 20, 1876.

Brigadier General O. O. Howard,
Commanding Dept. of the Columbia,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have the honor to inform you that the General of the Army has confirmed the verbal authority given you by Major General Irvin McDowell, Commanding Military Division of the Pacific, to proceed to this City on public business, and directs that, on its completion, you return to your proper station.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant.

D. Tompkins
Adjutant General.

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Quartermasters Department, U. S. Army,

FORT DODGE, KANS., Sept. 23 1876

To

Brig Genl O. O. Howard U.S.A.
Portland Oregon

Sir.

I am obliged again to ask of you a favor. For the last sixteen months I have been employed in the Q.M. Dept. at this Post as Agent and Clerk. and owing to the limited appropriation in the Dept. for this year my pay has been reduced from $125. to $75 per month. An application was made a short time ago (under date of the 8th inst) to the Chief Quartermaster of the Dept. (Genl Saxton) to have my pay increased to at least $100 per month, but the application was not favorably considered as the appropriation for Army Transportation, from which I am paid, would not allow it. Can you not consistently write to Genl Saxton, whom I think is a friend of yours, and ask him if he cannot give me a better position, or at least, to increase my

Salary which I think might be done very easily if I had some one of influence to urge it for me, that after paying my actual and needful expenses I might have something left. I am obliged to work pretty hard as there is a Depot, and I do not consider that my pay is adequate to the services which I render. Inasmuch as I am compelled to work for a salary it is to my interest to procure as much pay as possible. I am sorry to trouble you and would not ask you to do this for me, unless as I have written before you can do so consistently.

I am very glad to see that your son Guy has received an appointment in the Army. I sincerely hope that he will like the life of a Soldier.

Please remember me kindly to Capt Sladen. And believe me to be

Yours Respectfully

Geo. H. Harwood

Gen. O. O. Howard 315 C Street South East
Washington 1876
September 23rd

My ever appreciated Christian friend.

I understand you are in our town — I should have called, had I known where to find you. — Your going so far, at any rate has been a death blow to the first Freedman's College, ever reared at the National Capital. Professor Langston, told me it was sinking at the rate of $35,000 per annum. — He thought you might have resigned your place, in the Army, rather than to have forsaken the grand enterprize your influence, & zeal had well nigh steriotyped forever, as a splendid success. The Villa, you sold to me for $32,000, and that has cost me several thousand more, since, has shared the same stiff prejudice, that exists against the College. The business men, have, seem to have agreed to call Effingham Place, by the vulgar slang of Nigger Hole — so I can neither rent, or sell it; and now I must lose it altogether, as Mrs Foster, threatens to sell it, under the hammer of the Mortgage, because I was unable to

to pay her, the last six months interest, due on the first day of August 1876. My christian brother, you owe me, exactly $550, and I have waited for it, ever since the spring of 1874, as you, in your Agreement, of Sale, promised to pay the interest for August 1874 and also give me $1800, in advance for rent for one year. I know your great troubles, and have used my pen, all over the country to try to raise up active friends, for you. I would not begin to mention your debt to me, except that I am in such an extreme pinch, to save from violent foreclosure of mortgage, the large property I bought from you, that has never yielded me a cent of income. I know you have a NOBLE heart of brotherhood, for the whole human race; therefore I do pronounce you "a good man", even if your enemies revile you, for want of financial cunning, to shake off the thieves who have surrounded, and encreached you in the expenditure of public money. Did any one ever yet see a noble generous man, or woman, who could not be victimized, by the coarse self adoring idolaters, the

atheist, to whom money is the Great Diana the supreme deity of the covetous?—

Since I saw you, my aged, only brother, has been assassinated for fifty cents, by two starving negroes, only 21 years old, whom he had befriended, from their birth. All his life, had been spent in doing good to others, & when he was struck down at 76 years of age, he was so instantaneously killed, that he did not know who struck him, when twelve buck shot were fired into the back of his head, blowing it off. Poor poor negroes, their most diabolically selfish, though often pretended friends, urge them to these numerous suicidal assassinations, of their white neighbours, thus forcing awful retaliations, when it would be so much better for both races, to love, & befriend each other.

My adopted daughter's husband, too, was last year, financially ruined, in Minnesota, so she came here, to live with me, thus adding five more, to my care, for support. Shortly after the same, that is nine months afterwards, she was delivered of a child that killed her. Good God! what lingering pains; what redoubled throes, what killing agonies attend this mysterious birth of a son of man. His tortured mother pro-claims the news in bitterest anguish. She, flee from the mournful scene, flee to distant apartments But in vain— the din of sorrow pursues, & overtakes you there

Sympathise & pray, while she suffers & groans, perha
while she suffers & dies, for possibly it is her
groan, that reaches your ear. Perhaps the instrum
of death are upon her; the keen steel mang
her delicate frame, — The fertile tree is cut do
that its fruit, may be safely garnered If this is the
O earth, earth, earth! conceal these slain — cover th
blood, and detain in thy dark bosom the fear
curse, that brought them there. Vain wish
active to be confined in thy deepest vaults
ranges through the world, with unrelent
fierceness it pursues trembling mothers, fo
them to lift up their voice for speedy reli
Though varied according to the accents o
hundred languages, it is still the same ve
that of the bitterest anguish; and while it is revi
ted from cottage to cottage, from city to city, i
the unprejudiced enquirer, & makes him ex
"If mankind were in the creators favor," would the
order the human fruit, to drop from the parent
without any more inconvenience than ripe vegeta
fall from the opening bush, or full grown fruits f
the distressed tree? Why poor young dau
screamed 14 days, a raving maniac, from pure
fear, & then died, leaving three motherless
the ones to me. Deep appreciating by you
sympathising friend

Mary Howard Silvas Bixby

Walla Walla
Sept. 25th 1876

My Dear General

Received your letter in response to mine about my son Lawrence (Capt. Babbitt) joining your staff.

I appreciate fully the sentiments of your letter, and intended to have a personal interview with you upon the subject matter of our letters; till I was advised of your somewhat sudden departure.

I do not now allude again to the subject of our letters, to urge upon you a compliance with our son's desire; nor would he, or we, under any circumstances wish it, excepting it were in perfect and full accordance with your own preference.

I write mainly, to suggest, that while in Washington you can if you please, speak with the Chief of Ordnance, and other authorities at Army Hd. Qrs. as to the practicability of

the assignment of Capt B. as suggested.

Mrs B. & I. came here a few days since on a visit to Judge Hingard and wife and after a pleasant sojourn of a few days expect to return to Bristol tomorrow.

Saw Mrs A. just before leaving Bristol, apparently quite well.—

I write this note, not knowing whether or not your business will detain you in Washington long enough for you to receive it there.—

Think I will direct to care of the Adjutant Genl, who will place it in your hands if still there.—

Ever Respectfully
and Truly Yours
E. B. Babbitt

Genl O. O. Howard U S A
Washington City
D. C.

East Orange, Sept, 26th 86

My Dear Son Otis,

you will see by the telegram, enclosed that Poor Dear Rosa is gone, her sufferings have passed away, I trust she is in the presence of her Saviour but my heart is full, for Sellie that tenderness he has received ten years cannot return to him, and those three dear ones, cannot receive that Mother tenderness they have had, anymore how much sadness we encounter in this world, last evening I was sad ~~last evening~~ for you, and now Sellie and his dear children are the picture before me, dear Sellie he knows where to put his trust, My dear Son, ask God to guide all his footsteps, I shall write more letters this evening, I rejoice that we have a Supreme guide that knows all our wants, and is ready to help in every time of need Your loving Mother

Elisa Gilmore

O O Howard

Gilmore, Eliza

Sept: 26. 1876

Read by the Genl.

but not answered

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Manchester Sept 28/74

Dear Sir

I have been requested to forward the enclosed papers for your action.

When do you return to Portland and is Hodgen coming east.

I shall leave here the last of next month and hope to be in Portland by the middle of Nov.

Yours truly
R. H. Rothwell

Batchelder, M. N.

Sept: 28. 1876

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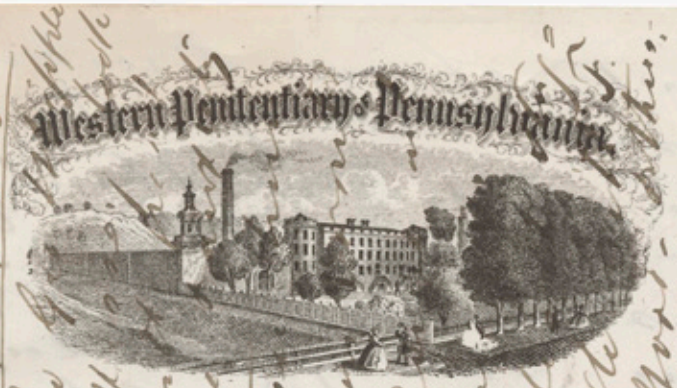

Allegheny, Pa. Sept. 29. 1876

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Gen. O. O. Howard

My Dear Sir

Rev. W. Waring of the 6th Auditors department has sent me two Postal Cards, the last just rec'd. I am tied closely here in the prison. Tho I think there is not the slightest probability of my going to H. University yet I should like to go above into matters, with the hope, that if any effort were made in this part of the Country to raise funds for the Institution I might be able to assist more efficiently - The real trouble is that in my anxiety to help those who were destitute, to keep from starving in the hope they would get through, to help this Kindergarten to get a firm hold in the Community I have crippled myself more than was wise. But I think Dr. Stussey whom you may remember

as the President of our Freedmen
Aid Commission. Really the be-
hack come of it. I think he
wants me to go to the N. Uni-
versity if I saw my own way
clear & see some of a support.
You dear friend Irwin, Chancellor
Woods, also I think would like
me to go on the same condition.
I don't think feel as if I saw
the person - but I stand amazed that
these two Doctors should think of
it for a moment. This idea has
occurred to me - if you felt like it
you could write a few lines to Dr.
Hussey 37 5th Ave Pitts. saying
you would like to have me come
to Washington to consult abt.
the University. I can hardly
conceive of anything that might
more legitimately come under
the provisions of Mr Avery's
will that the residue of his
estate (it is nearly all spent
now) should be used for the
benefit of the Colored people of
the Country - Dr Hussey knows ex-
actly how to approach the trustees
of Mr Avery - one of whom is
his pastor. If they will fur-
nish the funds I think I can
get away for a few days - If they

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GEO. W. DYER,
Attorney and Counsellor at Law,
519 Seventh Street, Lock Box 100.

Washington, D. C., Sept 29th 1876

Dear General

Lest I should not be fortunate enough to see you in season, will you please drop me a Postal card, stating whether it will be convenient for you to be present at the open of the Mid. Dept. on Monday evening next at 7½ o clock.

Very truly Yours

1113 Mass. Avenue } G. S. Palmer

Palmer, G. S.

Sept. 29. 1876

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CLINTON B. FISK, *Chairman*, St. Louis.

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WM. STICKNEY, *Secretary*, Washington.

Sept. 30. 1876

Board of Indian Commissioners,

Washington, D.C.

N.Y. Sept. 30 1876.

Dear General McDowell -

I have received your kind favor of the 28th inst. - I cannot judge correctly respecting departure or date of same until early next week - We have certain very important matters in court in St. Louis. decisions in which are hourly expected - It may be utterly impracticable for me to be absent from New York in October and November. yet I trust ~~not~~ I may overcome the importunities of my associates who think I am very necessary in working out certain results.

If I had only my own personal interests involved I would anchor (Le V): but there large interests in which are vitally concerned, a duty may bid me stay the ship here -

I am quite well fixed - but not exactly happy the position - and the associations immediate is not just the I like - Have you sometimes in your eye for me? It would be just like you to be on the look out for somebody -

Please remember me most kindly to the family at home - I wish you could spend a little time with us on our Sea girt home.

Yours Very Truly
Clinton B. Smith

Rhd. Sept 30th 1876.

My dear Friend,

Many times daily, different members of the family say to each other, "So there no news of Genl. Howard yet" — We are so truly glad to know definitely, that you are coming to us and just when we shall have no other guests for next week. Gracie has not arrived yet. I feel tempted to telegraph to her — With sincere regards ever truly your friend,

Sarah B. T. Greble.

Yr note came half an hour ago —

Gnehle. Sarah B. F.

Sept: 30. 1876

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long absence.

I am very truly Yours

A. C. Barstow.

Barstow, A. C.

Sept. 30. 1876

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CLINTON B. FISK, St. Louis, Chairman.
F. H. SMITH, Wash'ng, D. C., Secretary.

Board of Indian Commissioners,

WASHINGTON, D. C.,

Providence Sep. 30th 1876.

Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear friend

I am in receipt of yours of 28th Inst. and note contents. I dont quite understand the particular present troubles with the Nez Perces Indians, nor am I fully advised of the mode of travel from Portland Oregon to their reservation. I have supposed that the route of travel is by the Columbia River, and possibly by its tributary, the Snake river, if that is navigable. If on the contrary there is a long stage or waggon route,

please tell me how long, and how much time is required to make the journey from Portland.

I do not willing to go out simply to buy supplies. This is more than a dollar and cent business to me. Nor was I willing to go alone. I fear that I ought not to go at all. I fear that I cannot go without neglecting some private interests of importance, to say nothing of my public duties here. I have consented to consider the question of going, providing we can get away in two weeks, and there is promise of accomplishing any good by the journey. I shall try to find time to write to Mr. Stickney to day, who, I am told by Gen. Sirke, is prepared to go.

Tell me something of the climate at Saperai. Though the winter climate is mild on the Coast, I have supposed it might be quite severe, so far in the interior, and in a region, as I have supposed, somewhat mountainous. An early answer, though brief, will oblige me. I am hoping to be in Hartford from 3° to 6° Oct. in attendance on the meeting of Am. Board, but may not be able, especially if I give serious thought to this