

Willowbrook

Autumn. N. Y.
Dec 13th 1876

General Howard.

Dear Sir.

I believe that you will pardon the liberty I take in drawing your attention to the Report of a Committee of Ladies on Mission work at our Military Posts. I would like to ask your sanction of the steps we have taken - and your approval of our action in sending copies of the accompanying report and letter to all the officers commanding Posts in the Department of the Columbia. My two sons in law - General Upton, and General Alexander of the 8th Cavalry, and my son Lewis. John W. Martin of the 4th Cavalry are all in the Military service - and thus you see dear Sir how near I may be to the spiritual needs - of our isolated Garrison. I send the honor to be yours in Christian bonds -

Cordelia W Martin -

Martin, Cornelius

Dec. 13. 1876.

Answered.

Fort Walla Walla W.T.
December 14, 1876.

My dear Sir.

Enclosed please find currency check of four hundred & fifty seven dollars on First National Bank of Portland, payable to your order, which I received last evening from Messrs. Small Brothers on your account.

These gentlemen asked me if you had mentioned whether the carriage was to be paid for in currency, or coin? My reply was that in first letter to me regarding it you said coin, and that I presumed you had never thought of anything but coin for the carriage, at the price stipulated. They admitted that nothing had been said in regard to either coin or currency, but that they had in some way been impressed with the notion that you meant green backs. Said also that if they were mistaken, and that you meant coin, they were holders for the coin and should pay the difference upon hearing from you upon the subject.

I thought it best to take the check (they preferred I should forward it) and submit the question to your decision rather than to let the whole matter rest until you could be corresponded with.

I remain

Yours very sincerely

B. L. Whipple.

To

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

Portland

Oregon.

P.S.

The question of loosened bands was not
agitated.

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(YUMA,
ARIZONA.)

304 CALIFORNIA STREET,
(SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.)

OFFICE OF

JAMES M. BARNEY,
GENERAL MERCHANDISE, COMMISSION AND FORWARDING.

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SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.,

Dec 14th 1876,

Gen O. O. Howard.

Portland

Oregon.

Dear Sir.

Your esteemed favor
of 7th inst with enclosure of \$125. currency, duly
received, and is credited upon your note.
With many thanks for same, and my best wishes
for yourself, believe me

Very truly yours

James M. Barney.

Per Wm. H. B.

Barnes, Jas. W.

Dec. 14. 1876

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Bardlow, A. C.

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Dec. 14, 1876.

Providence Dec. 14th 1876.
Genl. O. C. Howard

My dear friend

I reached home safely on Saturday evening 9th Inst. after a hard journey of about 13 days. I had a hint before I left Portland, of my wife being ill by a severe Cold. When I reached home I found her confined to her room with a severe bronchial affection which has become Chronic with her, at this season of the year. She is confined to her room - very weak, and with little appetite, and a very heavy cough. At the same time one of our Chil. dren and family - 7 in all - are visiting us. You will

See the need of my being
at home.

Indeed I ought not to have
gone from home at that
season of the year, for so
long an absence, but I feel
the pressure of a public trust
to that degree that I often
yield to it in sacrifice, not
merely of my own, but of the
interest of my family.

I am a little curious to
know what was done with
the report drawn in your
absence. Had I followed
my inclination, I would
not have touched it. It
was the Chairmans duty
to draw it, or request some
one else to. I doubt if he
could do the first, and
he had not the grace to
do the second.

The Telegraph which
called me from home, made
me Chairman of the Board.

I did not want the place.
It belonged to you. But for
the Secretary to place Mr.
Jerome at the head of the
Commission ^{by instructions sent to San Francisco} was a political
trick. Chandler placed him
on the Board without recom-
mendation of any Mission
Board, and he has been on
it but six months. I knew
him five years ago. I regarded
him as a man of some talent
but vain, conceited and
crachety. If he accepted
the reports so far as made,
very well. Indeed I sug-
gested to him on that last
Sabbath, what we had
done, and suggested as
we were to meet at your

house that evening. That
we have the Manuscript
and read it for Criticism,
but he said no. — and said
nothing more.

If my part of it has
been much altered under
his Criticism. I shall de-
mand to withdraw it.

Let him write his own if
he can. I told Mr. Stickney
I would agree to anything
in which he and you were
Cordially joined.

I write in great haste,
which please excuse. My
Cordial Salutations to Mrs.
Howard and the Children.
Thanks for your hospitality.

A. M. M. Beaman and
daughter, bring letters from
the Cong Church in Washington
to me. Yours truly
A. C. Foster.

DIX, Chairman.
KE DE KAY, Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS

Union Veterans' National Committee,

229 Broadway

1876-1880,

~~Fifth Ave. Hotel~~, New York City, Dec 15 - 1876.

Dear Sir:

I beg to call your attention
to communication from these
Headquarters to which no reply
has as yet been received.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Wm. L. Kay

P. O. Box 906, N. Y.

De Kay, Drake

Dec. 15. 1876

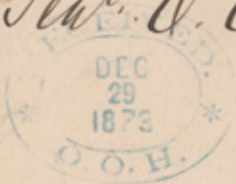
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MESSAGE ON THE O.



Genl. O. O. Howard
Portland
Oregon





Hartford Dec 15th 76.

Gen O.O. Howard.

Dear Sir

I am trying to get an autograph collection of the Governors of the states and Territories to keep as a Centennial relic and keepeake and would like yours to help complete the list. will you please write on enclosed paper so that I can have them bound uniformly by doing which you will greatly oblige.

Yours respectfully.
J. C. Hills.

Mrs. J. L.

Dec. 15. 1876



Security Life Ins. & Annuity Co.,

NOS. 31 & 33 PINE STREET,

New York, Dec. 15th, 1876.

To the Policy Holders of the Security Life Ins. and Annuity Co.:

It is my duty to notify you that I have been appointed, by the Supreme Court, Receiver of the above entitled Company, to wind up its affairs.

I have this day taken possession of the office and property of the Company, and as soon as I am able to make thorough examination of its condition, I will report the same to the persons interested, together with any suggestions which seem proper to be made by me.

WM. H. WICKHAM,

Receiver.

Wickham, Wm. H.

Dec. 15, 1876



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OFFICE OF THE ADVANCE,

Nos. 151 & 153 Fifth Avenue.

G. H. HOWARD & Co.,

Publishers

Chicago Dec 16 1876

Gen. G. H. Howard

Dear Brother

Will look for the m.s.
to be returned from Mr. Thetney.
I did not know when those
gentlemen returned nor when
Sladen went through. Wish I
could have seen the letter.

There are some things that I
like in this life and would not
get all these business and
conveniences to them - One is,
to see my friends - not numerous,
those I really love. Among them
I count Sladen. We shall look
for that letter from Harry. It
is very pleasant to get Grouse's
letters & letters now that Mother
is with us. Ellie seems happy
with our children & Drellie

P.S. Please give my love to the children & to the children see P.S. 2

W. C. C. Howard
Sladen

Howard, G. H.

Dec. 16, 1876.

will come to see him or Christmas,
or New Years. I always' truth
with Xth of Work but the good
he might have done the Advocate.

But we are gaining somewhat.
T. is evictive. He is very ten-
der of the democracy - evidently
has good many Democrats in
his church. He does not
write very regularly.

You will have seen your
first article a new Peace. If
you get out of present drowsy matter
why write up some recollections
of Hospital visitations at West
Point Xth Work - Talks with
Atheists - especially mentioning
Conversions that have come to
your knowledge &c. &c.

I have not read Hancock's
article but I have it. Will send
it to you if you want it. I should say
Schurz would answer it admir-
ably though he might need some of your
Memoranda. I will write to Schurz
and hope you will, also, at St Louis soon
I understand. I would like his reply in the

A doctor but it would be better perhaps in Advocate if they would say
him for it a better place in Hopkins Monthly Good Advocate

Dec 16 1876.

My dear Genl Howard

The Rev Mr. J. M.
Shadling visits Oreg., on business
for us. and I take the liberty
of introducing him to your
kind acquaintance, believing
that if you can be of any
service to him, in aiding
him to press the claim of
our School Books in Oregon
you will gladly do it—
With sentiments of great respects

I am Yours Very Truly

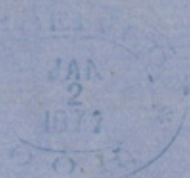
A. J. Barnes

To
Genl O. O. Howard
(W. S. A.) Portland Oregon



Barnes, Ad.

Dec. 16. 1876



No. 139. S. 4th St. Phila.
12-19-1876.
Dec 19, 1876

My Dear General!

In response to your very kind offering
I have mailed to your address the Atlantic papers
prepared for binding. I shall deem your note of
great value, and promise their preservation in a
suitable binding.

With high regards

Yours most truly,
John. Nicholson

Nicholson, John P.

Dec. 14. 1876



Worcester Dec. 19 1846.

Genl. C. C. Howard

My dear friend

Your letter of
5 Inst. reached me last eve-
ning. I am glad to hear from
you. The Report came to me
for signature, without Genl.
Wood's name yesterday. I think
I see the reason of his with-
holding of name. He had
agreed to sign what we pre-
pared ^{in your absence}, which I notice was
considerably changed, espe-
cially its conclusions and
recommendations, to some
of which Genl. Wood was
strongly committed. In the
new matter put in the report
after I left. I think I see
your cunning hand. I wish
you had prepared it all.

I do not see the hand of the
Chairman in any part, except
in suggestion and Hyper-Crit-
icism. However I was foolish
to write what I did to you
yesterday, and shall be more
foolish to add thereto.

I send you herewith some
Clippings from the Providence
Journal, containing the seven
letters I wrote to it while
absent. You and Mr. How-
ard may possibly be glad to
know my impressions. If
after reading you will hand
them to Major Boyle, I will
be obliged.

My love to little Berie as
well as other Children. I hope
she will not take herself over-
much in her efforts to oblige
me.

Had I been in Portland ^{on that Sabbath} I
think I should have enjoyed

that "lay service" with you
as a leader.

Kind regards to Mr Howard
and other friends.

Excuse the great haste in
which I write. The days are
short and I am crowded
with book work.

Mr Payton is still very ill
head & time for my family,
which I took for the public
I would go south with her.

Yours truly

A. J. Payton

P.S. Had I been present I
would have tried to modify
your utterances on Consolidation
a little - that is I would have
put the matter of a gift
of lands in fee, to those
who did not desire to
move more fully and
freely.

Barlow, A.C.

Dec. 19. 1876.

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Seattle, Dec 20, 1896.

Dear Gen'l Howard -

Your kind letter cheered us & gave our love for you a new impulse, but we are so sorry you are not able to help us thro' the Week of Prayer. I am at a loss just what course to pursue. I knew that it was asking much of you to come & much of your family to spare you & yet my members are so untrained that none of them feel fitted to take hold with me in a successful way. I could think of no one far or near so exactly suited to help me make a break upon this community. But we make no complaint,

Those chairs are in their place
& very nicely do they fill it. They
are modest, handsomely finished & service-
able - I like them!

We kissed our little boys for Ben How-
ard.

Please - if you think of it - give our
greeting & good-will to Capt Wilkinson & Lady.

If you cannot be with us still do
bear us & our work on your heart in
prayer.

Most sincerely, J. F. Ellis.

if the Good Master had seen
as I did He w'd have per-
suaded you to come, for
we asked Him to send you
if such were His will.

We are still in the same
little house waiting & on the look
out for something better. They
have fitted up a snug study
here in the tower of the church
where I am writing this
letter. It is very quiet & I
can work at my best.

But before I had time to
ask, Mrs Weed spoke to have
you at her house. They are
nicely settled in their new
house & have a prophet's
chamber for such as you
always in readiness.

Ellis J. F.

Dec. 20. 1876



OFFICE OF

JAMES M. BARNEY,
GENERAL MERCHANDISE, COMMISSION AND FORWARDING.

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SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., DEC 27th 1876.

Genl O. O. Howard
Portland.
Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Your esteemed
favor of 21st inst with the enclosure of draft for
\$125.⁰⁰ currency, for which please accept many
thanks. I have credited same on your note.
For your-self, and family please accept all the
compliments of the season.

Very truly yours

James M. Barney
Per Wm. H. B.

Barney, Jas. M.

Dec. 27. 1876



Northern Pacific Railroad Company
PACIFIC DIVISION.

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Office of General Superintendent and Assistant Land Commissioner.

Kalama, Washington Territory,

Dec. 27. 1876

Genl. O. O. Howard

My dear Genl

Yours of yesterday
is received. We have been making
some additions to our party of
Engineers but it is possible there
may yet be room for Mr. Buehler
I inclose a pass for him and he
can call on Mr. Hale at New Tacoma
and ascertain if his services are
not wanted by Mr. Hale he can
then see first work with Mr.
Mearns who is clearing the line.
With the compliments of the season
and kindest regards. I am

Yours truly
W. S. Sprague

Northern Pacific Railroad Company

PACIFIC DIVISION

Office of General Superintendent and Assistant Land Commissioner

1876

Dec 27

Adams, Washington Territory

Mr. O. O. Howard

Major General Howard

My dear General:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. in relation to the land grant for the Northern Pacific Railroad. I am sorry to hear that you are having some difficulty in getting the land grant for the railroad. I am sure that the land grant will be made for the railroad as soon as the law is passed. I am sure that the land grant will be made for the railroad as soon as the law is passed. I am sure that the land grant will be made for the railroad as soon as the law is passed.

Very respectfully,
John A. Howard

^{Buckh. R. P.}
happy to say our work is going
^{Dec. 28. 1877}
on well, both at home & abroad
and many souls are raised
through the influence of our
Sailors Home in Cherry Street -
our Missionaries & Chaplains &
the more than 5000 Librarians now
on the Sea. I presume you see
the Sailors Magazine, if not
and would like it, a copy will
be sent you monthly.

Please give me a reply as soon
as convenient.

We don't like the tricks of
your Governor much, but have
confidence that the Great Ruler
will overrule all for good &
also that Hays will be inaugu-
rated on the 4th of March
next, & moreover that the
Southern Democrats themselves
will be better pleased with his
administration than they would
with Tilden - We are all in
usual health, and again expressing
our affectionate regards, remain
truly your friend R. R. Buckh.

40 Livingston Street,
Brooklyn.



Dec 28th 1876

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My Dear Friend

There are some
advantages & some disadvantages
in being a public man, as
you no doubt can testify
from actual experience
which I cannot. One advan-
tage is, that your friends by
public reports know often
your whereabouts & probable
welfare, without giving me
the trouble of writing; from
all I can learn you arrived
home all right and I trust
found Mrs Howard & the
family well, please make
our kind regards to her
and any of the others that
may remember us, have
often thought of you & son

Since you were here, who
went into the Army, hope
and trust that God will ever
keep & defend him, from all
harm and every enemy, as
he has his father, through so
many scenes of Conflict and
danger. I am of course waiting
you a friendly letter, but my
main object just now is for
the "American Seamen's Friend
Society", at a meeting of whose
Board of Managers this week
I promised to write you for
information respecting the
character and fitness of the
Rev. R. S. Stubbs, to act as a
Chaplain Among Seamen at
Portland Oregon and other
places in that region fre-
quented by our Shipping, and
to minister to the wants of
Sailors generally, he now

resides I think at Vancouver
W. I. And either he or his friend
or both have made application
to our Society for ^{his} employment
in the interest of Seamen, both
British & American frequenting
your region. - Mr Laidlaw
Br. Consul speaks well of him.
If you or Mr Geo. H. Atkinson
would take the trouble to write
me what you know about
this man, you will do us a
favor, as well as the sailor &
your letter will be considered
Confidential to the Officers
of our Society. - I think Mr
Stubbs is a Methodist, but
am not certain, the "Seamen's
F. Society" you know is quite
Undenominational, every Evan-
gelical Denomination is in
accord with our work & some
one of each embraced in our
Board of managers. I am

Y. M. C. A.

Portland, Or.,

Dec 28 1876

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M^r Genl O. O. Howard

DEAR SIR :

You have been appointed by the "Meetings
and Lectures Committee" to lead the meeting on
Sabbath afternoon, 31st inst.

If by any means you should not be able to do so, please notify
the Chairman of the Committee immediately, so that another
person may be appointed in your place.

W. G. STEEL, Sec'y.

I. ALLEN MACRUM, Chmn.



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE-THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Gent O. O. Howard
Comdg Genl of Dept of Columbia
Portland Or.

Macomber & Co.
Dec. 28, 1876

Hoffman, E. F.

December 31, 1876

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U. S. Engineer's Office,

Rock Island, Ill December 31st 1876.

Major General O. O. Howard

U. S. Army

Dear General!

Please accept my sincere wishes for yours
and your family's happiness at the event
of the New year 1877.

Near or far from you, I will as ever
entertain a grateful memory for the time
during which I had the honor to be your
subordinate.

I read with great interest an article
written by you in relation to the battle
of Gettysburg. I am sorry that some
body took the trouble of answering to
the article. You stated nothing but

the perfect truth and believe me you have
all good men on your side, who cannot
understand the superfluous overexertions
used in the answer of somebody.

I have been last week in St Louis, where
I visited your old Art. Adj. Genl. my friend
T. A. Meyenburg. We compared notes in
relation to old times and we agreed per-
fectly. —

I hope, dear General, you are in receipt of
my letter, which I wrote last New Year, and
had it mailed through the Adjutant General
U. S. Army Washington. I know you always
have acknowledged my New years letters and
having not heard from you the last time, it
makes me think, the letter did not reach
you. — I am always happy, when I get
a few lines from you, from which I may see
that you enjoy good health.

I am as ever your grateful E. F. Hoffmann