

Dryden Tompkins Co. N.Y.  
March 1<sup>st</sup>. 1877.

General O. O. Howard.  
My dear Sir.

I must commence my note to you by introducing myself. You will probably remember your visit to Gerrit Smith some months before his death; and you may also remember that we, yourself, my wife and myself started for Morrisville, but had the misfortune to have trouble with our horse. You tumbled out, striking on your head, and while washing the blood from your broken head were driven away by an old lady. Then we had a long walk together, and you told me something of your strong, untroubled trust in Jesus, which would not suffer you to worry. Do you remember me? I think so. —

Well. After Mr. Smith's death I wrote a brief account of his religious experience, which was extensively copied



and brought me some very severe criticisms from those who would claim that Gerrit Smith died without a hope in Christ, ~~and~~ an evidence of conversion.

Mr Smith himself told me that he trusted that he had received a change of heart, although he had at times some doubts, and at the same time spoke of you, Sir, as instrumental in leading him to that experience.—

I see that Rev O.B. Frothingham is preparing "Memoirs of Gerrit Smith" and calls for information with respect to his life. I purpose sending him an account of what I know about the last year of Mr Smith's life, and would be glad if you could add to what I know, the facts which came under your own observation, either by writing direct to Frothingham or by sending me the facts in such shape as you think proper.—

I hope this will meet with your approval, and that you will find

time to rescue our noble friend, from the gloomy record of a Christless life and death.

In any case will soon kindly drop me a line, soon, saying what action you propose to take in the matter.

My wife and I have often thought of you, and in the days when Satan desired to have you to sift you as wheat, you were not forgotten in our prayers.—

Hastening to hear from you soon. I am, dear General,  
Yours very truly  
David Keppell—

LAW OFFICE OF  
**Alexander F. Ketchum.**

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Bennett Building,  
Room 2 Fourth Floor.

New York, March 2d. 1877.  
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My dear General.

Some time ago a friend  
of mine, formerly on Genl. Hayes'  
Staff and recently connected  
with my Political Brigade of  
Boys in Blue happened to men-  
tion me to the General, who im-  
mediately enquired whether I was  
not the gentleman who was for-  
merly on Genl. Howard's Staff. How  
he came to remember me I  
don't know. I had entirely for-  
gotten him, but it may be he  
was in Congress when I was you  
A.A.S. in Washington, and that  
he used to come occasionally to  
the office. I do not propose to

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wish with the multitude to Washington to the Inauguration, and could not do or say anything which might lead Genl Hayes to suppose that I doubted the sincerity of his expressions regarding civil service reform.

You meant when you said I am probably soon in my present position which, though not immensely lucrative, is judicial and professional, and leaves me much time for a private practice which insures daily day. Still, as you desire I may send it last to visit Washington & pay my respects, and if I should, it would give me great pleasure to present a letter of introduction from

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yourself. If agreeable for you to write it I shall put it very lightly.

Send you telegram and letters to my father & brother Washington & carefully misinterpret the grounds of action upon which the Govt. bases its claim agst. yourself and the tradesmen in connection with the railroad. I believe that there is nothing in the case in the first place, and in the second place that it is doubtful whether the suit will ever be pressed.

Yours: Please answer me to open when

Mrs. Howard & the other members  
of your family & their in  
cluding yours sincerely ever  
yours or ever A. R. Kitchin

J. C. Howard ~~sister~~ and  
I hope this note is ~~receipted~~ in  
time for you to receive it.  
I have no news to report at  
present, but I hope you will  
find your dear brother well  
and comfortable.  
Yours ever A. R. Kitchin

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U.S. OFFICE OF

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My dear Cousin

My wife says in  
her letter, have you written to Genl  
Howard? She desires me to write  
so they can hear from you -

When I left you in Oct I made  
a very successful & pleasant  
trip - We found the Channel,  
on the E Branch property, where  
the Gold is deposited and they  
began work (piping) in Jan'y  
and from last report suppose  
they are in the Channel -

After leaving that place we found  
a high Channel, what is called  
"An old River channel", very rich -

I took up the ground, organized  
a Company, and commenced work  
running a tunnel on the 6<sup>th</sup> Nov;

it looks us about two months to get  
our buildings, timber, supplies,  
etc - since the first of Jan'y we  
have run two hundred & fifty feet  
of tunnel and have about five  
hundred more to run to reach  
the Channel - I like the work,  
the mountain air & the water,  
but I don't like being away  
from my family - they think  
it very hard to be separated and  
would be willing to make any  
sacrifice to have me with them.

I think Ollie will join me  
in the spring - he is very anxious  
to come here & I think it will  
do him good - They have all  
been pretty well since I left them  
in Jan'y - In Dec Ollie had a  
very severe attack of pneumonia.  
I think myself fortunate in  
being away from the political

excitement, but have taken no less  
interest in the Pres' guest - I trust  
ere this the matter is settled &  
Mr Hayes will be quietly placed  
in Office -

I have no news from any  
of our family or friends - I should  
like much to hear from you  
and about your family -  
direct your letter to Brooklyn  
and my wife will forward  
to me -

Do you think of going East  
this spring? I hope you will  
go to S.F. soon - Mr Martin,  
Dora & Ollie would enjoy  
a visit from you very much -  
Give much love to your wife  
& children & believe me very  
affectionately yours

A. Martin.

General Simpson is constantly urging Senator Mitchell to do something for me, but the latter counsels patience, patience, never thinking that patience to me means a prolongation of my present suffering and want. Oh, well, if God has anything to do with the affairs of men His ways are indeed past finding out. You would not punish your children if they were trying to do right, would you? Good bye; God bless you.

Affectionately yours,  
Cudahy.

P.S. Little Howard is growing finely and is just as pretty as a picture.



My Dear General:

Your very kind favor of the 15<sup>th</sup> ult. was read by Mrs. C. and myself with great satisfaction.

The deep, religious sentiment pervading every line of your letter was a fitting rebuke to the manner in which I conveyed to you the announcement of an event so sacred as the birth of a soul. I meant only to be cheerful—not frivolous or wicked. I wish I were equal to the responsibility of this additional charge that has been entrusted to me. While I am fully conscious of my duty to God and my family my hard life and perverse disposition—growing out of this hardness—convince me that I am totally unfitted for these duties. Consequently any hopes, which I may momentarily entertain, of usefulness and success in this direction are planted, I fear,

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Mississippi, Ms. B.

on a shaky foundation. But if early & positive religious teaching will prevent the minds of my children from running into the chaos of unbelief that troubles my own so constantly, it shall not be their father's fault if they fail to receive that teaching. I am not blind to the wholesome effects that a free faith in our Saviour produces in all who believe on Him, for I have seen too much evidence of this to deny it; and if I could bring my mind to accept the gospel of Christ I would do it willingly, willingly, willingly.

Thanks for the Reverdy Johnson's views on Christianity. I read carefully and thoughtfully all he says. His comments on Hume's argument that the laws of nature cannot be changed met with my hearty approval. With Johnson I believe that the same Power that created the universe can change its laws to suit its own inscrutable purposes. This very belief, however, has been a source of much uneasiness to

me all my life, for it carries to my mind the full conviction that the Being who created me has the power to blot my soul and body out of existence for ever. Annihilation! Great God! Anything but that. I know the remedy but am too cowardly to accept it.

My status in the department remains about the same. No hope of promotion; a constant fear of dismissal, and no way out of the difficulties that surround me. Any probability to cancel my money obligations to you is too remote for conjecture even. The occasions are not rare, General, that find us without the common necessities of life or the means to procure them. This state of affairs is now aggravated by the fact that our little <sup>arrival</sup> has added new wants to those already so numerous to supply. To sum up, our condition is but one remove from poverty. Can you not see some opening, General, that will enable us to live and that will stop the growth of this dreadful inculpable debt.

Oregon Steam Navigation Co's Telegraph.

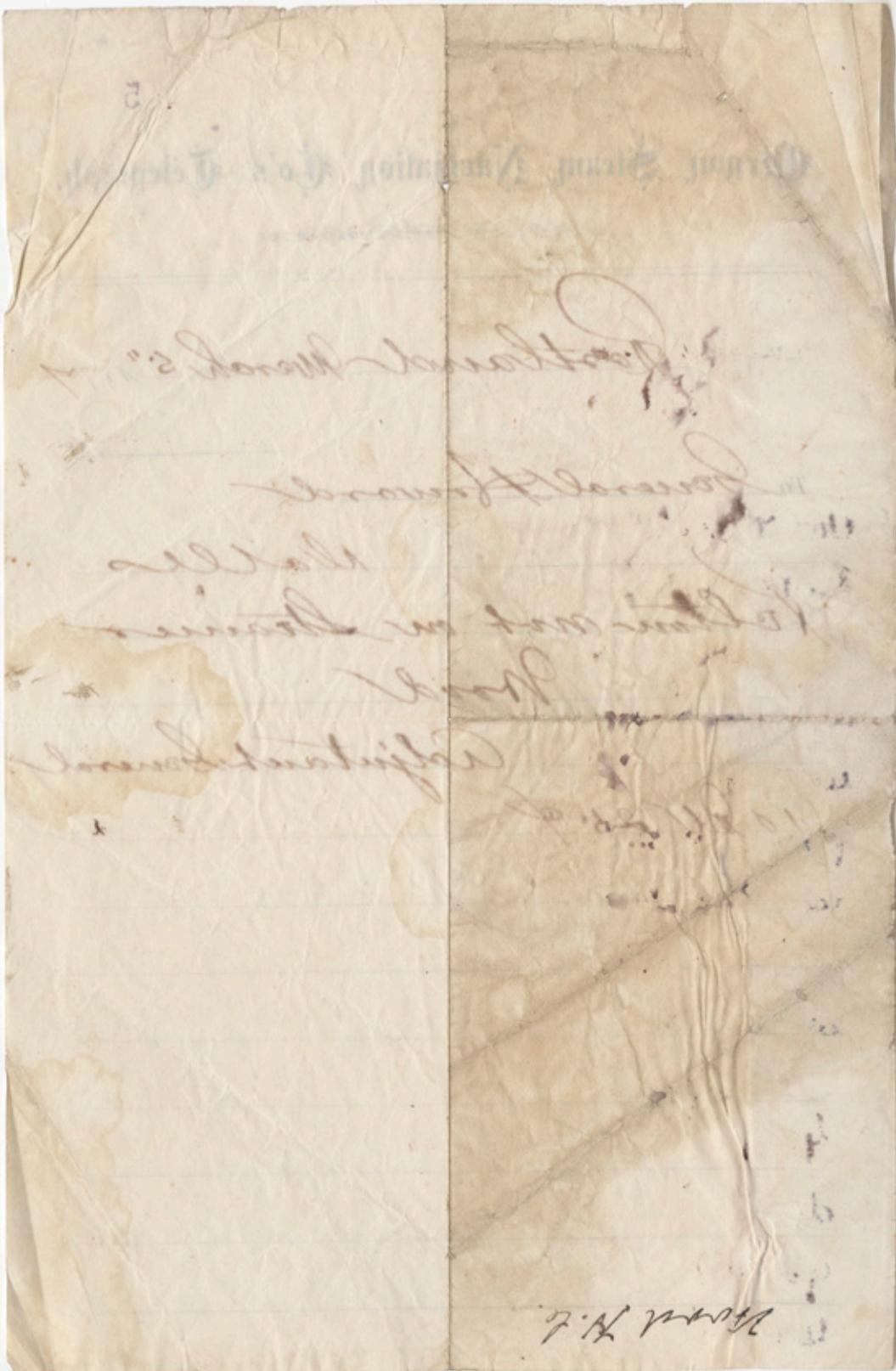
Portland March 5<sup>th</sup> 1877

To General Howard M.

Colton not on Steamer  
Wood

Adjutant General

10 AM 25<sup>th</sup>



Fowler & S.

March 5<sup>th</sup> 1877.

NEW YORK HOTEL

New York,

March 5<sup>th</sup> 1877.

Brig. Gen. O. O. Howard, U.S. Army,  
Portland, Oregon.

Dear General:

If consistent, will  
you please give me a  
letter of introduction and  
recommendation to the  
President - Gen Hayes. There  
is no one from whom I  
would value an introduction  
to the President, more than  
yourself; and besides there  
is no prominent gentleman  
whom I care for, that knows  
me, better than you do.

I will have no difficulty  
in being introduced politically,  
but at this time it is not  
a political introduction

that I want.

A few days since I received a nice letter from Guy, dated Ft. Yuma, Feb.  
14/77. - at the time he wrote  
he was enjoying good health.

Please remember me to  
Mrs. Howard's family; also  
Sladen, and trusting that  
I shall receive your  
early reply.

I am, with respect,  
Faithfully yours,  
Edward Howden

GEO. W. DYER,

Attorney and Counsellor at Law,



519 Seventh Street,

Lock Box 100.

Washington, D. C. March 8 1877

Genl O. O. Howard.

Portland Oregon.

My dear Sir. Your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>r</sup> came duly with check for \$18.  
In the retained bounty suit. the Treasury officials  
have not yet completed their statement of facts, or  
agreed to move, but Col. Robinson says they are at  
work on it. The suit on the Shepherd ranch will  
probably be thus continued, as Ballack has made  
an offer which is receiving much attention.  
The suit on the bond stands upon demurrer  
which has not been argued, but will probably be  
argued by the successor of Wells, if he has a successor.

Gen Hayes was inaugurated yesterday without  
disturbance, and with a very general feeling of  
good will. I understand that the new Dept of  
War will be in accord with Genl Sherman.

Yours very truly  
Geo. W. Dyer

Dyer, Geo. W.

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

Dear Genl

Hon you forgotten the undersigned  
I was an Agent at Ft Tularosa N.M.  
in Sept 1872 when you were there as a  
special Indian Commissioner, I have  
just written a piece about Cachise which I  
send you as I know anything about the  
remarkable man will interest you. You'll remember  
that he came into Canada Alamosa and stayed  
until it was decided to move those Indians  
to Tularosa Valley. Genl Howard you have  
a great name in the world, Your Aunts have  
given you an honored place on the page of your  
Country's history but of all the things you ever  
done none will redound more to your credit in  
the future than that of making peace with  
Cachise. It was done in the interests of humanity  
and the most cherished rights of man. The newspaper

Ellis, A. T.

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article I send you is full of typographical errors. I dashed it off in a hurry. Perhaps if I had rewritten it I could have made it more readable.

I have been out of the service two years. Would like to get back again as since I have been here I have had the terrible misfortune to lose my wife. Everything around me seems so bad that I wish I could get a change of scene! There is an old saying of "Tarry not long in the place when you have seen sorrow." Now Genl is there not an opening for an Aasang in your Dist? I would be pleased to serve under you. I refer you to my friend Doug & Peim USA at Leavenworth Ks or to my former Pastor Rev William Kincaid Congregational minister Oberlin Ohio.

Remember me kindly to Capt Shadew

What ever became of Tom Jeffords, Cochins agt?

Very truly Your Friend  
A. N. Ellis



Siletz Indian Agency Or Mch 7<sup>th</sup>/877  
Gen O. O. Howard  
Commanding Dept of the Columbia  
Dear Sir

Pardon me for  
presuming upon your good nature  
by asking the Hon Commissioner of Indian  
Affairs to request you to appoint two  
or three Inspectors to examine the Grist  
Mill and Bridge erected at this Agency  
under contract by W. W. Shipley, and  
report as to whether or not the  
same are built according to the require-  
ments of the contract. Mr S. has been  
very unfriendly to me and though I  
have no desire that anything but  
justice be done him it will be  
hard for me to convince him of  
this fact after all that he has endev-  
ored to do to injure me. He of course  
expects me to retaliate which I do not

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propose to do. If you will be so kind  
as to respond I respectfully ask that you  
will when you make the appointments, notify  
Mr Shipley whose address is Oswego Clacka-  
mas Co., Oregon I desire that he be present  
when the examination is made, so that there  
may not be any injustice done him through  
ignorance of any facts connected with the  
matter. The Lord is blessing us with a  
revival of his work.

Very Respectfully  
Your Obedient Servant  
William Bagley  
U.S. Indian Agent

Bailey, Dr.

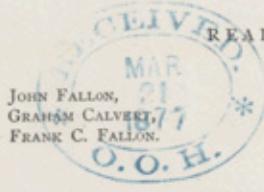
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## LAW OFFICES,

REAL ESTATE AND CONVEYANCING,



520 Walnut Street.

Phila<sup>d</sup>.March 7<sup>th</sup> 77

Brig. Gen. Oliver D. Howard

No. Sir

I trust I will not be considered as taking a liberty in writing to you as I now do, for the purpose of obtaining information upon a small matter which I have been unable otherwise to obtain. I am a Commissioner of Deeds for every State & Territory residing at Philad<sup>d</sup>: Pa., & have seen in various legal publications & elsewhere in the advertisements of similar Commissioners among the Territories for wh<sup>ch</sup> they propose to be commissioners. Alaska Terr. enumerated, I shd. very much desire to receive a similar appointment for Alaska in Penna. if any such office exists.

Fallon, Frank

March 4, 1877.

If can be given or all  
it will be by Abby Ken.  
I have no authority

AUSA. Apr. 3, 1877,

by Gladie.

can be conferred & to inquire if this  
is so it is that I have venturred to  
trouble you & also to ask by whom  
if not by yourself such office or appoin-  
-mt evd. be made if made at all I  
wd. of course if so here after make a  
final application to be considered  
with proper recommendations. &c  
There is no one advertises as such ~~Commissioner~~  
here. thence I can not obtain the in-  
formation I desire I would most  
respectfully suggest that it might  
be desirable to have at least one  
such Commissioner here & there from  
Alaska as from the other Territories  
to take acknowledgments or affidavits  
for use there without further auth-  
orization There wd. of course be  
very little business but neither  
is there from any of the Territories  
and in case such did arise

it might be desirable to have some  
one to satisfy the want. I shdnt  
think of advertising as such unless  
I was so appointed. I shd be much  
gratified to receive a line from you  
answering at yr. early convenience

I am respyly

Yrs. obedient servt.

Mark C. Fallon

C. H. MULLIKEN,  
REAL ESTATE & LOANS  
121 Dearborn Street,  
ROOM 6.

Chicago, March 8<sup>th</sup>

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Dear Friends Howard

Your esteemed favor of the 22<sup>nd</sup> ultimo was rec'd a few days since and although I fear your brother Charles has been poking you up to write your old friend, and that I should thank him, still I am just as glad to hear from you and yours that you all are well. I have not forgotten you, although you are in that remote corner of the globe and when Mr Webb visited you last summer, wished much that I could have gone along with him. He spoke of his delightful visit and of your kind attention and how much he enjoyed while with you. The trip did him much good and we were very glad to see Grace even for the short time she was here. I did not expect to see a young lady taller or larger than her mother (as I remember her) still think I should have known her, for her face has changed so little. Probably Guy has changed so that I should not know him if we met, in fact I cannot realize that we have grown so old and that so much has happened since we were school boys at Monmouth, however the fact stuns me daily in the face when I look at Henry who is now 33 and taller than I am, of our four little boys he is all we have left and he is a great comfort & blessing to us. He is in a large Railway supply house here & has been for over eight years and is doing well. Mrs M. is pretty well

but grows old about the same as I do keeping along together living in a very quiet way we enjoy ourselves if any thing more than we used to. We have a large circle of friends and our church relations are very pleasant so that we like Chicago very much and are very happy. I have not yet made my Mil' in but have lived long enough to know that money will not bring happiness and unless I can make it in a legitimate honest manner prefer to have less. I regretted not to have seen you when here last, but I knew nothing of your being here until you had gone. Your brother living at Glencoe I never see his family any more than if he lived in Oregon but if you ever come East again let me know when you are to be here and I will contest the right of former friendship, with him or any body else for at least a few hours of your time. I have not seen your mother and did not know she was living Wash. but supposed she was still at Leeds, Me. I am sorry to learn she has had an accident at her time of life for it is very hard for one so advanced in years to recover from a fall even if slight. I hope I may see her. My Father is 84. he with my sister still live in Bequia, all other <sup>an</sup> left of our once great family Father Mother & 9 children. He is very well & active his mind is as clear & quick as it ever was apparently enjoys every thing. reads all the time, when at home, and they live so contentedly & peacefully that when I was East last year I never enjoyed myself more pardon me for writing so much of my own affairs. Well our presidential muddle is settled and I trust we are to have four years of tranquility, peace, & prosperity the latter we stand in need of badly for depression seems prevalent every where, almost stagnation. It does seem that business must revive and that manufacturing & commercial interests will improve if it does not then will

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121 Dearborn Street,

ROOM 6.

we are having  
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be more failures & continued hard times. I have been in the Real Estate business now about a year since I left the Bank and if business was good should like it, and do well, but it has gone slow now for a long time. Mr Blaine seems to have plunged into the front in the Senate since Hayes inauguration, he is bold & fearless I hope he will be on the right side, for he is tremendously smart and has immense power for good or evil and I wish it might be for the right. I like Hayes Cabinet appointments & hope they will be confirmed. He seems to be strong and have enlarged ideas of his own and if he is not hindered will I have no doubt settle in a great degree this Southern feeling of prejudice & ill will. I am inclined to think that the troops might be withdrawn from the South and leave to themselves the settlement of their local matters. Write me your views of the South at your leisure, and do not fail to let me hear from you occasionally how you are & how the world uses you & yours. Do you do all you can for the Church, the Sabbath School, &c. I try to and am seconded by Henry in both. Give much love to Mrs H. & from all and my kind regards with Henry's to you all and believe me always & never your friend C.H. Mulliken

Mullock, C. H.

March 8, 1877.

Mr.

Married to a widow with  
dowry or capital left in  
North Carolina Washington D.C.

March 10, 1877.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Genl.

With the fullest view  
of the situation I am able to give.

I have under advisement offered  
the application for the Presidency of  
the Howard University.

Sending you letter in the weekly  
from New-York, and only applici-  
ating the same, it occurs to me to  
open the matter to you, and ask  
you to read the enclosed testimony.

Governor Holden, being my  
father in law, a person you so  
well know, it serves to put us in  
fairer communication. For you  
well know the part he acted in  
behalf of the colored race, since  
1865. We have thus been champions  
of that portion of our people.

March 10, 1877.

Enclosed.

(The enclosure.)

Received by General  
March 27, 1877

After a year or so of listlessness  
on the part of the College, extra work  
is very naturally to be expected. Whether  
or not taking should my name be  
selected by the Board, my best effort  
could revive things, is only certain  
in the way of human work against  
some adversity. I suppose it need  
not be added that if in office, my  
usual traits portrayed by others in  
the enclosure, would all be em-  
ployed.

I do not know any names  
before the Board, but presume  
there are several. It is probable  
you are better advised in this, than  
myself.

There will be no selection  
till the term commencement, I am  
told. That then, something must  
be done.

Have the business therefore, to  
consider the case, the labor to be  
done, and the material tools,

and if my services seem to you suit-  
able and you have no preference,  
forward me the result of your de-  
flections.

It may come to pass that when  
the election occurs, such views from  
one so able & practical, may be  
usefully employed.

Should the outlook be very dis-  
couraging please omit no shading  
of it. If there be possibilities yet  
for the school, please state them.

At sight of your name on  
this page allow me to renew my  
best remembrances, and tender  
to you in your far off home, the  
best wishes for your success & hap-  
piness.

Yours truly  
Lewis P. Olds.



St. Louis, Mo.

Genl. O. O. Howard:

Dear Sir:

I would like a position in the Z.M. or Commissary Dept. under you. I wrote a note to Genl. Sully, and I enclose his letter. I am living on a farm, but find I scarce ly am able physically to do the work. My wound I received in the battle of Williamsburg troubles me a great deal. I perhaps could get along, but since I was a Union Soldier, I am obnoxious to many Secesh Democrats, and they revenge themselves by killing my hogs,

Sheep and cattle which  
keeps me all the time  
impecunious. The more  
I struggle the worse off  
I get. I would take a position  
where I could get \$75 per  
month, if I could do no  
better. My family could  
stay here at present. I am  
a graduate of Yale College  
having both Diplomas as  
Bachelor and Master of  
A.S.T. In the army I enlisted  
as private April 28. 1861,  
and was mustered out Nov  
27. 1865 as Captain and  
Brevet Major. I was  
wounded, and have a pen-  
sion, but it is small, as  
I was in the ranks being  
only a Sergeant when won-  
dered. You give the best of references.

Yours Obediently  
John C. Adams.



Philadelphia  
July 22. 1877

Dear Capt.

Your letter of the  
6<sup>th</sup> Inst. I received today  
from Vancouver. I am  
therefore not in position  
to assist you in an  
appointment in the U. S.  
Dise. & fear I would not  
be able to if was still  
at my post. Genl Howard  
Commanding the Department  
is the proper person to  
apply to & I know if  
it is in his power he  
will do what he can  
to procure you a position  
your former service to

your Country entitling you  
such consideration

I am very

Yrs truly

To Sully  
U.S.A.

Cath E. F. Adams  
S. Helen Bay<sup>es</sup>

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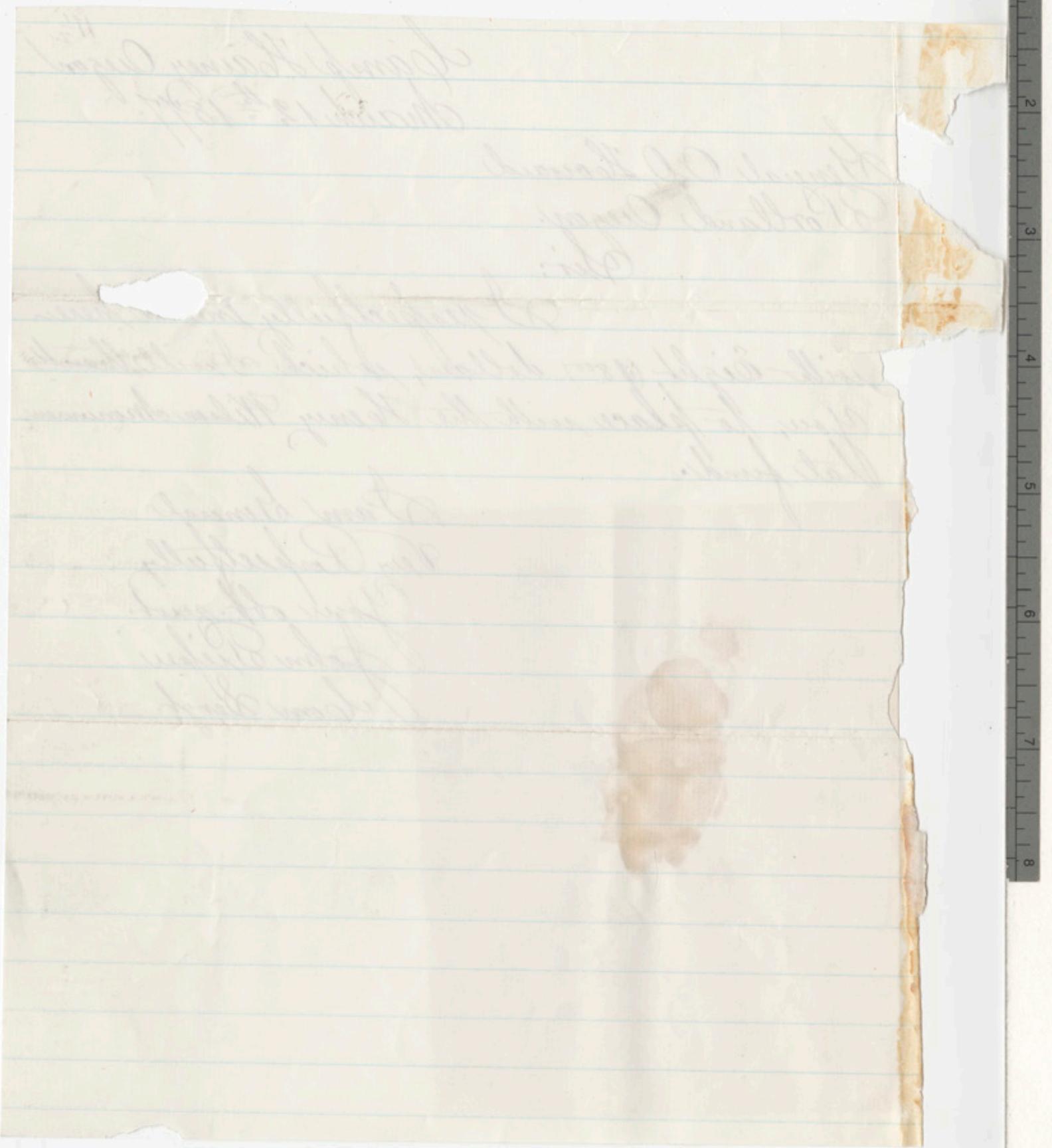
General O.O. Howard  
Portland Oregon.

Sir:

I respectfully enclose herewith  
with eight (\$800) dollars, which I will thank  
you, to place with the Henry Wilson Monumen-  
tal fund.

Am General  
Very Respectfully  
Yours obt. servt.  
John Dwyer  
Com Sergt.

Com Supt. Golden Rept.



the Wallowa. His Lieuts. are Horse and Shelton. Major Timble - Co. "H" - of course holds himself in cheerful readiness for any duty, but his family is large and his company has been out twice already in that direction.

His Lieuts. - Pamill and Knott - are both married. If the designation of the Company to go rested with me I should name Company "C", Capt. Winter.

About 4 or 5 men and a noncommissioned officer ought to be detached from each company to remain at post, to take care of company property and gardens.

Forgive me, General, if I have gone beyond propriety in the foregoing. I have written as I would talk were you here, and because I had something to say which concerns me personally and, as I think, the success of the expedition.

Sincerely

S. G. Whipple

Fort Walla Walla

March 12, 1877.



Dear General.

When you were <sup>here</sup> last week - as also on previous occasions - you asked me to write you freely at any time and it would be received the same as a private conversation. I must avail myself of that kind permission to say a few words in regard to the contemplated expedition beyond the Blue Mountains, which has occupied my thoughts almost exclusively since you mentioned the subject to me.

And first, this: The ranking officer on that expedition is to be placed in a most undesirable position if he is to be subject to supervision from this or any other post. He could not feel that he commanded, that he had any individuality, or the right of discretion - must move only as moved upon. I have been informed that a recent letter from Capt. Heady, post master to the C. O. of this post advised that the troops on this expedition would remain a part of this command, while in the field - "an outpost" from here. This I only know from hearsay, not having seen the letter; but if the expedition goes out with this understanding <sup>ahead</sup>, I see un pleasantness, to say the least. Why, sir, the C. O. of this post might occasionally

visit the troops in the field and give orders in detail. Pack Mules.— You mentioned the intention of supplying each to be in force until his return subsequently designating even the camping places and grazing grounds. Your employment of several experienced men to manage them-mentioned the rank of the Commanding Officer of Fort Walla Walla at least one to each ten mules. There are no packers among and that he commanded his regiment as reasons why reports the soldiers here, nor have I ever seen any in the army since should be made to him. Is it not about enough to command the war. A badly managed pack train is a most inefficient a regiment and Fort Walla Walla for one officer, unless he means of transportation. Allow me to suggest that it might should take the field in person? It is not apparent to me how in the interest of economy to hire the requisite number his rank affords the subject. If you desire that the reports of pack mules fully equipped—soldiers for assistant packers, from the expedition be made through the C.O. of Fort Walla Walla, <sup>once</sup> The force ~~as~~ in position it is not probable many pack mules or that copies be sent him, there can be no objection. Passing would be useful—say half or two thirds the number you now do through the office here, however, would delay the arrival of unless actual hostilities should occur, which we hope the reports in Portland at least one day. may be avoided.

I know, General, that you do not wish to humiliate me nor to render the campaign unnecessarily disagreeable at least one good team of six mules and an army wagon but such might very easily result with no such thought which, as also the pack mules, should pertain to the on intention on your part. In my opinion the expedition Expedition and remain with it. My experience has been should be commanded by the officer highest in rank present with it. Rather than to occupy the position of Commander of the Expedition and to possess none of the powers pertaining thereto but to bear responsibility in case of anything goes wrong, I would prefer being a junior officer of the command, or <sup>the performance of</sup> any other military service in any portion of your Department.

To each Company of the command there will be needed that an ambulance may be very useful in a case of this kind. The transportation of supplies from here across the mountains might properly devolve upon the G.M. department <sup>the command</sup>. After awhile ~~we~~ might principally supply itself. You asked which Company besides my own "L" had better go out. Capt. Winters Co. "E", has often expressed the wish that his company might be one of those selected for the