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Gen. Howard

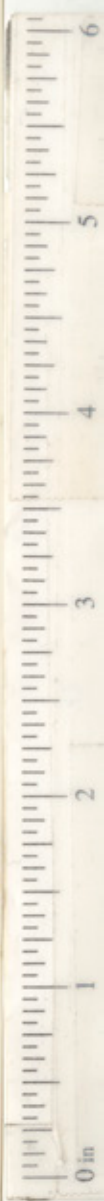
Sir I write to
at aandum for I know not
whom I am writting to I seen
in a newspaper your name and
I thought perhaps you are my
brother I had two brothers out
in Idaho Territory some thirtien
years ago since I heard from
them the oldest ones name is
Garrit and the other Wm
Howard now if you are my
my brother whichever one you
are please write to your youngest
sister whose name was America
Howard but I have married
since I last heard from them
to a man who name was
Biddick he only lived five
years after our marriage he
die very sudden left me with
two little boys now if you are
my brother or not a brother please
answer this as soon as you receive
it then I will write you all the
news about your relation from

Mrs America Biddick

Martinville

Grant Co

Wisconsin



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Manchester Mass

July 10th 1877.

My Dear Gen.

Expect to start for Oregon within a week and look forward to meeting you with no small pleasure. You have often felt what one cannot describe in meeting far from home one friend bound to you not only by natural sympathy but the more valued bond of one in Christ.

Daily you are in mind and something tells me you will be safely kept until you come out of the trials surrounding you now and in the past with all satisfaction. I am to visit Oregon (experimentally) under the auspices of the O & C. R.R. & Steamship Co joining Mr Tillard in San Francisco. whether I shall engage with them is uncertain.

My health being now quite fully established I have grown restive and anxious to be at work. hence look hopefully forward. I was in

business successful and fortunately when
my health failed me beyond helping me.
Doubtless I was laying up treasures in
the wrong place and God needed to bring
me to myself by removing a part where
I thought the greater safety lay. If I have
lost wealth it has opened my eyes and
made me see how I was losing all else.

I hope to find all well with you and yours
and you with your family. Will be glad to
hear from you if in the field: letters
will reach me at San Francisco or Portland
sent in care of Co. Remember me to
your family. May God keep and guide
you to a full trust in his infinite goodness
and mercy.

Yours in friendship,
Thos. R. Innatt

Maj. Gen O. C. Howard.
Portland Oregon.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Surgeon General's Office,

Washington, D. C., *July 14*. 1877.

Sir:

Enclosed please find Check, No. *3345*, on the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, for (\$ *50*) dollars and _____ cents, in full *for art. arm*

Be good enough to acknowledge receipt of Check by ~~signing and returning~~ enclosed ~~vouchers~~, and oblige,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

John S. Balhugh

Surgeon, and A. M. S. K., U. S. A.

Brig. Genl. O. C. Howard

Comdg. Dept. of Columbia

Portland

Oregon



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W. H. Wickham to "the Policy Holders and others
in interest" 200H, New York, July 10, 1877 -
printed form letter.

attached to letters # 14093a and 14105b
filed with letter # 14093a :

A. Merrill to 20H, Geneva, N.Y.,
June 4, 1877

Attorney at Law,


Personal

 Yankton, Dakota, July 19th 1877

Genl. O. O. Howard

My dear General: - A two months confinement - by bilious Colic finds me just getting about and able to send you my most heartfelt good speed and may God! bless you in the work you now have in hand - I have taken great interest in your campaign and would have been most glad to have been with you in it -

My prayers have been that you may be enabled to bring it to a successful & speedy close, crushing with the same blow such as well as our enemies, but the latter are by far the more stubborn.

I would like to express to you many thoughts but you are now too much preoccupied - But I thought of you deeper than I could ever express to any one early in March last a year ago when the whole country was startled with news for which I had looked towards Washington a long time.

At that very time I was prostrated with the same sickness I now have had, brought on largely I think by most unjust and unmerited

removal from my office of Agent on
a more fraudulent & flimsy pretext
than I was profane - my appeal for an
investigation or even a hearing was unavailing
so that I still rest under the wrong look
I will not believe there is no ultimate remedy
I rejoice to be able to assure you that
my management of the Indians was
complete success & I had after the
first two months of my administration
the confidence esteem & I believe love of
by far the greater portion of the tribe
notwithstanding I dealt strongly with the
bad always reasonably & impartially -
They did more for themselves than ever before
during any fifteen months with them (the Poncas)
much apparently against their will but had also
a better return than ever before in the way of crops &c.
And my fault was that I did more for them
than I was able to do & failed to play into the hands
of certain men whom it is said have charge of the
Agency - so I was removed to give place to a thieving
fellow who as Clerk at Cheyenne Agency had learned
how to save thirty two thousand dollars out of a salary
of nine hundred in about two years & a half.
I have found the low business exceeding dull here
that my living expenses have had to come from my
which is enough to almost kill me of itself I must
make a change in this some how or other but don't
know how or where - If I go onto a farm this is hardly
the place & have thought something of Puget Sound or Oregon &
Can you give me any light - Faithfully yours H. G. Carter

Mr. O. O. Howard

University Hill
Eppingham Place
Washington.
Feb 19th
1877

My Christian friend.

Your home, here sold to me in 1874, for \$32000. has become confiscated through the foreclosure of the mortgage that was ordered instantly upon the maturity of the note in February 1877, though all the interest, and Insurance, had been paid up to date. I have lost not only my \$21000. equity but the three thousand dollars I paid to Mrs Sarah J. Coston in interest besides all the repairs I have put on the house. But this has been the fate of every person who has bought mortgaged property, and there are in Washington, that had not borrowed money on real estate in those Largoyne flush times. I have made diligent enquiry at the Recorder's Office, for the deed of some Seven thousand feet of ground that Gen Howard, bought from the Trustees in 1873, in front of his house, that was not included in the Deed of Trust, given to Mrs Coston, in 1872, though he sold

My dear Mrs Howard you can imagine my feelings when sitting at the window with the sash up and the blinds closed I listened to the "Going: Going: GONE!" of the auctioneer, that left me homeless in old age, with no income whatsoever as the swindlers have taken from me in Philadelphia & Washington one hundred thousand dollars in the last four or five years. Still my peace flows like a river of mysterious joy.

Affectionately

Mary Howard Schoolcraft

In great haste

it to me, in June 1874. Can it be in the
range of possibility that your husband did
not record that second purchase of land
that he bought from the University. He
gave me a deed for the whole, and the
old deed. Mr Cook his Lawyer, & Agent,
seems to know nothing about it; ^{the deed} it is
not among his papers, while Mr Alvord
has a perfect deed recorded for his
share at the same time Gen Howard, got his,
Can you not examine among his papers
for the receipt, ^{and forward it to me} if he really had it the
recorded. He should certainly have in-
formed me of the fact if he did not.
The property was sold under the hammer
to foreclose mortgage on the evening of
the 23rd May 1874. The hatred to the
Freemans College is so radical that
not a single Washingtonian would
bid for it. But a loafer here pretend-
ing to represent a rich man in Phil-
adelphia bid \$14,250, and it was
knocked down to him. It is nearly
two months since the sale and no
money is forthcoming nor any recog-
nition of having ordered the purchase
from the said Philadelphian.
So the sale is null and void, and

I am trying again to sell it myself.
Don't you think Gen Howard could
buy it back. We want him here, fight-
ing and killing those miserable Indians
must be as grateful to him as drawing
out all his teeth. Whereas he could re-
tire from the Army, or, rather "be retired"
on some \$4500, pay and this would
support him in peace in his historic
home. Tell me what he would be
willing to give for it now. Mrs
Coston ordered the foreclosure in
February last but found one of her
Trustees (Admiral Smith) dead, and
the other Mr Foss travelling in Europe.
So she applied to the Court to appoint
another Trustee, that cost her \$40.
The Court was very laggarol, so it did
not appoint said other Trustee, until
the middle of May, 1874. The incum-
brances were \$11000. and \$1000 in
Taxes. This with Auctioneers & Trustees
Commissions & Advertising, would have
consumed the whole \$14250, that the
place sold for, under the hammer.
Had the sale proved bona fide but
as it did not and my last payment
of interest was August 1876, there will
soon be another \$1100 interest due.
Mrs Coston

H. D. Emory

22nd July 1877

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July 22nd 1877.

General.

E. B. Babbitt Esq.

Portland.

Dear Sir:

Since I wrote your last,
I have received another long
and very kind letter from my
good Mother, under date of
Portland July 4th, in answer to mine
of the 12th and 23rd ult. I do not
think it worth a while to send
it to you, as it's contents are
similar to the one you have.
My father is peculiar to act
in regard to my salary, as
he has not received any pay
since last March, and the new
appropriation commences this m.

and he will not get his back- by some of the people of your
pay until after the meeting of city as a notorious scamp,
Congress, and he may in January and then we convince him that
get it; he has not been on would do anything to see me
duty since last Sept. and is at humbled, more than I am; but
present under waiting orders. I assure you my dear Sir, if
He is afraid that should I am allowed to go far, though
he go to the Gov of N.H. or Mass, your influence, that my conduct
it would give further pub- in the future will not only
licity to my name, and the daily meet the approbation of my
papers will also have friends, but even my enemies;
something to say which might thinking you for past and
be injurious to Walter. awaiting your further favors,

He says "I would give my
life gladly, and most cheerfully,
if I knew my Boy would be
a worthy and true son." and again,
"But without his faults, I fully
forgive him, and will try and
do all that is in the power
of a parent to do."

I am loosed upon, I think

I remain.

Yours Humble Servt.
Henry L. Emery.

please answer my return mail, we must be at
home, as the papers, say, "The American War is over"
Mary
Howard
Schoolcraft

without first knowing his title to it,
but that is just what I wish. Gen
Howard's word, was a sacrament
in my estimation. I went two weeks
since to Gen Balloch. He gave
me no satisfaction. I wrote to you
the last of May 1877. You answer-
ed my letter immediately, but
all you said, was, that "your husband
had paid five cents more a foot
than Mr Alford". More than
a month, has elapsed since the
reception of your letter, yet not
a line have I received from Gen
Howard. If in the trouble of the
fracture from Washington he forgot
to have the deed recorded, why
does he not send it to me, and
I could have the trustees make
out a new deed ~~including~~ including
both the first & second purchase,
as Mr Alford has done. He thinks
perhaps Gen Howard did not
finish paying for it. The loss of
the ground, would not begin to
bruise my heart, as much as the
established fact, of his ^{deceiving} me.

Mr C. B. Howard of the University Hill
Washington
1877. July 24.
I have had the records of the
land searched and there is no evidence
whatsoever that Gen Howard ever bought
a foot of land from the Howard University.
At all, at all, save the original plot of
one acre on the 31st ^{December} 1867. Mrs Alford
has a second deed, besides the first
one, for 50. by 120 feet. Gen Howard
gave me a deed not only for the
acre he purchased in 1867 but for
50, by 150, feet directly south of it.
which I repeat the records do not show
he ever purchased at all, and if he
did, he never paid for. He is too
unwilling to contemplate, as I have
been in profound ignorance ever since
my purchase in June 1874, and have
also ever since been compromised my own
integrity, by advertising it for sale
and having at least twenty five
would be purchasers, who came to
buy in accordance with the notes

metes and bounds, ³ ~~was~~ sold to me. But
it is too horrible, for me, in the midst
of the bereavement of all my inheritance
through thieves in Washington, and
Philadelphia, to be struck down
down ~~down~~ by a brother Christian
usurper, for ~~four~~ ^{three} years, in the
press, and in private letters, and
every where that I have travelled
I have defended from his enemies
with the enthusiasm of a mother.
Never had I a single thought, that
Eben Howard, had no title to that
50, by 150 feet, south of his ^{first} purchase
until Mr. Garrison, of the Freedmen's
College, wrote me a note to say that
Mrs. Sarah & Boston's mortgage, given
to me, by Eben Howard in 1872, did
not include that narrow part south
of it (that said, Howard Avenue)
and that therefore that same Thou-
sand ^{feet} foreclosure of mortgage
could not deprive me of it.
If ever a man was bound in human
honour, much less in the spirit of
Christ's Gospel, instant to right
this wrong, it is Eben Howard, towards

The aged wisdom of one of America's
grandest Christian philosophers.
Mr Cook, your husband's Agent here
has diligently searched among his
papers, and finds no data, whatsoever
I had. The Recorder's own officials
to go through a search twice, and
they could find none. I said I
will not believe that even Howard
would be guilty of the crime of sell-
ing an aged trustful lady 5160.000
square feet of ground, when he did not own
more than 42.000. I said "I will not
believe it," "Bring me the books."
I spent the whole day searching
all through 1872, 1873, 1874. but
could find no sign of a purchase.
I am trying to keep this secret, as
the press papers would send it
all over the country. William
Cullen Bryant, my noble friend
Editor Evening Post, New York,
repeatedly advertised this
property, for me, to sell it, so that
I should have been eternally
disgraced, as I could never have
made the public believe that
I bought property from any one.

I am reluctant to take a clerkship again. And I cannot hope at present to get a mission or pastoral work as I should like which would afford me means to move my family and pay my debts in addition to meeting the absolutely necessary expenses of my household.

If you should deem it at all advisable for me to seek the position of army chaplain, and believe that I might do so with a prospect of success, I should feel very grateful for any certificate you may be able to furnish me or for any other aid you can render me in the matter.

M. PORTER SNELL.

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NO. 513 STREET, N. E.,

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Washington, D. C. July 24th 1877
Gen. O. O. Howard
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir; Allow me to counsel with you as one whose acquaintance with me and with the other matters at issue, seems to make you perhaps the best human adviser I can seek.

Ever since I left the volunteer military service in which I served for three or four years both as a common soldier and as an officer in the line and staff, I have felt a deep interest in the religious welfare

of our army, and have often thought I should like, in the position of chaplain, to devote myself to its good.

Of late the matter has so often pressed upon me that I feel it my duty to write and ask your judgment as to it. You know, on the one hand something of my fitness or otherwise for the work, and on the other you know whether I might probably succeed in securing such a position.

You may know that I lost my position in the Treasury Department last autumn owing to my residence in this District and my want

of political influence. Since then I have been serving our Y. M. C. A. as its Financial Secretary, but have not succeeded in obtaining the funds it needs or in getting a sufficient support for my family. I am seemingly compelled to look for some other means of obtaining a livelihood, as I have pressing upon me not only the present necessities of a family consisting of wife and five little children, but also a debt of nearly a thousand dollars.

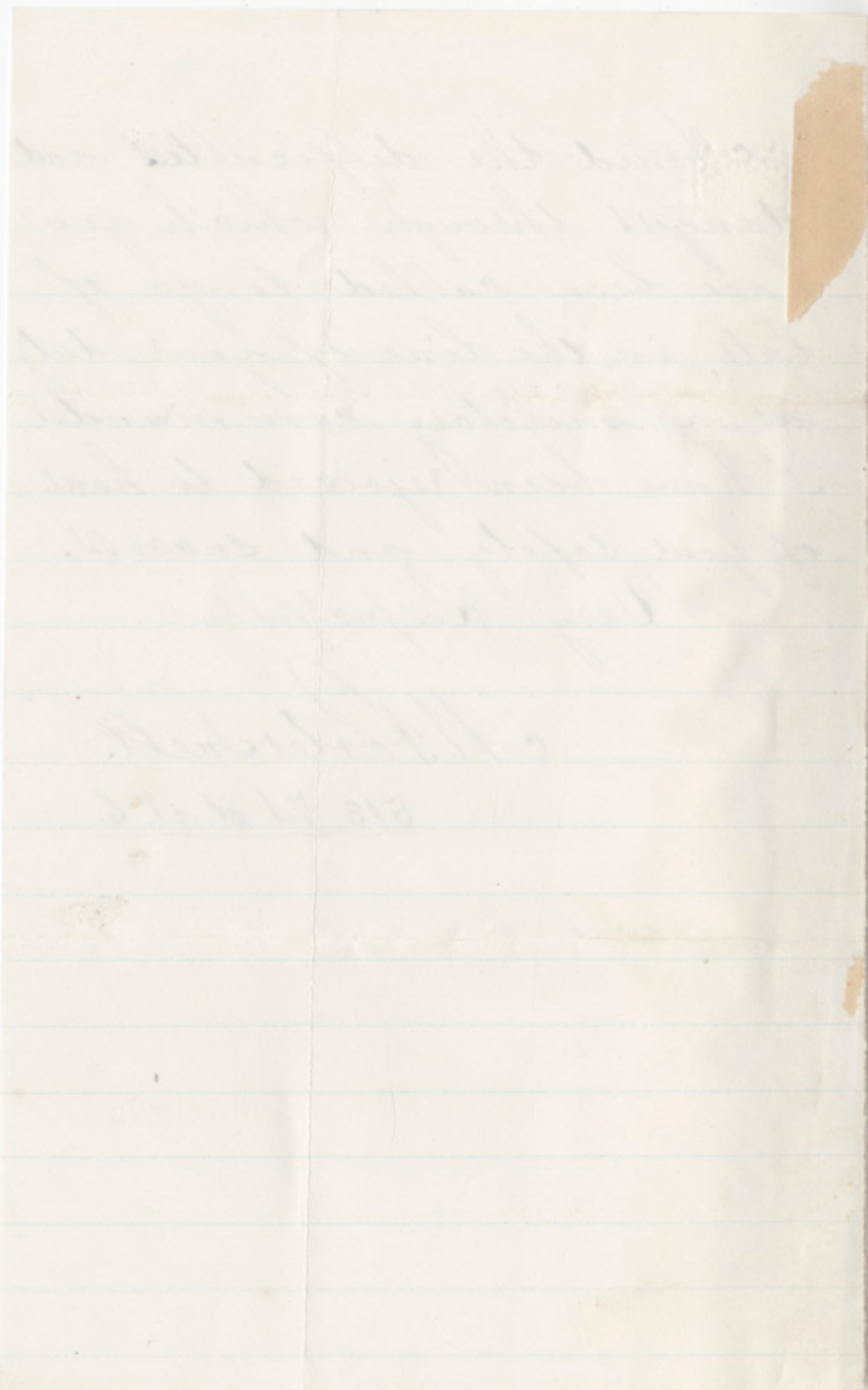
I long so much to be wholly occupied in the study and preaching of the word of God, that

In the midst of the difficulties and
dangers through which you
have been called to go of
late in the line of your duty
as a military commander,
I have been rejoiced to hear
of your safety and success.

Very Respectfully

M. Porter Snell.

513 7th St. N. E.



Hon. General C. C. Howard

Portland, Oregon

General; I take the liberty to address you hoping you will not think me presumptuous. I was a private in Cap. Duncan's company, belonging to your escort; during the said through Georgia I captured a horse which I gave to you. I tell you the day you will remember me. On the 25th day of November 1864 I was sent back to pilot your head quarters through to Camp. While helping to extract one of the teams from a swamp something struck me in the left eye entirely blinding.

the same. I made applications
for a pension but cannot find
my officers. Should you be
so kind so kind as to try
and remember me. If I could
get your certificate I could get
a pension. If you have
forgotten me can you give
me the address of the Medical
Director of the Army of the Term?
Hoping to hear from you soon
I remain your

ob. servant

Alfred Small
of company K, 10th Illinois cavalry,
Wamberton Minn.
(Cottonwood Co.) July 31st 1877.