

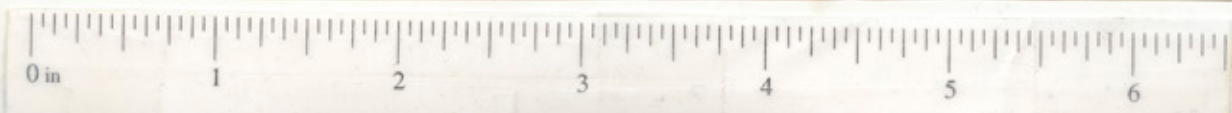
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Dec 14th 1877

General O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

Aware that I am addressing a gentleman of broad and liberal views of life, one whose cultured attainments enable him to look beyond the limited narrow boundary of the sordid conventionalities of life, and grasp all questions appertaining to the welfare of the human race with a mind unbiased, unprejudiced and reasoning, I address you unfalteringly confident that you will grant me the favor that I ask. I am a half freed born and brought up in New York, and my associates from childhood have been purely white, in the east a person with indian blood in his veins awakens no prejudice, he is respected and admitted into society upon terms of perfect equality by the masses. West of the Sierras I have found it widely and to my sorrow sadly different. Rendered penniless by the panic in 1873, my mother's little all forever disappearing through the failure of a bank, I struggled on for four long and weary years fighting the bitter battle for bread and the right of existence for my mother and little sister. But in the winter of 75-76 work of all description utterly failed. In the spring I turned all my personal effects—clothes, and everything of any value that I possessed upon the earth into money, which I gave to



my mother. I then enlisted in the Army
as a cavalryman and in due time was sent to
Co L Fort Walla Walla which I reached in
July 1888. General, the life I led from the start
was very bitter. The company commander treated
me the same as he did the rest of the men,
twit: as only a gentlemanly officer can treat men.
I had one friend whom I mention with grat-
itude and pride. That brave officer and natural
nobleman, the gallant Lieut Senior M. Rains
who fell at Clearwater. But by the men
I was ostracized from the start and I soon
grew to recognize myself as an alien element
in a body of men fanatical in their
unreasoning prejudice against Indian blood.
Driven almost to frenzy by the ceaseless sneering
immendoes thrown at and remorseless dislike
shown to me. I took to drink, this resulted
in my being continually in and out of the
guardhouse. At last almost crazed for the want
of a friend to talk to and preferring death
to the life I was leading. I deserted one
cold wintry night last march. I went to
the mining camps at New Atlanta Idaho. and
in five months time I earned and sent two
hundred dollars to my mother who is inea-
pacitated from all labor by a stroke of
paralysis. Now general, I have the principles
and aspirations of an honorable man.

I have ever meant well and the one dishonorable action of my life was that desertion. My sister is in a decline and I wish to bring her to this coast to see if the California climate will not help her.

Now general I ask you in the name of that god who died for us all, to pardon me. Not for myself do I ask this, but for my mother and sister. all that I hold dear upon the face of Gods fair earth. I am fully able to support them, their very existence depends upon my freedom and God knows I would willingly go down to the grave in blood to save them from harm or hunger.

Do this and my poor mother may live yet to bless you

Yours Respectfully
Haron Wood

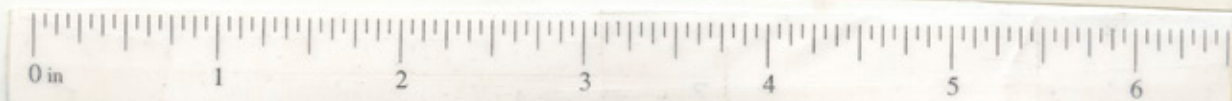
formerly co F 1st U.S. Cavalry

P. S. General, please address me in care of James R Wilson. I work far up the Willapaugh River I seldom come to Brierport. But Wilson who runs the commissary runs to and fro frequently.

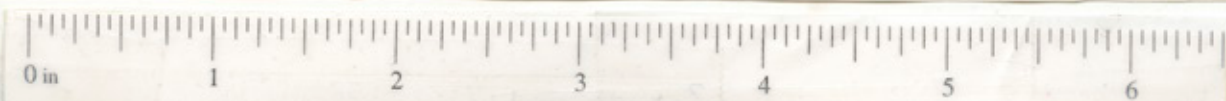
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Dear Sam

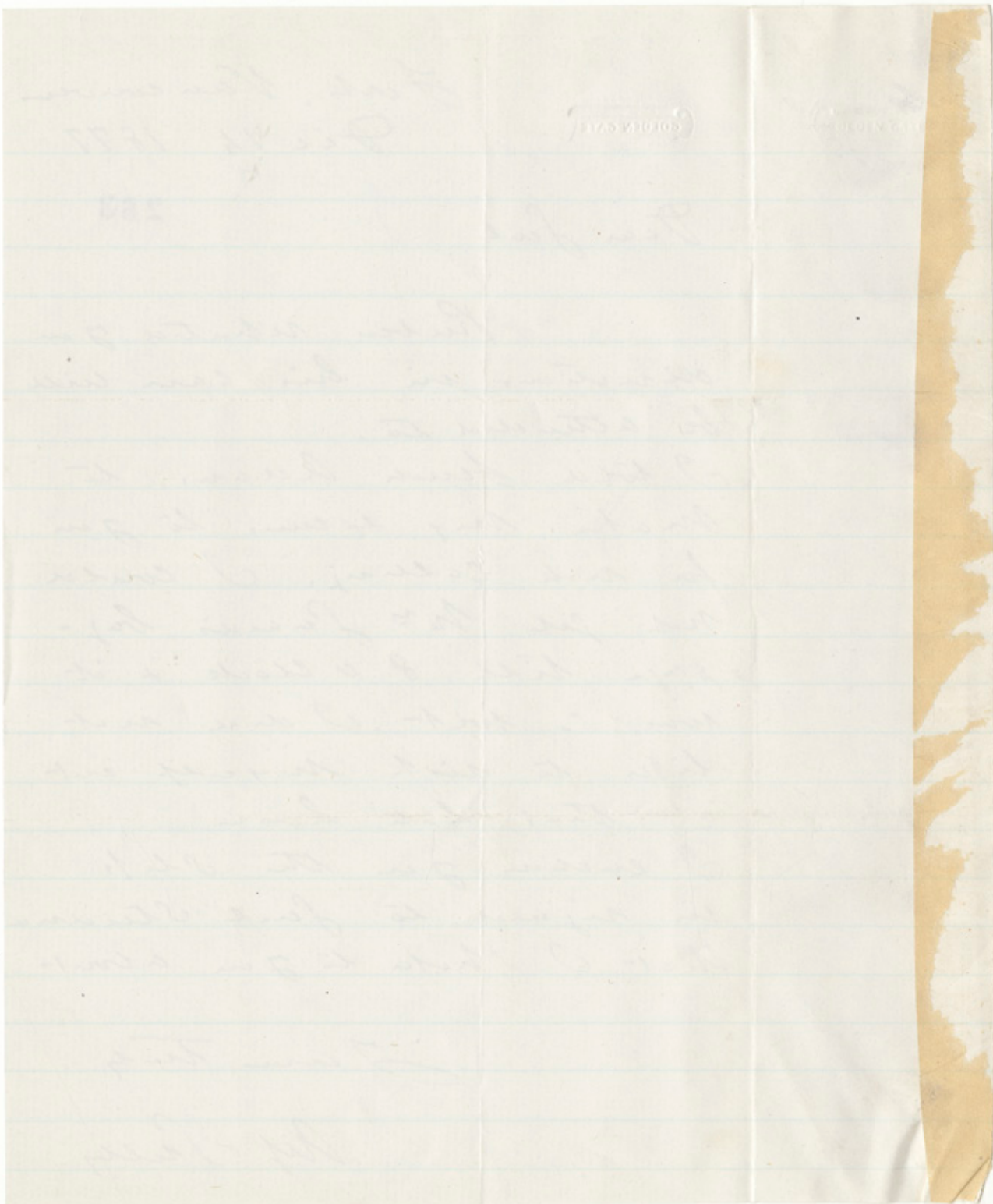
Butter what you
directions in his car will
be attended to.

I told Jack Adams to
make my excuses to you
for not calling. I could
not get Mrs Francis's bag-
gage till 8 o'clock & it
was so wet. I did not
like to risk myself out
at that late hour.

I enclose you the slip
in regard to Jack Steadman
that I spoke to you about.

Yours truly

Alf Sully



THE ADVANCE.

Nos. 151 & 153 Fifth Avenue,

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CHARLES H. HOWARD,
Editor and Proprietor.

Glencoe
Chicago, Dec. 14 1877

Dear Brother

I have long been thinking I would get kitty to write you on Lizzie. About two weeks ago I had an attack of Pneumonia and I am still confined to my room. I have been steadily recovering but am weak and my right lung is still sore so that I cannot take a long breath without pain and cannot lie on that side. I had entirely recovered from my cough and had begun to take hold of my work with quite the old vigor when I was prostrated. At first, for one night I suffered excruciating pain. The influenza was mild and pleasant as May & I am gaining as rapidly as possible. But the Dr. says I must go South for this Winter owing to the weakness of the lungs & liability to a relapse. So I am thinking of going to Florida for a while. Cousin Marcellus (Mr. Frank's oldest son) is on the St John's opposite Palatka, ^{own}ing there an orange farm. I have written to see if he can

take me. I may after a time go over
to Nassau for a few weeks or more.

If you were in Lower California I
should feel like coming over to see
you all & so have the society of those
I love. We heard from Lieut Wood
that Guy went back to Yuma. Is
that correct? You gave us very little
news of the family in your short
letter. We greatly enjoyed the account
of your reception ^{in the paper sent} I intended to make
subject for the Advance but my
sickness has prevented.

I am not strong enough to write
much. If this fine weather which has
lasted several days was sure to con-
tinue I would not go away. But it
is sure not to last. Kitty has taken care of
me every night, waking once or twice for
me & in the morn. Our two children are still
in Bangor - going to school. Brewster writes
us a letter with his own hand. I meant
to have talked more with you about the Advance.
We credited you regularly with five dollars for each
article & will give you a certificate entitling you
either to cash or that much of a share. If your
returning years could take a favorable turn - say
Congress refused some of the money they had

robbed you of — I should prefer that you try to get possession of E. P. Smith's entire interest in the Advance. He isn't tomorrow (based on unpaid dues) has diminished from \$7000 a year to \$4000 — and the entire amount of back subscriptions is on an average from \$12000 to \$15000. The result is that we have never earned a cent of interest for our Capital — some \$30,000 and for a part of mine I have always had interest to pay as I was compelled to borrow it on real estate mortgages. But if the business should go on as during the past three years (and they have been hard times years) we shall begin to pay interest or a dividend probably next year. Here comes in another big "but" — My health & strength must be good to do it. I did two or three men's work for one year and a half and paid the salaries. Now I or ought I ever to do so again? I suppose not.

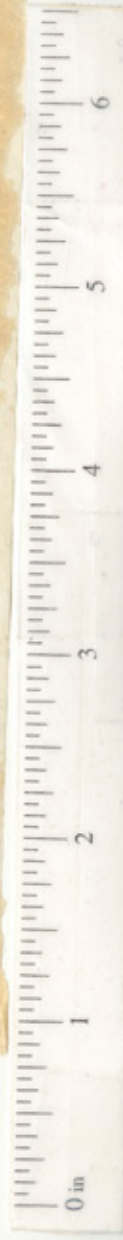
All this is putting a good deal of detail of my business upon your attention. I hope you will not be bored by it as you seemed to think that possibly the Lord had a purpose some time to bring us together again. Hard times return our income might easily be doubled or trebled. We hope for some

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improvement from silver penmanship. When on your coming East or have you given that idea up? Gen. Whittier said in a letter a day or two ago he regretted you could not have visited Washington. The President is deceived about the supposed will being of the Colored people. Bishop Brown complains bitterly that they have been sacrificed in all their dearest interests and are in the hands of their old masters who have no appreciation of their worth and what ought to be done to develop it. I do not think the President's convictions run deep.

But I am tired & have another much more than I intended. Love to all your dear family. If you can write, tell Lizzie or Grace to do so. I am ever Affectionately Brother
C. Howard

P.S. Two of your New Series articles have arrived & I will begin by the first of January with them if not before. I purchased them for 1878 & I want to get a few on hand so as to have no break.



Office Indian Agent,

NEZ PERCE INDIANS,

Lapwai, Idaho Territory, Dec 15th 1877

Dear James

I received the letter you wrote while stopping at Walla Walla. I hope you can Stute-Ria and persuaded upon him to come home. Those people on the Ashotai have taken all the horses and cattle belonging to him & Kot-Kot-til-Rui and will not give them up. I am going to write to Washington about it and see if the U.S. Marshal for Washington Terry cannot take charge of all cattle and horses on the Ashotai including those of She-wat-is-toll.

You can tell those at the Amutilla who belong here of my action in the matter. I heard last night that Tom Chapman was going to gather up captured stock. I expect the first place he will begin operations is Kamick among

the Indians, and if he should do as he did
with Edward a short time ago I am afraid
there would be trouble,

I hope you found the Indians at
Vancouver all well, I know they were glad
to see you,

The people here are all well and
anxious to hear from you

Remember me to Guel Howard

Your friend,

Jas Blunt

Washington D.C.,
Dec 16th 1877.

My dear General:

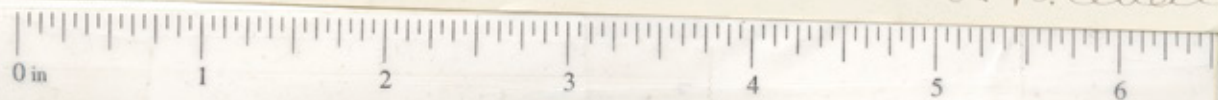
You are very kind to spare even a moment of your time to acknowledge the receipt of my letter when I know you must be overwhelmed with personal and public matters.

Besides the extreme pleasure of hearing from you direct, and of learning of your safe arrival home after your vigorous, prolonged and thankless campaign, your letter is a source of much pride to me as it affords the opportunity of showing my friends here in what light I stand in your regard. I do not hope to outlive you, Genl., but I should certainly like to know what degree of praise posterity will award you for your good and almost life-long service to your country. It seems that you get more curses than praise from your contemporaries no matter whether you are successful in your undertakings or not. Why don't you hit back at some of the prissies that are so ready to abuse you?

~~I am sure you have been~~
ready for I'd make some somebody think they had been kicked by a government mule. The principle of turning the other cheek to your enemy may be all well enough, but when he strikes you on the back in the dark it is quite time to kick back.

We are all well and join in love to you all

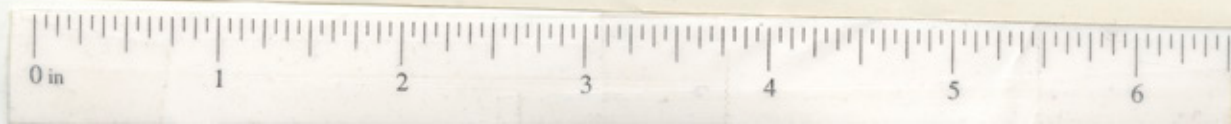
Very truly yours,
W. D. Wendell.





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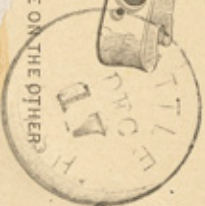
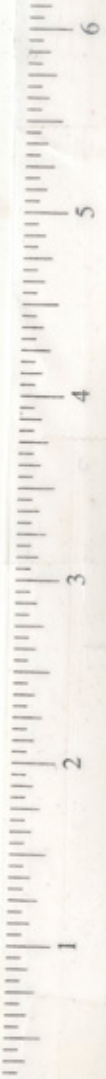


Seattle, W. T.,
Dec 17, 1877.

Dear Friend -

Last April or
May I gave ~~you~~ a letter
to a man whom we hoped
to rescue from a wayward
life commending him to
you as worthy of sympathy
and encouragement. L. H. Ly-
on is the name. He is a man
of ability & evidently of good
family. But we fear drink
has drowned his better purposes.
He wrote us last from Spokane
Falls then Commissary with
Gen. Wheaton. You were gone
& he did not see you.

We wish to know if you
have learned anything of him.
Have you any knowledge of
his being still with Gen. Wheaton
or not? And where is Gen. W.?
Our love to yourself and
family and to Capt. W -
Yours humbly, J. F. Ellis.



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THE FRONT OF THE CARD AND THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

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before it is too late, & seal their own
condemnation by not serving God
who so loved the World that he
gave his only begotten Son, our Saviour
to die upon the Cross, that all who
would believe on him, might be saved
& inherit Eternal Life - Oh! Heavenly Father
we ask thee for an Abundance of Grace, give
us a full Portion of the Holy Spirit, that
we may cling close to the Truth & give us
Strength of body & mind to enable us to
keep our good resolutions, for without the
Grace of God we know what poor weak
& sinful ~~creatures~~ ^{filthy} creatures we are - May God
Bless you & Yours Bless all of us
& eventually save us in the better
World, is the Prayer of One, who
has waded deep in the bitter
waters of Sin & Repentance, but
who through Faith & trust in Christ
has gained a footing on the Rock
& now Rejoices in the hope of Salvation
through our blessed Lord & Saviour, our
Redeemer Jesus Christ - Yours fraternally
Chas. W. Price

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Portland Dec 17/77

Dear General

I was so forcibly
impressed with your remarks
upon the Prodigal's Return to his
Father's House, at the Meeting
of the C. A. & it seemed so applicable
to my Case, that I determined to
express by writing my feelings,
before retiring for the night -
Among the many Prodigals, who
have strayed from their Father's
House, but few have wandered
further, or remained in the Wilder-
ness longer - Lo! for so many Years
How thankful I am to God for his
Mercy & Goodness to me in Redeeming
so great a Sinner. Following in
the course of wickedness so long
living for this World its follies
& Vanities, neglecting my duties

to God & my fellow man, becoming
a Slave to Intemperance, lost
under its debasing influence to
all respect for myself, lost in
the estimation of all, whose good
opinion was valuable, tired of life
without friends, without money
without hope, on the verge of
utter despair - I resolved to return
to my Father's House & in the dust
of humility, conscious of my unworth-
iness, upon my bended knees, pray
for forgiveness, determined by the
help of God to lead a new Life
& forsake my Sins - I was humbled
& felt that I would gladly accept
the most menial Service for the
advancement of my Spiritual
necessities - I remembered the words
of our Blessed Savior taught me in
my Youth - Come unto me all ye
that are weary & heavy laden & I
will give you rest - Ask & you shall

receive, knock & it shall be opened
unto you - And though your Sins be
as Scarlet I will make them as white
as snow - And Oh! what a Blessing
it is to know that your Sins are for-
given you, that your Evil Appetites
through Grace are taken away,
that you are welcomed back home
& that you have the glorious hope
of Immortality, & becoming an
inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven
For we have the word of God as
you gave it to us. - There is more
joy in Heaven over the one Sinner
that repenteth, than over the
ninety & nine that goeth not astray
Look at the infinite goodness & mercy
of God; whose Love is unlimited
to those that repent, believe
forsake their sins & come unto him
How blind are those to their own wel-
fare, without a spark of Gratitude
that will not embrace the opportunity

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Leveston P. Lg
Dec 18th / 77

Gen C. C. Howard

Sir

I received

Capt Bladen's letter dated
7th Dec in which he said my
letter had been sent to
Capt W. F. Spurgin, 21st Inf
Fort Vancouver P. Lg., well that
will not help it any, nor
will it make him, send
it any sooner, his plea of
wanting papers and inform-
ation is all talk, he had
plenty of time to settle up
with every one here if he had
any business talk about
him, or if he would have
spent one half of his time

W.L.

in his office he could
have settled every thing, but
there was too much "cheap
politics" here for that office
and gentleman. and Sven
berg seller was too easy of
access where he put all of his
time in.

I am an old soldier
and went to Arizona with
you in '72 and I know
this Capt Spurgin has to
walk as straight a line as
I had. the pay that is
coming to me is for June
and July, the "papers" and
"information" were sent to
Montana in August after
him and he has a poor plea.

Very respectfully,

Your old scout

A. M. Lyons

New York December 19. 1847 269

Dear General Havard The paper tells us this morning that the case ag^t you are postponed indefinitely, because Govt wants you at your post.

I have conferred with Col Dyer and he expressed the wish that Gen. Butler might be enlisted in your defence as counsel, expressing his own opinion that there is a good defence. Since then I have conferred with Mr E. M. Breynter whom you have known and who is a true friend to you, and intimately associated with Gen. Butler. He will be able to speak to me after a personal interview, and I will inform you,

The strangeness of the claim on the bond of Dis. Agent appears to me in this: that matters preceding that Dis. agency, and its bond, ^{and in all of Gen Ballou's} are bro^t from their former places and (as I understand it) laid over upon this Dis. Agency, and charged upon this bond. I remember well that the bond read, not to cover the past but only the future. I have been reading over your letters to me of a year ago, and those certificates of Mr Rutheford and Mr. French. When Alexander went to Washington a year ago he saw gentlemen near the Tr. Dep. he knew very well and heard something like this: that the case, would never be tried: that official persons were ashamed of them, and the libe. I did not, and do not, put much

or any trust in such things, but am led to ask:

Wyn, dear General, so well informed on all points
see that right is on your side, and are able to show
this to the proper members of this Cabinet [as your
personal and military friend Gen: Devens] why
not attempt it? And why not get (if it may be) in
this the help of Gen: Butler.

Mr Dyer spoke of this
and wished it could be procured for Gen: Butler - and
it may in fact for himself. - "if the friends of Gen: Har-
and could raise \$1000 and I could supply Gen: Butler"
etc. Mr Baptist said "Gen: Butler would require no
\$1000;" and I am to hear of an interview which
he expected to hold with him that very day.

Dear General - it seems hard to be subjected to
these harassments. No mortal man has a
right to expect exemption. Yet I had through
life before assumed surely ships - But pardon
this - and let me bid you an affectionate
adieu - to write again when any thing comes
up -

Yours friend ever faithfully,
Edgar Keppel



Recd
Jan. 3. 1878.

Genl. Howard

Olympia Dec 19th

Dear Sir

My brother Capt E L
Baker, has recently been ordered
from San Antonio, to Fort Rice,
as I am ignorant of the location
of that Post, who please inform me
where a letter would reach him
Very truly Yours, Mrs C. Hopkins

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GEO. W. BALLOCH,

GENERAL

Claim, Patent, and Insurance Agent, and Broker,

631 F STREET N. W.,

Box 804.

Washington, D. C. Dec. 19. 1877

Dear General.

"The mills of the Gods
grind slowly, but they grind exceeding
small." for proof of which see the
paragaphs from the papers of
yesterday enclosed. We are at
last beginning to see the end -
At the next turn of Court have
your atty move a "Nolle pro's" in
these suits & all will be well.
I settle the claim against me
last summer. while you were
fighting Neg-Percus. I mean the
duplicate Stephen Vorhies -
I had no trouble at all. I made
them a proposition which was
accepted. Hope we shall see

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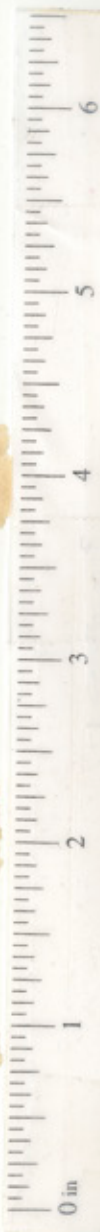
you here this winter. I meant to
write you a good long historical
letter pretty soon. In the meantime
remember us to all the family &
believe me as ever faithfully yours
Wm. Ballou

Rev. W. Ballou

Dec. 19th 1877.

Aunt Pladen
Jan. 12, 1878

Recd Dec. 31st 1877. O. H.



Committee on Military Affairs,

House of Representatives,

Washington, D. C., December 19, 1877.

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On behalf of the Committee on Military Affairs, of the House of Representatives of the United States, the following interrogatories are addressed to you, and answers invited.

Assuming, as a basis for your answers, an army consisting of an aggregate total of fifteen, twenty, twenty-five, or thirty thousand men, respectively :

1. What should be the strength of each arm of the service, and what change from the present organization of the U. S. Army would you make in such army? How should the different arms be subdivided, and what should be the strength of each subdivision?
2. What do you think of Independent Batteries? Should they exist in such army?
3. How many General and Staff officers should there be in such army, and how many Field, Staff, and Line officers in each subdivision thereof?
4. What should be the maximum and minimum of enlisted men in each subdivision of the respective arms, and what non-commissioned officers should they have at their respective maximum and minimum strength?
5. How should the Staff Departments of such army be organized? Should they be an independent corps? and, if not, how should they be formed?
6. What changes or reductions in the number of officers, by consolidation or otherwise, can be made in the various Staff Departments? Please state specifically any views you may have in this behalf.
7. Do you know of any military posts, forts, fortifications, or reservations in the country which can be abandoned or sold without detriment? If yea, state them in detail and your views as to the disposition to be made of them.
8. Be kind enough to make any suggestions for the reduction of the expenses of the Army at military posts, or otherwise, which your experience and observation would commend.
9. What changes, if any, in the regulations and discipline of the Army can be made to improve the morale of the non-commissioned officers and men, and prevent desertion.

Yours, respectfully,

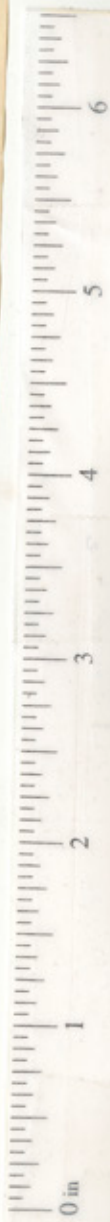
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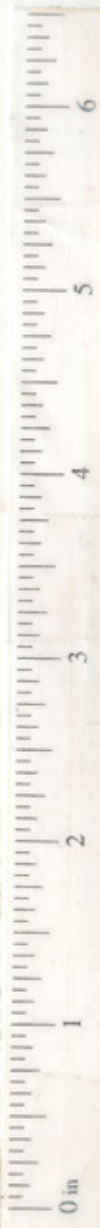


Fort McMurray W.S.
Dec. 20th 1877.

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Mr Hall says he doesn't know anything of the horse said to have been left on the Ranch, seven miles west of Missoula, but that he saw a large sorrel horse on a Ranch, owned by Mr Hall Mahoney, seven miles from Strensville. Mr Hall has running with his band of horses beyond Snake River one U.S. Horse that he bought from the Cold Mountains and which he believes, as far as he can learn, formerly belonged to Co F 1st Cavalry, & which was lost in the White Bird fight.

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Sgt Walla Walla W.T.
Dec 20-77

Capt. Gladu

Your note of the
10. received. I directed the
Post Qr. M. to enquire into the
matter and the inclosed is
a memorandum of what he
has been able to learn.

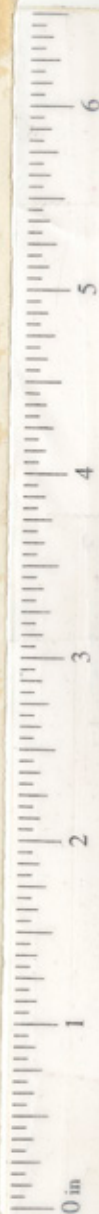
Mr Hall will return the
horse in his hand as soon
as can be done conveniently
I will enquire further about it
and try and get the horse
back soon

Very Respectfully
Yours
C. Brown

Grover, L.
Col. 14 Cavy.

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St. Pancras W. I.
Dec. 20th. 1877.

Genl. C. C. Howard
U. S. Army.
Portland Ore.

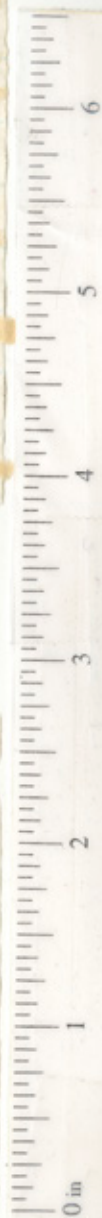
My dear General

I am really disappointed at not being able to accept your kind invitation to Christmas dinner - The sickness of Master Sully will not permit me to be absent from the Post over night -

Express my regards to Mrs Howard -

Sincerely Yours
C. T. Alexander

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GEO. W. DYER,

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Attorney and Counsellor at Law,

519 Seventh Street.

Lock Box 100.

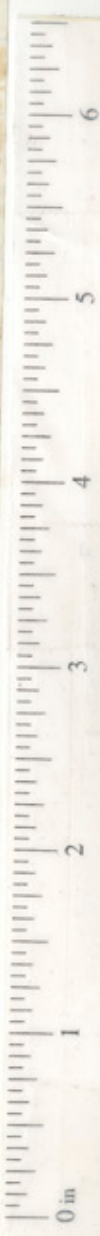
Washington, D. C. Dec^r 20, 1877
Genl C. O. Howard.

Portland Oregon. Dear General, I have
to day of your telegram of this day which I have
answered. There are three cases of the U.S. against
you, all on the civil side, 1. upon your bond. 2
upon the retained bounty, 3. Upon odds and ends of
a c. of. There are the other civil suits of the U.S. were
transferred to the criminal court, to be tried as civil
cases, because that branch of the court was up
in its work, and the other branches were a long
way behind. The cases were set down for hearing
this present term, and were "passed" because the
District Attorney was not ready, and I wanted you
present when they were tried. The agreed facts,
as I stated them, are still at the Solicitors
Office, not acted upon, and as I now feel, I do
not care to have them acted upon. I saw

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Attorney and Counsellor at Law,

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Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sherman, and found that he was aware of
 your coming here, or rather of your leaving your
 Department as matters now stand there. I am
 engaged now in defending a suit of the U.S. vs
 Jones and upon an official bond, and the Judge
 Olm has ruled that accounts once settled by
 the accounting officers, cannot be reopened, and
 he refused to allow any evidence on the part of
 the Government upon such accounts. I do not
 know that this ruling would be made by other
 judges, or sustained by the full court. My impression
 is that your suits will come up for trial next March,
 and that they had better be tried then, if you can
 be here. If you cannot, please let me know
 Dear sir,

Yours truly
 Geo. W. Dyer.

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The rules of this Company require that all messages received for transmission shall be written on the message blanks of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following message.

JAS. GAMBLE, General Sup't, {
SAN FRANCISCO.

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