

to proceed to that point  
I will not allow this  
to interfere with any  
duty required of  
me. Yours with Respect  
C. A. Miles  
Capt. Infy

Genl O. O. Howard

Fort Vancouver  
W. T.

File.



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Baker W. Aug 15, 78

My dear General

I am fully  
persuaded from what  
you told me when here  
that you have had an  
erroneous impression  
about my desire to leave  
Vancouver, I was perfectly  
satisfied with my duties  
at regimental head quar-  
ters and regretted that  
I had to leave. My Cha-  
nging stations during  
the Indian troubles has  
unfortunately been some-  
what expensive for me while  
I can ill afford. After  
leaving Vancouver on  
the 6 of June I moved



by slow marches, until I was  
informed that the hostile  
were moving towards  
Harney; and that the Citiz-  
ens would probably need  
protection at John Day  
Valley. Acting upon their  
reports I at once sent my  
family to Portland, left  
my papers with personal  
property and sent stives  
to come after me, these  
stives have not been seen  
by me since the date I  
left them, and pushed  
rapidly forward to meet  
as circumstances might  
dictate. To the best of my  
recollection there is no  
officer in this Dept. who  
has served longer at  
frontier posts than I  
have. I have served contin-  
uously with my Company

since 1865 except 9 months  
on sick duty; and I believe  
two months leave of absence,  
one month of this, sick leave.  
Without need to refer to I  
believe this is correct. I have  
requested Miss Miles  
to call on you for  
any information and  
advice you can give her  
when she passes through  
Portland en route to join  
me. I have written her to  
come on as it will be greatly  
to her advantage to travel  
from this place to Harney  
when I move there with  
my Company. Any assis-  
tance ~~will~~ rendered her will be  
highly appreciated by me.  
I would <sup>be</sup> glad to have  
an opportunity to go as  
far as Walla Walla  
or ~~anywhere~~ to meet my  
wife, and I enclose an  
application for ~~orders~~.

Willis Thorp to J. A. Scims, [Stoads Coolat?] Wash  
Terr., August 20, 1878

Attached to and filed with letter # 14607 :

W.D. Farren to OOH, Parker City,  
Oregon, August 10, 1878



Boise City I T Aug 21<sup>st</sup> 1878

Gen. O O Howard

Portland Oregon

My Esteemed Friend

Since I last conversed with you  
there has been many things came to  
my knowledge which more plainly  
press to my mind that certain  
parties with whom you are  
compelled to be thrown in contact  
with have not only been indolent  
in doing duties which grave trust  
demanded efficient attention, but  
they have been putting in their time  
most carelessly at the expense  
coupled with a hope of the  
general downfall of O. O. Howard  
General while many parties say  
good things of you & of your  
military conduct to your face they  
are ready to throw slang words  
upon the streets as soon as your  
back is turned such as a fine  
campaign of Gen Cdr Moore  
Hailey & Borne - This is true  
over



all emanating from a direction  
that I personally know that you  
have not the slightest knowledge  
of the Cause. But, I will now  
give you a brief of this so called  
Howard scandal, as follows  
The army pack master as str-  
anger to me was sent to Ogilby's  
Command to Dismiss some trans-  
portation furnished by Moore & Co  
to save expense. This order emanated  
from members of your staff so says  
the story. Upon the arrival of  
Chief Pack Master he found 17  
teams of Moore & Co & when  
he saw the character of the  
unnecessary stuff that was  
being transported he executed  
his order & left 7 teams to care  
for the Canada stuff & 86 pack  
Animals not being sufficient  
to carry the supplies of Ogilby's  
Command. again they say that  
66 animals was sufficient to carry



The supplies of Capt Miles Command  
together with a good portion of  
those belonging to Major Babbitt's  
ordnance stores Miles Command  
being 350. in do that of Egbert  
being 150. While this Chief Packer  
was taking an invoice of the  
goods & sundries he also took  
an invoice of a certain Conver-  
sation between the Field A. G. M.  
of Egberts Command & Co. Mr. Moore  
which was as follows = Here

" get up and make me another  
" voucher Answer well mix me  
" up another bottley first, Gen-  
I get this Information from a  
source that I know to be truthfull,  
the business portion of this Community  
Feel Indignant at such things  
yet there are many like myself  
who know that you are not to be  
held responsible & that you would  
scorn such abuse against the army  
much less against the Tax payers of  
our Proud Nation

over



General I write you this in  
strict Confidence. Not knowing as  
to what extent you may regard  
it. But, Notwithstanding I being  
In the Commercial world &  
Ambitious ~~to~~ to make money yet I  
do not wish to stoop to any step of  
Discredit or Dishonor to make it.  
This is a portion of the Cause of  
those Ingratefull people Crying  
against Gen. Howard: & the  
Fact is Universally known  
that the Contract taken in  
the Name of John Bailey to  
Furnish the Supplies & Transportation  
for this Campaign is a Dark  
Cloke under which Moore  
and Bonn are operating  
extensively Detrimental to all  
Honest Army officers and  
Particularly against the good  
Name of Gen O O Howard.  
Gen. I hope you will pardon me  
for Imposing upon you this



Lengthy Epistol treating as it  
does upon Matters not affecting  
me in the least. But. Upon  
the Honor of a man I say  
to you that I only write you  
upon this subject From  
a sense of Justice and a  
Friendly Feeling toward you  
there is no Indian News here  
at this time worth mentioning  
I hope that you arrived safe  
at your home in Portland  
and enjoyed the greeting of  
your many Friends

I will say that I would be  
pleased to have the Honor  
of receiving a line from  
you at any and all  
times. Again I will ask you  
to pardon me for the liberty  
I have imposed, and with  
kindest Regards believe me  
your true Friend  
W. B. Diggerstaff



P.S. An Investigation of  
a Concerning Moore would in  
my Judgment be in order

W.B.B.

one thing more that I have  
neglected to mention which is this.  
Every man here without  
exception of the Business class  
say publicly that Moore owns  
the Telegraph man in this  
place & Body that no business  
can come to the Army or other  
party that Moore does not see  
and read it before it  
reaches the party that it is  
Directed to. W.B.B.

W.B. Biggs

Aug 21, 1878.

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Dayton, N. J., Aug. 22, 1878.

Gen. O. O. Howard:

Knowing by experience how much good a kind word sometimes does, I write you now to say that I am a warm friend of you so, not politically, but personally and religiously; and that I heartily endorse your conduct, on the whole, as a military commander. I send you a number of my paper, the "News," and will continue to do so unless you order otherwise. I have not said much editorially in your favor, because the state of the public mind in this region is such, at present, that I could <sup>do</sup> you no good and would injure myself. You

*Answered by General,  
Sept. 13, 1878.*





have friends here, however, and we are all gradually getting bolder and more outspoken, and when the time shall come, as sure it will, when I can do you good, I will do so. I am satisfied that nine-tenths of the unfriendly criticism of the press, all over the country, relative to your conduct of the late Indian uprising, really springs from a covert hostility to religion. They really strike religion in your person. Press on in the course you have adopted. The God of Hosts will preserve and defend you. I also have passed through very fiery trials—not of the same kind you have perhaps—but still they are

are terrific—some of them absolutely appalling to a man constituted as I am—but I have had God's blessed promises most fully verified in my behalf. I would not surrender my religious belief for all this world, even though it were one solid globe of gold.

Yours &c.

M. H. Abbott.



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W. & E.  
P.

Portland, Oregon, 28<sup>th</sup> Aug 1878.

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

Vancouver B. C.

Dear Brother

We have just find circular and  
programme for a general Sabbath School Convention as  
therein announced. The Committee having the  
matter in charge are not personally acquainted with  
the representative Sabbath School workers in Oregon & Washington.  
We wish to have the Convention a success and earnestly  
hope to have your assistance. You are requested to  
prepare a paper or address upon "The relation of the  
Sunday School to Evangelistic Efforts" - i.e. in the Church  
as furnishing prepared material & outside, in starting  
the germ of the future Church &c. &c. Of course take your  
own course. The time allotted to each address is  
necessarily limited to 20 minutes.

Please send reply  
to W. Wadham as early a date as convenient.  
Very Truly Yours  
A. D. Stratton



HENRY A. ELLIOTT

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Mr. C. L. Howard & Co.  
Lawrence & Co.  
New York

Program for a general school committee  
The committee during the  
another in charge are not necessarily acquainted  
The representative school board in New York  
be used to have the committee a subject and course  
help to have your assistance. You are requested to  
prepare a paper or address upon the relation of the  
primary school to the general effort - is in which  
a primary school is included in the  
the plan of the future school? If you have  
over course. The time allotted to each subject is  
sufficiently limited to 20 minutes.

These are the  
to the Board of Education at a copy of the committee.

Very truly yours  
Henry A. Elliott

Ms. A. 9. 2. 11. 1175

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Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> 1878.

Dear Sir:-

Will you do me the favor to place upon the inclosed postal card, the full name of the Capt. Sperry who was killed some time since by the indians?

I have a relative by the name of Sperry in the service, and fear that he is the one mentioned. The favor will be appreciated by your obdt servant-

Curry C. Chase



*Acad by Stanton*  
*Sept 13. 1878.*





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Fort. Vancouver  
Augt 24. 1818

Dear Genl

I received your  
letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> today  
I did not say to Capt  
Miles that I preferred  
his Compy should remain  
here. but what I did  
say was. that H Co was  
by the roster first to  
be relieved. Next came  
I Co Next D. & E was  
the fourth. According to  
the order of their ar-  
rivals at this post

I have a high regard  
for Capt Miles as an  
officer. and should be  
proud to have him  
& his Company again in  
our very immediate com-



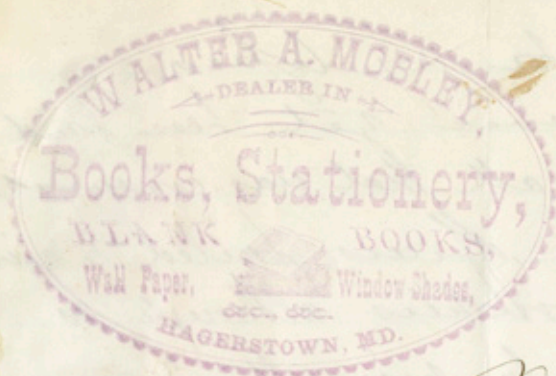
-mand. but to assign  
him to this post near  
without sending the Com-  
p. here. would necessitate  
the sending away to some  
other post. one of the  
Companies you intend  
to Garrison this post.

We have quarters here for  
the men, for six Companies  
but cannot possibly ac-  
commodate, at present, the  
Officers of more than four  
Companies. The assignments  
of Miles Company to this post  
would enable him to quar-  
ter here, which we have  
not got to spare

Yours Truly

Wm Sully





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Beaver Creek, Md  
Wash. Co. Md }  
Aug. 27 1878

General

You will recollect  
occupying my premises with  
your troops after the battle of  
Gettysburg and at which time  
all my hay, wheat and in fact  
all my farm products were used  
by the army. I write you  
now to ask you to give me  
a certificate as to your being  
on my farm and to the use  
of my property so far as you  
know, so as to enable me to  
procure something from the



government for my losses.

I have never yet been paid  
one cent for all that was consumed  
and as your officers failed to give  
me the proper vouchers although so  
instructed to do by yourself, I now  
ask that you will do this act  
of justice to me. You will  
recollect advising me to move my  
family and personal effects, owing  
to the probability of a battle, leaving  
you in full possession of my  
premises. You left my place  
on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> of July 1863,  
and moved toward Hunktown.  
I mention these facts so as to call  
your attention to my place,

*Wm. Haden* Henry Adams  
To Major Gen. O. Howard,





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Boston Aug 30/78

My dear Grad

Twenty pages of  
proof of your book  
have been sent to  
me & they expect  
to issue the vol.  
in Octo. A friend  
of mine, competent,  
says it reads ad-

ansd.





mirably -  
The publishers wish to  
call it "Donald's  
School Days", the title  
we suggested being  
already used -  
I have no doubt it  
will sell, & I hope you  
will get much profit  
out of it. I shall  
be very much interested  
in the result. If  
you write one. I  
hope you are by

this time at home -  
How kind Francis thought I should  
this week to welcome me with David.

They are all well, as we are.

With kind regards to Maria.

Yours very truly  
W. A. Freeman

Frederick Howard  
(Antioch Oregon)