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Dear General.

The enclosed speaks for itself. I will send you the petition in a day or two. In the meantime I shall take time by the forelock, get up another petition denouncing the whole affair, shall also send a dispatch to the Associated Press on the same basis. You have concealed enemies which are the worst. I intend to nullify the object and motive. You have more friends than enemies in this country and I can assure you that your actions are understood and fully appreciated. I am editor of a strong democratic paper and having had a small fortune left me I am going to buy it and settle down.

Your obdt Servt.

Frank J Parker.

You may consider the enclosed as being at your full disposal.

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At Home  
1802 - M<sup>st</sup> NW.

JOHN H. COOK,

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# Attorney-at-Law,

Le Droit Building, 520 Eighth Street,

Washington, D. C., Jan'y 15<sup>th</sup> 1879

Dear General:

Your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> ult. reached me several days past.

Answering in reference to the Fowler note, the prospect for its full payment is not very good at present. The payments of Dr. Bogue, together with the amounts realized from the sales of Cottages made by Capt Sladen are the only credits made for some time on the Fowler note except about \$1400<sup>00</sup>, paid into the Bank by me for collections made from Thomas Carter, but not at the time turned over to the Bank. The Carter and Straker properties will be sold ere long, (perhaps realizing little or nothing), and the amounts applied upon that note. I presume there will remain due on that note about 7000<sup>00</sup>. It is probable that Congress will soon require the Commissioners to sell, at auction, all the remaining assets of the Bank and close up its affairs. I see no reason why some one may not be present and buy the Fowler note in your interest (for which note though morally perhaps responsible, you are not legally liable). Should the Commissioners sell that note at the rate they have sold other property, it

P.S. Today the Buffalo collector of taxes sent me bills for taxes on Buffalo property amounting to \$110<sup>00</sup>. I sent them to Mr. D. Mull with the suggestion that early payment must be made to prevent large expense and sale.

will be bought for 60 or 70 dollars.

On the Hall note I paid \$268<sup>00</sup>

since that date the Commiss have not demanded further payment. For this note you, (being the maker), are legally responsible. I would have paid this note in full and removed your name from the list of debtors of that bank, but never could spare the money from other matters.

Barry Farm affairs (on account of the great poverty of the people and hard times) have dragged heavily for the past two years. Recently the lot owners have notified that they must pay up. It is now hoped that this year will close up the outstanding cases. I hope these answers to your three inquiries are satisfactory.

Whether I am stronger than when I last wrote (as you hope), is certainly very doubtful. I have not been able to leave my rooms since Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> last, on which day I had a severe hemorrhage while at Court, followed by the most savage attack of all on Dec 5 (not to speak of intervening attacks). Consumption has now fully fastened its fangs in my lungs. I hardly hope for continued life, unless some change of climate. Should I be spared life beyond the month of March, my friends will try (means and feebleness permitting), to send me to Colorado or lower California. With feelings of the deepest gratitude to you

for uniform kindness and favor during the past twelve years  
To Brigadier G.C. Howard U.S.A.  
Fort Vancouver. W. O. C.

I am, very truly

W. O. C. Cook

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May 1st 1879  
O O Howard  
Comd. Department Columbia  
Vancouver B.C.

My Dear General,

A day or two since  
the enclosed petition came to this  
town for signatures and after  
laying at the post office for a  
day or two received the hearty  
endorsement it now presents. I  
am inclined to believe that a  
certain Mr Oppenheim on

water of the Columbia. You are  
probably aware of the cause  
of his action. I am here apprehen-  
sive of Oregonians in execution  
of Indians. I will return west  
when river is navigable and  
will stop and see you. I  
have interviewed the Indian  
chiefs here in situation of  
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appans and find them docile  
but fearful that whites will  
adopt extreme measures in  
relation to past offenses.  
My full report will be in

St. Louis Jan. 21. 1879.

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OFFICE OF E. J. Curtis, Atty. at Law,

CURTIS BLOCK, MAIN St.

Boise City, Idaho, January 16<sup>th</sup> 1879

Gen C. C. Howard:

My dear Friend & General. I inclose you a printed petition which as you will see, could only emanate from a source ignorant and vindictive. Of course it can not in the least effect your character or your standing as a Soldier, a General or a Citizen.

My own appreciation and admiration of you, is that of thousands of others who have the peace and interest of the Territory at heart. I wish you would place in my hand your answer in notes as full as possible. I ask this in the strictest confidence and in a

personal way. I want to answer those dirty im-  
putations, by a letter to the Country which will  
be published. The petition is only one of a  
package sent here for circulation which will not  
receive signatures - except in few cases perhaps. I  
have friends amongst the most prominent in the  
Army. I desire to refute the falsehoods as sent out  
in those petitions. It will not be done as your  
personal friend, but in the interest of truth and justice  
I do know your Campaign was not <sup>only</sup> successful  
but I feel that it was the best that could <sup>be</sup> con-  
ducted by any General in or out of the Army - I  
want the detail facts as far as it would be deemed  
an intelligent man could see and understand for

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Boise City, Idaho,

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himself. I feel that the facts which I hope to give to the County will be the accepted version of the case so far as their statements in the petition are concerned. I shall make no reference whatever to anything coming from you. I have followed your banner through the rebellion and to the present time, and will do so to the end of life. This whole book set out in the petition as I understand comes from a man by the name of Rheinhardt - Canon City, who I believe was an Indian Agent somewhere. If you will do this, I shall treat it as a weapon of truth to combat falsehood. Your notes will be returned or destroyed as

you may suggest, or if left to myself, I will then  
say I shall destroy them. This thought is wholly  
a thought of my own, originating with myself and  
will die with me. If you comply with my  
solicitation, I will ask the same done on  
your part. If you will not, then I will ask  
that you regard the matter as never intimated.  
And during this as I will any answer you give me.

Should you <sup>do</sup> me this favor, it will appear &  
be wholly my own. And if I do receive any little  
Applause or Credit for the refutation, I feel able  
to take, as I will equally shoulder any responsi-  
bility or Criticism which can come back from  
the ignorant cursors. In haste and

with the best wishes for the health  
and happiness of yourself and family

I am your sincere & devoted friend -

E. L. Curtis.

East Portland Oregon  
Jan 17/79  
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Gen. O. Howard,

Dear Sir

My Parents & 24 Brothers & Sisters

11 being under the age of 15, who are in Kittitas Valley, W. I. write me feeling very anxious to hear your opinion regarding the Indians, & the proceedings of Government, regarding them. Their means being exhausted & they have neither Fine Arms, nor Ammunition, to protect themselves with, so in case of an Indian raid, they are left to the mercies of the savages, and I presume your past experience has taught you how far their mercies extend towards the helpless, I also have a claim up there, and having been unfortunate, & my means being also exhausted I came down here hoping to obtain some work, it has made some money during the past winter, But, owing to the general depression in business, I have failed to a great extent in obtaining my object, & in consequence thereof, I must find some employment for the coming Spring, & Summer, And having heard that the War Department had issued an order, to erect a military Post, in Kittitas Valley, would like to know if said report is substantial, & if so when it is to be built, whether it is to be let by contract, or how, As my home being there I would like to work on it, myself, or self & Team, if opportunity offers, There are many families up there, destitute of means, Fine Arms, and Ammunition, and are thus left to the mercies of the savages.

And now they have arrested Moses. If ever he gets at liberty again I am satisfied there will be a Great Raid, all through that entire country, as all the Indians up there admire Moses very much, in fact I have never found one single Indian, but what claimed Moses as a very good, & one at Chief (Am Heas "Lash Littacum, Lo Boston man) And on account of the good feeling toward him, by the entire race of Indians, all he has to do is to say Fight, (which if he gets loose again I have no doubt but what he will) all the Indians in the entire country will fight with, & for him, & will kill every White man, woman, & child, they can get, and if any are then, as many are now without fire Arms, & Ammunition, They must be scalped <sup>them with fire arms & ammunition</sup> ~~if they will be unles~~ <sup>if they will be unless</sup> ~~not provi~~<sup>ed</sup> A letter from you, to my Father, M. J. Robbins, Pattensburgh, Shittas Valley, giving him any information you can, at any time would be considered a substantial favour, as there are so many reports up there, & they never know which are true, or false and my Parents being new settlers, & unaccostomed to Indians, would consider any information from you, as substantial, & would be much pleased to see you, any time you may visit the Valley

Your Early Answer, Opinion, & Advice.

I will much Obrigie

Yours very Resp -

M. J. Robbins

East Portland  
Oregon

Feb 20. 1849

Portland Ogn. Jan'y 17<sup>th</sup> 1879

Brig. Gen. Howard.

Comdg' Deptmt

Fort Vancouver  
W. I.

Dear Sir.

Enclosed please find copy of letter  
mailed by me today, relative to "Stable  
bills at Malheur City."

I have taken this liberty  
in order that you may suffer no apprehension  
concerning the settlement of those bills as per  
my promise to you.

Thanking you very much  
for kindness extended

I remain

Yours, Very Respectfully  
Howard. C. Walters.



Copy of letter mailed  
Jan'y 17<sup>th</sup> 1879 referring  
to settlement of  
estable & hotel bills  
at Mauchus City Ogn.  
Signed. H. C. Largent.

Witness.  
E. M. Largent

F.M.L.

Copy.

Portland Ogn. Jan'y 17<sup>th</sup> 1879  
Has Baswell Esq,  
Mauchus City  
Ogn,

Dear Sir:

I take present opportunity to inform you that I have about liquidated my business with govt. having but two <sup>swear</sup> audited accounts yet unpaid

I have succeeded in getting but little more than one half my claim for wages & expenses allowed. Nothing being allowed for Board and General Howard, who very kindly interfered in my behalf, thereby enabling me to collect my horse expenses, assured me that the chances in favor of my ever being able to collect the total bills were not one in five hundred. Now altho' per our agreement I am not personally responsible for the payment of the total

bills, I am yet willing to settle every<sup>thing</sup>  
upon the same basis that govt has  
settled with me, viz If yourself and the  
other gentleman interested are willing  
to receipt in full the Hotel & Stable  
bills, upon my paying one half their  
total amount the matter can be at-  
once arranged thro' a person, whom  
I shall name as my agent, in Malheur  
or Baker City. Should this proposition  
not meet your approval I shall  
order the stable bills paid in full  
and you can take chacees of collect<sup>g</sup>  
the hotel bills from govt, which  
chacees I consider very doubtful,  
Having (according to promise) done every-  
thing in my power to collect hotel as  
well as stable bills, and wages allowed  
(\$4,16 $\frac{2}{3}$ ) being so much less than I expected  
to receive (\$6.<sup>00</sup>) I can in justice to myself  
offer nothing better and as you each  
have Hotel & Stable" bills of different  
amounts I think above proposition most-

equitable basis of settlement for all  
concerned.

Not knowing when (if ever) I shall  
again visit Malheur City I shall, soon  
as an understanding is reached, settle  
the acct's. Requesting an early reply  
I remain

Yours Very Truly,

Howard C. Walters

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Polk Island Mills January 17, 1879

U.S. Engineers Office

Brigadier General D.D. Howard  
Bvt. Major General U.S. Army

Dear General!

Nothing but sickness prevented me of writing to you  
on the event of the change of the year and of wishing your  
Lady and yourself a very Happy New Year.

It is only since yesterday that I am able to be about  
and I hasten to send three lines to you as a proof,  
that I never forget the time, when your kindness  
placed me years ago under your orders.

I am still with Colonel F.W. Farquhar on the  
Improvements of the Mississippi river and if Congress  
gives us the means, we think we can help the father

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of the waters considerably.

General Williams <sup>lately</sup> General of the 20<sup>th</sup> Corps, father  
in law of Colonel Farquhar paid us here a visit in the  
month of November. How happy I was to see him and  
to spend some time with him and how sadly struck  
us the news of his death a few days later.

There go the best to rest and a young generation  
must try to become also the best after time.

I am deeply obliged to you for the Gettysburg-map.  
The Chief of Engineers wrote to me saying, that the map was  
given to me upon your request. - I value the map  
very high and I can truly say, you have made me  
very happy by the consideration with which you re-  
membered me.

Be assured, dear General, that I have been, that  
I am and that I will be always and ever  
gratefully

your sincere adherent  
E. F. Hoffmann  
late Major 5 add. A. D. C. U. S. Army

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H. W. CORBETT, Vice President.

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Portland, Oregon, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> 1879

Genl C. O. Howard

Vancouver, B.C.

D. Ju:

We have received from Washington  
and hold for collection T. H. Smith agt  
ofr. on you for \$150. if correct  
please send us your check for same  
obliged

Yours truly  
James Steel

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Lewiston I. T.

January 20. 1879.

Genl O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir,

I take the liberty of informing you, that I have not yet received any information from Lieut. Ebstein or from any other source respecting my claim for services & value of 1 saddle horse used during the Nez Perce <sup>in the expedition</sup> insurrection, under your command & which horse was abandoned or turned over to Lieut Ebstein at Judith's basin

The only communication I received in relation to the matter was from you informing me that you would have the matter attended to. Since that time I have been expecting to receive information from Vancouver respecting my claim, but have been disappointed.

The endorsements on the papers attached to the proofs of loss of said animal, were all favorable with exception of a slight informality or mistake in that of Lieut Ebstein, but in an interview with him last summer he told me

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that circumstances had come to his notice,  
since making said indorsement that he felt  
satisfied my claim was just and that he  
would append to said proofs an affidavit  
that the horse was abandoned; and also  
Colonel Miller stated to Lieut Ebster that  
the horse at the time he was turned over  
at Judith's Basin could not go 20 miles  
further from exhaustion. - as Colonel Miller  
had used the horse was cognizant of his  
condition. -

As I have written repeatedly to Vancouver  
have received no reply. I take the liberty of  
once more applying to you as the only source  
from which I can expect to receive remu-  
neration for the value & services of my horse.

I have the honor to be

Your most grateful & Obedient Son

Christopher Hiles  
better known by name of  
Bosen

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Plymouth, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> '79.

Gen. Howard. U.S.A.

Fort Vancouver W.T.

Dear Sir:

I rec'd your note informing me  
of my indebtedness to you some time ago, but  
was ill at the time, and unable to answer promptly.

I have expressed the amt. (\$6.26) to you by H.  
F. & Co.'s express, via Portland. With regrets that  
I have not been able to remit the amt sooner,  
I remain

Yours Respectfully  
A. Smith. M.D.

Plymouth, Amador Co.  
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Waitsburg, W. S.

Jan'y 20<sup>th</sup> 1879.

Brigadier General J. O. Howard

Commanding Detd. Columbia

Vancouver W. S.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt  
of your communication of Jan'y 4<sup>th</sup>.

Yesterday, the messenger sent here by Moses  
some weeks ago, arrived, <sup>a second from</sup> stating he had been  
sent by four of the leading men of Moses'  
bands to learn the object of Mr. Wilber in forcing  
them all upon the Yakima Reservation. I told  
him it was for their own protection, and owing  
to the bad feeling towards them amongst the  
whites, it was best for all of them to <sup>go to the</sup> Yakima.  
In relation to Moses' petition, I explained  
the delays that necessarily occurred at Wash-  
ington and that two months might elapse  
before any word would come, to go home and  
tell his people to remain in their camps and

keep quiet.

Mr. Neiber had said,  
This messenger stated you had no authority  
to talk with the Indians; that he, Neiber,  
was the man ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> have authority and you had nothing  
to do with these matters but to fight the bad  
Indians when called upon. I think Mr. Neiber  
must of been ~~not~~ understood: However, I do know  
that, either his employees, or particular friends  
amongst citizens, have expressed such opinions  
to the Indians. The Indians respect your authority  
and have a personal regard for you. This  
apparent conflict of authority is having a  
very bad effect upon the minds of the  
Indians.

My success, in managing the Indians  
at an early day and through a serious  
crisis, was owing to my advising with and  
co-operating with the military upon all occ-  
casions.

I have the honor to be  
most respectfully  
Your obedient Servt  
*A. Ward*

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Portland June 20. 79

Gen. Howard & Dr. S<sup>r</sup>

I venture to enquire if you hear or have heard from Father since he went away the last time. (Dec 27-1878) As we are all very anxious about him especially Mother who havent had a word from him since he left. The Family are all well at present and they all send their love to you. Please answer soon and relieve our anxiety and very much oblige

You truly  
J. Chambray.

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LEE & SHEPARD,  
PUBLISHERS AND BOOKSELLERS,

41-45 FRANKLIN AND 78 HAWLEY STREET.

New York Office,  
678 Broadway.

BOSTON, January 21st. 1879.

General J. J. Howard

Fort Vancouver. W. I.

Dear General

Your esteemed favor of the 26th. ult. came to hand some time since & we were glad to learn that you were pleased with the manner in which we had brought out "Donald's School Days." Business in general, & the book business in particular has been very dull, but taking this fact into consideration, your book has made quite as good a start as could have been expected in the way of sales & as you will see by the notices which we enclose for your perusal, it has been generally well received by the press. Please preserve these notices & return them to us at your convenience & as more come to our hands we will forward them to you as we presume you will be pleased to read what these cities have to say of your work.

Yours very respectfully

Lee & Shepard, publ.

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Seattle W.T. 398  
January 21<sup>st</sup> 1879

General O.O. Howard U.S.A.

Fort Vancouver W.T.

My dear General

We have here in Seattle, a Post of the "Grand Army of the Republic" numbering about 50 members. At our last regular meeting it was resolved that a series of public lectures be given under the auspices of the Post, and that a Committee be appointed to communicate with you and ascertain if you could be induced to visit Seattle and deliver the first lecture of the series as above at a date convenient, and named by yourself.

Should you decide to favor us - please name a date most convenient to yourself - terms &c. The subject suggested

by the Poet for the lecture - is gettysburg -  
though of course that would be left to  
your own selection - Please oblige by an  
early reply -

Very truly your obt Servt  
Geo D. Wilc. u.s.a  
Chairman of Committee