

C. W. Knowles.

M. Zieber. 470.

Clarendon Hotel.

Zieber & Knowles, Prop's.

Portland, Oregon, April 17 1879

Dear General.

Your kind invitation only reached me this evening, which I accept with much pleasure. As the time for the Court to convene has been postponed until the middle of next week I have thought it best to remain in Portland till then.

Please accept thanks and believe me

Yours very sincerely
S. H. Whipple.

Gen. O. O. Howard
Fort Vancouver.

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my will I was put on the
Board of Trustees. Our debt
is now \$23600, @ 8% interest.
The Congregation is large, but
not rich. If we get Grant
for our next President, and
a good Repⁿ Administration,
our members will stay, & we
shall in ten or fifteen years
more get rid of the load.

You would be interested to
look into the Capitol now
& see Gen Wade Hampton
in the Senate, & Gen Joe
and 100 more rebel hangers
Johnston in the House legis-
lating for the Union which
they tried hard to ruin. Well
the Republicans from the President
down are becoming more united
as the plans of the enemy are
developed. God save the right,
with love to all your family

Recd May 1. 1879.

Providence, R. I.

Washington, D. C.

Board of Indian Commissioners,

Washington, D. C.,

Apr. 17 1879

Dear General

I am very glad
to hear from you again.
The Oregon & Washⁿ delega-
tion are still here, & have
had several private inter-
views with the Sec. of the
Int^r. I learn that Sec
Schurz is inclined to grant
all that Moses asks viz
a home on the west border
of Colville Resⁿ. A little
difficulty however is found
in the Charter of the N.P.
R.R. Co., one of whose
branches (if ever built)
will include in its "land

Miss Mary C. Whitlawey
July 1879

present" a part of the tract
which Moses wants. That
matter is now under inves-
tigation. I hope a just
and satisfactory settlement
will be reached.

May Boyle has been in
to see us several times, & Aq. C. Conroy once. Capt Wil-
Kinson has been here and
about several weeks. He
hopes to be put in charge
of some Indian Educational
work in Oregon, similar
to what Armstrong is
doing at Hampton.

Mr. Stickney and family
are well as usual. The divi-
sion of their church has
settled all the difficulties.
I believe it has been a
very unhappy matter.

Mr. Alvord & wife are board-
ing at Gen. Bollocks, but expect
to go west next month.
Dr. Patton, my neighbor is very
happy over the action of Congress
giving to H. M. ten thousand
dollars towards next years
expenses.

My own family are well
tho Mrs. W. has an occasional
twinge of rheumatism. We
hope that your next assign-
ment may place you on
the Atlantic.

At our Annual meeting of
the 1st Cong. Society, the Treas-
reported all current expenses
paid and a reduction of
the principal of the debt
\$2.00 during the last year.
We made E. B. Smith our
President and much ag-

Washington D.C.

H. H. V.

April 17th 1879.

General Howard,

Dear Sir,

Jane Carter, a colored woman of this City has visited my Office several times, giving me the following statement. She says, some time in January of the year 1873, a colored man by the name of Jefferson Berry died at the Small Pox Hospital in this City leaving the sum of Eight Hundred dollars in money.

That this money was put into your hands; that she went several times to see you about it; that you at last identified her as the person to whom Berry had left the said sum of money and that you gave her a check or note of some kind to Mr. Cook, a colored Lawyer of this City who has since died. That Mr. Cook put her off from time to time, telling her that he would soon get the money for her, but that as yet she has never received it. She informs me you knew Jefferson Berry well and doubtless can remember the circumstances. A number of colored people have made statements to me in regard to this matter, but I can get nothing definite or

language from them. The object of my letter is to ask, that if
you can recall any of the circumstances of the above
transaction, by which I can be put upon the track to
procure the money for this old woman, that you will
write them to my address, as indicated by the enclosed
card. She has employed me as her Counsel, and requests
that I should address you this letter. You will
do an act of humanity in behalf of this old woman
by an early reply.

Very respectfully

James McDowell. Birmingham

We have a Spring Day
after a long winter &
a backward April.

With much love for
you all I am y^rs
trul & cordially

E. B. Webb

330 Walnut St.

Roxbury, Mass.

Oh! Demond did not
intend any wrong; but
he did wrong foolishly.
no judgment - no
proper care
in handling
other people's
money or his
own either.

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Apr. 21. 1879.

My dear Genl.

I suppose Jamie
has told you that he spent
his vacation with us, & that
Mrs Webb is suffering, & has
been for 3 months, with
inflammatory rheumatism.

She is not much better,
if at all yet. We hope
the warm weather may do
something for her. But
this enemy does not willingly
let go, once he gets hold.

Jamie seems am-

bitious to do well, & so far as I can judge is devoting himself to study.

I was at Andover on Friday last to talk to the students in the Theological department. Saw Sammie for a moment. He seemed well & busy.

For myself I can report an improvement in health since January — a greater improvement than in any 6 months since I was ill.

have a few years more of good hard work. & then

— I hope you & Mrs. Howan are well & that you will not be called upon to fight Indians this summer. Poor things! they have a hard time — a hard time fleeing, & you a hard time in pursuing.

I am writing with a Stylograph pen, & it flows badly, & hence this pale letter.

I am always glad to hear from you.

My Dear Sir I will further trespass
on your kindness, Mr Peter Simon of
our City, referred me to you, and told
me to write and you would be kind
to give me the information desired,
this was the reason I wrote in the
first place.

Will you please send me
a transcript from the books of St-
Vincent's Hospital, stating the date
and Cause of death of Edward Rott.
he was 34 years old last September. I
do not like to give you so much trouble,
but his mother and father are in a
great trouble since about five years
seems that if he is dead, his wife or her
father are endeavoring to obtain money
from us under false pretence.

Hoping to hear from you

Soon

I Remain
Respectfully Yours

Edw Rott

St. Vincent's Hospital

9. M. Apr. 4 PM 24th

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Dear General,

In 77 I think it
was. Merriman inspector
Newport VDs. Ky. Krontinger
in command. He informed me
on his return that Capt "L."
was entirely broken down
through long service & drapness
and was unfit for further
active service. Perhaps
Col: M. would be a more im-
portant witness than any
other, could not depositions
be taken & save expense of
long journeys. I hope "Drum" &
"Harkins" will both be ordered
before the Board. Can't you push
their special claims with Krontinger
Yours are J. H. H. H. H.
Capt. H. H. H. H. H.

I must practice with
Telephone, I cannot use it
if you suck as rapidly as
those who are accustomed to
its manipulation.

You know I am just from
the country and not yet
up to the modern improve-
ments of more civilized
regions. Lest by a little
practice, & plenty of man
strength and awkward
I may do better next time

Wheaton

4 John you perhaps remember, was
overtaken last April, one year ago,
with hemorrhages. In June we
carried him to Harpers Ferry, where
he remained until Sept.

In November hemorrhages again
came on, and about the 14th
of February he was again overtaken
with hemorrhages. I cannot tell
you all that I have suffered during
the year. I thought I had suffered
all that one could suffer, before
death came; but I did not know.

I thought before John's death that
my belief in the hereafter was firmly
fixed, but when he died I began
to doubt. I felt that there was no God,
no heaven, nothing - all seemed
dark to me, and does to day. John
said to me many times before his death,
"Mamma I wish I might live for
you and the boys but God knows.
Best, you have only to take our little
boys and steer straight - for heaven
and you will find me there."

Dr Rankin came often to see
him and the week before his
death administered communion
to him. John regretted that he
had not gathered his children about

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Washington D. C. April 24, 1878

Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir;

Your kind
letter came just when I began
to fear that John's letter had not
reached you. I have had many
letters from John's classmates and
Oberlin friends, but I looked
anxiously every day for your
letter - I felt sure that it would
come. It is a very great comfort to
me to have you speak well of
John. He placed you far above
the men with whom he had
come in contact. In his extreme
sickness he did not forget you.

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Through his whole years illness
he was so patient, and so hope-
ful. During the winter months he
would say to friends "I intend to
make a fight for my life in
March and if I get through March
I shall live". He hoped by the first
of May to be able to go to Minnesota
I feared that he would never
be able to get away, yet I hoped
even when there was no reason
for hope. He desired very much
to go South during the winter, but
was unable to go alone. We had
very little money, not enough to have
our children cared for ^{at home} and pay
board and traveling expenses
for two persons. Through the sus-
tenance of the German National
League we got up there \$282.00

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two hundred and eighty two dollars.
A few months before John's sickness he
bought in at auction sale, the prop-
erty of a friend, who came and
appealed to John to help save the
property. This friend thought that
in a few months he would have
been able to sell his place to
an advantage and pay John
his money with interest. He was
unable however to do this, and John
himself being unable to attend
to any work could not get the
property off his hands. In this
transaction he lost \$3,33.00 —
^{money paid at sale.}
The place was afterward resold
and in this way only were we
released from the payment of
\$600.00 in notes.

be with me in paradise. I found it
for him and on the Sabbath following
the day on which John died, and
just about the hour that he died,
Dr Rankin preached from this
^{same} text. After the sermon Dr Rankin
with his wife came directly to the
house not knowing that John
had just passed away.

His mind was perfectly clear
until within ten minutes of his death.

I knelt by his bedside only fifteen
min- before he died, and he stroked
my face and head gently with
his hand saying, "dear mamma
dear mamma" then, "where is our
little Oliver"? I said he is in the yard
do you wish him, No he said, just
wanted to know where he was.

Often he would say, papa wishes
that he might take his Ellie with
him; but that is selfish to wish to
deprive him of life.

I am very grateful to you for your
kindness through all these years
to John. He was grateful and loved
you very much. He regarded you
as one "the purest men that God
ever created." Thanking both you
and Mrs Howard for your sympathy
and kindly feeling towards us, I remain
Sincerely, Belle M. Cook.

5- him night and morning to pray
with them and teach them most
about Christ. He had been so anx-
ious to accumulate something for
them, that they might have an
easier time than he had known.

He thought that he had made
a mistake in giving so much time
and thought to the worldly interests

of his family, and so little to their
spiritual wants. Oh! we prayed
so earnestly that God might spare
him, and I almost believed that

by some means, perhaps a miracle,
he would live. I cannot tell you
how great was my anguish when
I knew that my pleading had all
been in vain. I said, if any one
had asked of me a favor, as ear-
nestly as I had prayed for John's
life, I would have granted this favor.

God is so much more merciful
than I am, so much better, and

yet he turned me away - and I am left alone in my sorrow.

It was a very hard matter for John to give up his little boys. He said, "if I could have lived a few years longer so that I might have you and the boys in comfortable circumstances, I would not regret my passing away."

He was so perfectly unselfish. He had worked so diligently, allowing himself no rest, that he might make his family comfortable.

I know now that he is at rest. But we are so lonely without him. I seem to be commencing life over again with all the odds against me. I am like a ship at sea with no anchor. I have thought, if we could only know just where we are about to cross the fatal

line here, we might retrace our steps, often, and escape danger, but we never know until it is too late.

If John had known two years ago, that he could not live here, he would have given up his work and gone elsewhere, knowing that we go on so blindly, I cannot but be fearful as to what shall befall me. I have leaned on John so long, fourteen years, that I seem not to be able to depend on myself.

I have said we so long. I now find it hard to say I.

I am stunned by this terrible blow, but I hope by and by to feel that heaven is nearer now than before. Several days before John died, he asked me to find this passage in the Bible, "At this day shall thou

Dear General.

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We are working up a Military
Dept. of the Pacific West. Life Ins. Co.
to consist of Policy Holders of the
Army Navy & Militia. The following
will be on the Board of Managers.

Hones, Gordon, Humphrey, Greenough &
Nelson of the U. S. Army.

Myself - probably Col. Joseph Law &
& several of our best militia officers.
The Board to represent \$100,000 of
Insurance - & after organization
to be entitled to 10% of any premiums
obtained by such Board or any member.
Each member in addition to receive
25% of the prem: of any additional
insurance procured by him.

Then percentages to come off first
years premiums only.

You have I understand just
taken \$10000 in this Co. and we
would like to have you as a member

of the Board. The Ins. Co. was in a contract with the
Building Board for 10 years. finding in the advantages
obtained herein and we believe that by a little work
we can materially reduce the amount of our own
premiums without signifying those friends whom
we may persuade to insure in the Co.
Our compensation will be 1% on the Excess to
have on the Board several other regular officers &
some members of the Nat. Guard of Cal.
It is possible for many members in the Co. we
have met but none.

San Francisco, April 25-1879.

206 California St.

Respectfully,
J. P. Fiedberg

211 21 1/2 St.

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Portland Apl. 27 79.

Dear General.

I received your telegram of Saturday and inquired at Witheralls the same day. There are situations for able bodied men as follows.

One for a farm hand at one dollar per day and board; must be filled Wednesday.

Situations to chop wood at one dollar per cord.

Situations to get out railroad ties. a good man can make as this work from one seventy five to two dollars per day, and some make more than this.

If the person looking for
work would like any of
these situations he should
apply to Withersall at once.

I will on Monday look
in other directions, and if
I find anything, will
report.

We are sorry to hear
today a report of Gen
Luby's death and hope
it will prove a false
rumor.

Please remember Mrs
Dandy and myself to
your family.

Very truly Yrs
W D Dandy

General O O Howard
W D Dandy

Musteen Agency - 02.
April 28th 1879.

Dear General Howard:-

I am contemplating a transfer from the line. It was my intention to personally urge this matter, if I had received a leave of absence, as per application submitted while I was at Fort Townsend. If you think it proper, I will ask for a leave of absence to take effect at such times as you can spare my services, and will proceed Eastward from this point. In the meanwhile I will urge my transfer by letter.

And I feel, General, that
a word from you to
the effect that I have
rendered a faithful
performance of duty
while in the line, will
help me in consummating
my project. I am a
young man and ambitious
and am not satisfied with
my present position.

Even a word of encour-
agement from you will
be met by my lasting
gratitude.

Yours sincerely
Edward S. Farnsworth.
2nd Lt 21 Inf

Ms. A. 9. 2. 28. 10. 11. 12.

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May 11.
Portland April 29th
1879

General Howard

I am
inexpressibly disappointed
that since Col. Canby has not
quarters at the Ford - he is
not ordered to Portland -
If Gen. E. soon follows
Gen. Sully I shall never
be able to help feeling
you are the cause -

Gen. H. I am grate-
ful to you for much
but I find it hard to
say the Lord's prayer
now on your account

I have felt since we
came here. Col. C. had
taken the place of our
eldest son - the good
his society does Gen. E
is greater than I can de-
scribe -

Only ask you to act
as a Christian -

L. B. Eaton -
wife of Gen. J. H. Eaton

Be pleased to send me
reply to me - I need not
say I write unknown to
my husband and I assure
you are too sincere a Christian
to wish it on him -

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Head Qs G.A.R.
Seattle April 30th 79

Dear General

On behalf of the Grand Army
of the Republic I am requested to ask
you to officiate as our orator upon the
30th day of May (Decoration day) It is
also suggested that upon the evening of the
30th you might join us in Ylsters Hall
your famous Gettysburg matter

There no doubt that the Hall will
be filled and that enough of funds will be
raised to defray all expenses incident to your
trip here on that occasion. Whether or not the
Grand Army will take care of that matter

I am quite very truly
your old comrade

Yours sincerely

Wm. S. Spaulding

1st Commander

P.S.
an early answer is
requested

Please remember me to Capt. Gladen - Williston,

