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F. H. SMITH,

REAL ESTATE BROKER,

806 F Street, N. W., Le Droit Building,

Washington, D. C., Dec 3 1879

Dear General:

Please find enclosed statement of your account to date. I paid the taxes for 1879-80 on the 7th at store because 10% is saved by it. There are still some back taxes on it which I could not pay in time to save the penalties under the special dispensation to Oct 1, by late^{act} of Congress. I have no doubt this Congress will extend the time. I recd to one Mr Simms percolated the payment for his house un-mercifully. Either because

he considered me green enough
or good natured enough to assent
to ^{his suggestion} I, he insisted on my paying
all the cost of transfer including
abstract of title and taxes after
July 30th. Amounting to about
\$50 and was very cross about it
and unreasonable, until he was
satisfied it was a bad investment
of time and temper; when he retired
finally graciously enough and said I
had done just what was right, but in
the meantime the matter was delayed
over a month. I have taken up
the note in the F.F.S.D. as you
directed which I enclose, with
the three Jimmie notes cancelled
last summer.

In respect to the Fowler note,
I do not see what you can
do about it. I have no

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doubt in law you are bound for it
but the Equity is very strong
the other way.

Leipold thinks the ^{Senate} ~~House~~ Committee will report in respect to the
Fowler note and also in respect
to the \$24,000 overdraft I mention
in a former letter, though, he
knows nothing of what this report
will be on any subject. Stickney
says his recollection about the
overdraft is that it occurred
from an error in charging
some check to the wrong account
and that if you still retain

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inches

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about in how far we have
but the group is very strong
the other way.
I have been thinking of the
group will report in respect to the
number of votes and also in respect
to the 44 per cent of the
in a former letter, through, he
has been reporting of the fact
and he is very confident. He
says this is the case and he
was happy in that it occurred
from an error in the
from which the group
indicated it was all right.

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Your bank books you will be able to show the subsequent rectification by a correction of the error. I will endeavor to see Senator Bruce before his Committee report and find out if possible what they are trying to do.

Another unfortunate break occurred in the (whole) plate glass window of the 7th ^{ago} store, about a week, by a supposed burglar projecting a brick through the lower corner. The police

Chased up the man far enough
to ascertain that he was colored
- did not catch him but captured
the brick which is under guard in
the Station house, waiting identifica-
tion. Now, ^{all} ~~not~~ more than people
in town who do that business. I got
two of them to estimate for the repairs
One bid \$100 and one \$95. Finding
that a large item of expense was
the risk of breaking the glass in
Cutting it, I took the risk and had
it nicely and safely cut across about
one third the way up for \$6, and
~~the~~ and the remainder let down
to the bottom, leaving a space
48 inches by 84 to be filled at the
top, the list price of which is \$65.
but I have engaged it including
the setting for \$50. and what
is the best I could do.

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The tenant, Alex, says he will be ready for a reprociation for the purchase in the Spring. I have more hopes of selling to him than any body else. He is able to buy and few very few who are, would invest so much money in that part of the City.

I settled your Phoenix Insurance interest on receipt of your Warranty. I had written in the meantime to the Vice Pres of the Company whom I know very well, and was sure he would settle it.

at once. Particularly, as my
letter was mainly on another
subject of great importance to
the Co in which I could be
of assistance to it; but his
reply was perfectly satisfac-
tory; and I have since learned
that the Co are resorting to
every means within their power
to justify the appearance of
moderate strength which their
published statements indicate.

Dr Rankin's Congregation had
last week an unusually interesting
reunion on the occasion of his Silver
Wedding and 10th Anniversary of his
Pastorate here. Both Emma and Mary
seem happily married in the West;
his Church is outwardly very prosperous
and the Dr seems happy.

Please remember us with much love
to the members of your family &c J. H. Smith

Hooper, C. L.

U. S. Revenue Marine,

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Str "Oliver Wolcott"

Port Townsend Dec 4th 1879.

General Howard

General Morron

General Evans

My Dear Sirs

I write to return
my sincere thanks for the
token of your remembrance
which I received through
General Evans. on the
occasion of his recent
visit to this place. It
is a beautiful present



and very appropriate
being for a "cold water man"
and as such I shall
always prize it very highly
But the illustrations names
engraved upon it will
give a still greater value
to me, I shall carefully
preserve it, and hope from
time to time, as we go through
life, to be able to pour
from it a "cooling draught"
for each of the donors.

Hoping that I may soon
have an opportunity of

thanking each of you
in person for your
beautiful gift

I am very truly yours
C. L. Hooper
Capt. U.S. Army

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Chicago.

Bro Brother

Rowland bought
your letter last night - Sohe,
mother & I enjoyed it together
and, this morning, Kitty. - The
letter as you will see by a
p.s. in letter to Gracie has been
ill of late. We are not certain
that she is permanently better.
She had to take Chloral twice
last night but - that was much
less than before & she seems
better today. She cannot bear
the least noise. The three older
children go to school & the neigh-
bors have kindly been sending for
Arthur & Laurie to spend each day.
The small baby gives comfortably
little trouble to her. He is healthy and
now that he is weaned begins to

my estimation. But Gracie is doing fairly in her studies - about
as well as ever. I did not protest. Very affectionately yours
Lizzie

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grow as he did not before.

Yes - I must take some
time to write up some of
those reminiscences for
you - You do not want dry
bones. The difficulty is that
I am not good for recalling to
mind incidents of the past and
have no dramatic gift. But
I will do the best I can.

If I could depict the joys
and happiness of my married
life (as I have intimated to
Grace - suggested by the won-
derful presence of my wedding anniversary
(Dec. 5)) it would be a recommenda-
tion to all young men to go and do
likewise - i.e. to get a good Christian,
common-sense wife who has the
fewest possible falsely colored views
of life. Don't you think so?

Rowland goes East tonight - no settle-
ment yet. His month in Ohio has
done good service to the Advocate.
Perhaps this will reach you in time to
convey a hearty Merry Merry Christmas?

to each of the children at home. But - gets good letters from Jennie & Charlotte.
Rowland says Jennie is a good character - young man. That is what a father needs.

is not the most useful life in
a scholar. The Lord may not change him for a scholar. It is not the most useful life in
a scholar.

[ca - Dec. 5, 1879]

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Dear Gen Sir

I am sorry to inform you that there are some one at Soyoo Lake which sells Whiskey to the Indians I know this because when Moses came back from up there he had several bottles of whiskey with him. I tried very hard to find out where yet got it or who give it to him. but he would not tell me. Smohally is with him and is now a good Indian. I had a long talk with him. The weather is very cold. From the time I left the Kittitas Valley Novth 11 to Nov 23 I camped with the Indians all the time. no more

I remain very Respectfully your
Obedient Servant Ned Chambers

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Dear Son -

I am sorry to inform you
that there are some one at
which will be thinking to the
future this person is a very
bad person who has a very
bad character with him. I tried very hard
to get out of it or to get
him out but he would not tell me
anything is with him and is very
bad. I had a long talk with him.
He is very bad. When the time
of the attack will be to the
the children all the time. No more
I am very sorry for this
the best of love

Spokane Falls Dec th 6 1879
Brig Gen O.O. Howard Sir

I arrived here
last night. I visited Chief Lot. Indian
name Wistla Purrun. He and the most
of his people are from one mile to four
miles from the great Indian Fishing place
the little Falls of the Spokane River.
by the trail it is about fifty miles
from this place. Counting those that
are on the River and those at the
Farms on the table land there are
about one hundred and twenty in
all. I was received very friendly. I had
met this chief before. He said he did
not tell Moses that he would move.
I have two more places to visit. Then
I will return to head quarters. Sever wether.
I am Respectfully your obedient servant
Ned Chamberlain W.S. S.F.M.

My Dear Brother in Christ

Remember

me in your prayers to our Dear
loving Father in heaven. it is a great
comfort to me to know my Dear Savior
is with me. Ned Chamberlain

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Cleveland O.

Chicago. Dec. 6. 1879.

Dear Brother

I am here to preach
 for a church, the pulpit of which
 is vacant, & then I return to
 N.Y. and will be at Rockport
 Mass. next Feb. 30. miles from
 Boston but not on the Andover
 R.R. How would you like Oberlin
 as a home? Some of the professors
 have asked me if you would
 come if a congenial work &
 adequate support could be
 provided for you. I would like
 that much better than a State
 University like Ann Arbor Mich.
 if the support could be equally
 assured. One would have no
 obstacle at Oberlin in going
 to the full length in any
 Evangelical effort or influence

he might choose to put you in
it has become one of the very
best educational centers in
America - for superior to Yale
a Harvard in moral and
religious influence. Katie con-
tinues very ill of nervous fever ^{caused}
congestion of the lower part of brain
(Cerebellum) consequent on con-
finement. But she was better
yesterday - Her mother will be
with her today - Mother did not
get time to show me a letter
from Grace of which she spoke
with great interest she was able
to go shopping a little in Chicago
Monday - A young lady accompa-
nied her - She thinks of making
Ed & his new wife a visit
While Mr Foster is with Katie -
Charles continues pretty well but
there is hope that he will go
through the winter without lung
disease - He is tied to that Lake
by his house & his business - I
hope you both over the advance
see what we are trying to do to
keep far as we do for you & your
dear family. Affectionately
Roland

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Fort Stevens D.C.
Dec 7th 1879

To

General O. O. Howard.

Vancouver Barracks W.D.

Sir:

I hope you will pardon the liberty an enlisted man takes in addressing a personal communication to you without sending it through the proper channels, but as I do not desire any publicity in the matter, and knowing your impartial and just principles and greatly desiring a favor which could not be granted consistently after my disgraceful conduct when on duty at Dept. Hdqrs. without an apology to you personally: which, under the circumstances must be written, I take this means, and hope you will give the subject of this letter your consideration.

It is as unnecessary as it is painful to me, to go over my conduct at Vancouver last winter, and the many times I have regretted the same. I not only disgraced myself, but disregarded all pride, either for myself or family. I assure you General, I was brought up differently. Often have I regretted my folly

when I think what I might have been.

I have now seen considerable of the army: have ^{been} in as good a position as few enlisted men have been able to obtain: but foolishly, I fell into bad company and lost it. But Sir, Experience, is a good teacher. To say that I regret my conduct not only by dimming at all, but by falling again, after the kind and encouraging words and advice you gave me, does not express it. I assure you Sir, it was not my will, Now, I am praying for it: for, if there is anything that is distasteful to me, it is the life of a soldier as I am at present. Not that I am displeased with my company or Co. Commander. I am so blue, restless and disconsolate at times, that I almost wish I had never been born. Now that I have tried both duty at Hdqrs, and duty with my company, I fully appreciate what I, by my own weakness, lost: and could I possibly be given another trial at Hdqrs, I know that my conduct would be such as to reflect credit upon me: and am sure, knowing the interest you take in enlisted men, that you never would have any cause to regret having done so.

I know Sir, that I am talking considerable upon myself by writing to you direct, but so anxious am I to be given one more trial, and to

regain once more the confidence of the officers, you in particular, and show that I have a reputation and name to regain & sustain, so that in a few years, instead of being looked upon as a drunkard, it will be as one who has mastered the most accused vice in the world. I hope by energy and deserving conduct to be able to rise to something higher than I am at present. I am naturally fond of the Army. It is almost second nature to me. I remember when a boy, I used to visit my Grandfather, Col. Spooner, on Governor's Island, that my high ambition then was to be a soldier. All or nearly all my family were more or less connected with the Army, and I believe, bore excellent reputations. Circumstances have enabled me to realize my boyish ambition as far as the word soldier goes and I hope to be able at the end of this enlistment to show that I am capable of being a soldier and man. Again Sir, I ask you to look over the part for this once, and if you can, give me one more trial at duty at Hdqrs as orderly or messenger. I give you my word that no act of mine shall ever give you cause to regret having done so. My reasons as above stated for addressing you thus personally, are that I believe you took an interest in my welfare when I was on duty at Vancouver, as you

do in all who wish to do right; and also, to make a
vow to you personally, to leave liquor entirely alone
if once again the chance is offered me to rise in
the service. Another reason is, that any promise I make
to you I would prefer to have kept from the
knowledge of any other person, I do not wish my
Co. Comdr. to know anything about it until the order
comes for me to report at Vancouver: (provided you
look favorably upon this) and I shall consider
any promise made to you personally as infallible.

Again Sir, I ask pardon for this un-
military application and familiar letter: but it
is the best way I know of expressing to you,
whom I consider as more than Dept Comdr., in
a case of this kind, my regrets for past misbe-
havior, and desires for the future. I do not expect any
personal reply to this letter, and hope it may not
come to the knowledge of others that it was ever
written. Not that I do not wish ^{it to be known} that I am
sorry for past conduct, and my desire to do well,
far from that: but I wish to show you and all
by action rather than words, that I have
some pride and respect for myself and friends

and am capable of being a soldier and
gentleman, Hoping you will favorably con-
sider this I am Sir

Very Respectfully

Henry G. Ogden
Co "I" 1st Regt.

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Astoria Dec 8th 79

Dear Gen,

Will you please
be kind enough to forward the
Enclosed letter to Father, as I
don't know where to direct it to
by so doing you will very much
Oblige - Yours most Respectfully
Jas J. Chamberlain.



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Gen. O. O. Howard
Vancouver Barracks
W. T.

Sr Sir

In conformity with
instructions conveyed in
your esteemed favor of the
18th ult we have this day
remitted to Mr Chancey C.
Howard Phillips & Audron
Mass the sum of One hun
dred & fifteen dolls and
the amt stands charged
to your Ac

Very truly Yrs
Lee & Shepard

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Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, &c.
J. C. Johnson

Dec. 10. 1879

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My dear General,

"What is truth?" All men ought to desire & have a satisfactory answer returned to this all-important question. Seek and you shall find was the answer of One ^{who} ought to have known and did know the answer to this momentous question. He may be certain, General, that the truth will never do us harm. It may ~~be~~ when found be somewhere where we did not expect to find it, & was not where we did expect to find it - but it is truth nevertheless, and he is the wisest man no less than the dearest one who takes the precious article when it is presented to him without reference to the locality where it was discovered. Now, I say it is important always that we believe the truth. Will you read the two Chapters which I have marked with slips of paper in the volume I send by the bearer? If you still adhere to your views you will be only strengthened by your seeing how powerful they are to resist even the most potent attacks. If you find you are in error you will be glad to have the opportunity to plant your feet on firmer ground.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely
Henry A. Murray

Wm. O. Howard

