

Portland, Or., Nov. 1, '81.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

West Point, New York.

Dear Brother:

Your departure left upon me a heavy responsibility touching the aborigines, which I have keenly felt.

The benefits we sought to secure them are still in suspense; and are therefore in danger of being lost. I am exceptionally unfortunate in attempting to carry out my plans for the benefit of the Indians this past summer. President Hayes' administration was indisposed to relieve the difficulties occasioned by non-appropriation of funds by Congress for the benefit of Moses' Bands of Indians. They did not like to take hold of it at the close of the administration. No man could be better disposed towards this relief than the President was on his leaving Portland.

But he frankly expressed his apprehensions. The presence of some competent person to secure the introduction of a bill and Congressional action thereon, he thought was almost indispensable to success. I could not go. I could only write - and print. You know that we were all disappointed. But I have not ceased to prepare the way for a congressional appropriation

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to remove the ^{bands} vagrant, before mentioned to their allotted reservation and give them an outfit for life and civilization. I think it would be pleasing to you to know what I have done in the meantime - or tried to do.

But I must hasten. No gentleman has appeared in Portland who could wield a powerful influence in behalf of these poor creatures since President Hayes was here, until Gen. Eaton came. He has been visiting & examining our schools for whites; but his visit to the Indian School at Forest Grove gave me a key to his heart and conscience that I might present the a permanent plea in behalf of the exposed Spokans, the Moos Tribes and the native Alaskans. We can count on the cooperation of Gen. Eaton.

There have been so many changes in the Indian Bureau that it has baffled me to keep up the confidence of its officers in me. Hence the progress which would have been made if they had known me has been completely hindered. This I have shown proof of now, though I could not help suspecting it all along. And before I could get upon a right footing, lo! another change would occur. This confusion now exists between me and Mr. Price, and in consequence precious months have

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flown unimproved. The funds needed for buildings I would have tried to get thro other channels had I foreseen this.

Now, dear General, you see the situation. Put me in connection with the Bureau so that I can do some effective work. As it now stands it is really very discouraging. I would not hesitate, as I did not with my Alaska enterprises, to expend hundreds of dollars in this work if there was any certainty that the Government would take it off my hands without nullifying it.

The Board of Foreign Missions, Rev. J. C. Lurie, D.D., Cor. Sec., 33 Centre St., New York, is cooperating with me. But New York is a far way off when promptness is indispensable, so I struck for Washington direct — without success.

I would like some secular influence to bear — such as yours.

The final settlement of the Spokans on their lands could have been accomplished this summer officially if we could have had a small sum of money to pay expenses only. I asked for it in vain — I did not think that it could be refused, so I did not prepare for it in other directions. These poor people are still exposed to all the agitations

which arise out of the uncertainties of their condition. You know what a fatal barrier this is to their improvement.

I find myself inclined to give details, to show you that I have not been idle. I thought I had Chambréau engaged after much correspondence as a pacificator and missionary. But he was so strenuous on the point of outfit and pay that after the second or third understanding I was compelled, tho' with great reluctance, to drop him, altho I had offered him twice the salary that is given to our missionaries. As a substitute, however, I employed Rev. Mr. Deffenbaugh to visit Moses and as many of the bands as he could. He spent several weeks on this embassy, accompanied by Robert Williams and several members of the Samiah Church, some of whom belong to Miss McBeth's class. The result of this mission is very satisfactory. Moses was "interviewed" repeatedly and voluntarily pledged himself to us — as indeed, he had often done before. The expenses of this expedition were defrayed by the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, thro' Rev. St. Louis's agency. And I would very gladly put this Board of our church on the most cordial footing with yourself.

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I have sent you newspaper slips containing information on the foregoing subjects. I forward at this time a copy of the Minutes of the Synod of the Columbia in the Appendix of which I am sure you will find some interesting information before you come to the "Sketches of my excursion to Alaska." Two copies of the latter printed separately I also send you. Please look thro' my report on missions p. 20, and also the "Memorial" to the General Assembly p. 23.

Yours faithfully as ever

A. L. Lindsley. A. L.

Landelsy A. S.

on Hand

Mar 1. 1881.

Answered by the Clerk
Nov 15/81—

Recd Mar 14/81.

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Brooklyn,
Nov. 1st 1881,

General Howard
Dear Sir

Please send
me your Autograph
and greatly oblige

Yours truly
Wm. Allen J.

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Proctor & Co.
New York

My dear Sir,
I have the pleasure
to inform you that
your order for
100 copies of
"The History of the
United States"
has been received
and the books are
now in the hands
of the printer.

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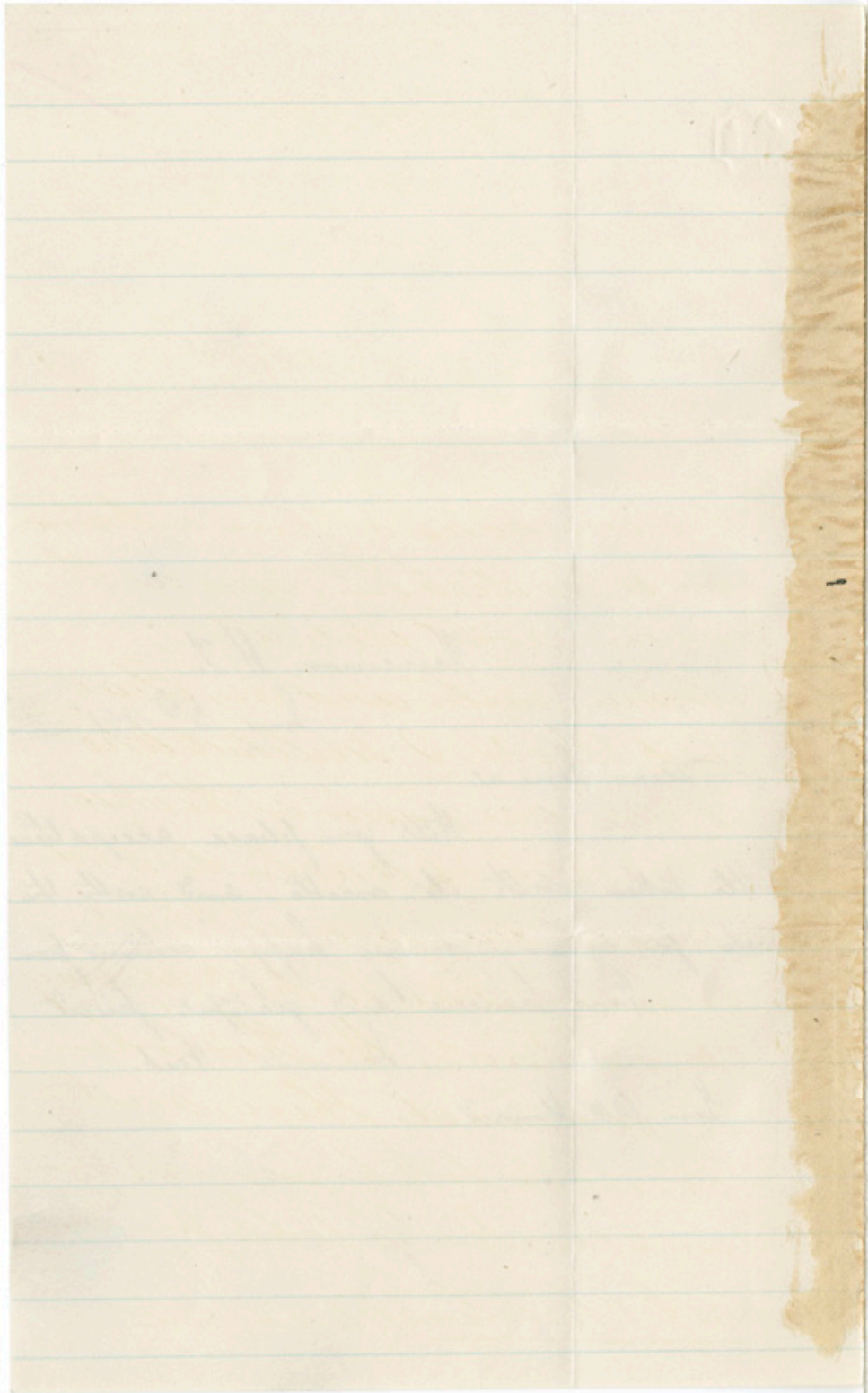
Vancouver B.C.

Nov 3rd 1881

Dear General

Will you please accept this
little token with its motto and with the
wish for many many happy returns from
Your sincere and grateful friend
Minnie West.

Gen. O. O. Howard.



Shepherd, A. R.

Batopilas, Mex
Nov 3, 1881.

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Recd. Nov 23/81.

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CONSOLIDATED
BATOPILAS SILVER MINING CO.
HACIENDA DE SAN MIGUEL.

ALEX. R. SHEPHERD,
Vice President and General Manager.

Batopilas, Chihuahua, Mexico, Nov 3^d 1881

Dear General

Waggon here I send you justice
and never hear of you again
-ment or vindication are with
pleasure and delight

My former pastor and my dear
friend Rev. C. I. Mitchell who
for years was pastor of the M.
E. Church Washington and
is now in Buffalo at \$1.00
per annum wants the Chaplaincy
at West Point. He thinks he
can do good there, and
I believe is. both by precept & ex-
-ample. He is like me a
Man of Christian and one

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CONSOLIDATED
BATOPILAS SILVER MINING CO.
HACIENDA DE SAN MIGUEL.

ALEX. R. SHEPHERD,
Vice President and General Manager.

1881
Batopilas, Chihuahua, Mexico
Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the purchase of the property known as the Hacienda de San Miguel, and in reply to inform you that the same has been sold to the Batopilas Silver Mining Company, and that the title to the same has been transferred to the same.

Who would command
The love, respect, esteem,
Of the Cadets
I don't know any more
Who can reach my
Men as he can. Nothing
Fashy or gaudy but
Solid & brilliant withal
I wish he could get it
and be bought near to
him. You would like
each other.

Truly yours
Alex. Shepherd

Gen. A. J. Howard.
Washington

Augusta Arsenal,

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Augusta, Ga., Nov. 3^d 1881

Genl. O. O. Howard U.S.A.
Comdg. West Point
N.Y.

General, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the enclosed.

Major J. P. Farley, commands the Kennebec Arsenal, Maine, & I am sure will be very glad to attend to this matter for you.

Very Respectfully
Ch. O. O. Servt.

W. A. Mearns
Major Genl. U.S.A.

Mary W.

W. B. A.

August 1881

Recd. Nov 5/81

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THE WHIG AND COURIER

EDITORIAL ROOMS.

Bangor, Nov. 3, 1881.

My dear General

I am very much obliged for your thoughtful courtesy in sending me your report which I have examined with much interest & of which I have made some notes.

Have just received pamphlet of Board of Visitors Reports, signed by only four in all. Have written to Dr. Laws asking if he intends making a special report.

My health has delayed my intended action but I intend in some way to give expression to my views. There seems to be a vein of "agliners" running through Gen. Buell's report.

With regards of self, wife and daughter to you and yours

Very Sincerely
Gen. O. O. Howard. C. A. Boutelle

Boutelle, C. A.

Bangor, Me
Nov 3, 1881.

Mallet

Leeds ~~Oct 9~~^{Oct 30} and 1881

Dear Cousin, I will just
say that Chancie will
be very welcome to
come here & make his
home during his stay
in Maine. Aunt
Lucretia is here on
a visit is very smart
for a Woman of her age
Sends her Love to You
Father is very well
Also the rest of the
family. Yours in haste

10 J. M. Foss

POSTAL CARD.

WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THE REVERSE.



card
West Point
N. Y.



Mail

Nov 4th 1881. 11

Major Gen. Howard.

I. John Andrew Jackson
that you formally gave transportation
too, for shipping merchandise to the
Free-men is still living, and in-
tends to call and see you as soon
as possible

Yours Truly,
John Andrew Jackson



WRITE THE ADDRESS

Mr.

Boomer

West. Union.

N.Y.

Craigbell, W.P.
WEST POINT HOTEL.

ALBERT H. CRANEY, Proprietor.

West Point, N. Y.,

Y
Nov 5 1881

My dear General.

I am here for a brief visit to my son & find he has not asked for as much liberty as I feel sure you would have granted for tomorrow, Sunday.

If there be no objection, I hope you will allow him to visit me at the Hotel and to walk on the Plain from 9 A.M. to tattoo, not to be excused from any roll-call or duty out of quarters.

W. J. Craigbell
S. J. Howard
left 20
West Point.

(over)

P.S. I am so ignorant of the regulations now that I ought to ask pardon if this application should have been made through the Court, and I should add that it is entirely my own motion & my son is not in any way responsible for it.

W. J. F.

B. J. Hall 8
200 Main St.

Cincinnati 5 Nov. 1881.

My dear General:

The parcel containing balance
of your Reports of Campaigns of '64 - '65
is safely received and I am under
greatly increased obligation to you.
I will carefully preserve the sheets &
send them back when I am done with
them, as I did the last.

As the cost of transmittal is
properly mine, permit me to have
you bear the postage -

Very Sincerely Yours
J. S. Cox.

Gen. A. A. Howard.

U.S.A.

18/8 Nov. 1881

Coe, J. D.

No. 100

Nov. 1881.

My dear friend:

The parcel containing

your report of campaign of 1880

is safely received and I am under

greatly increased obligation to you.

Cincinnati, O.

Nov 5, 1881.

Yours, as I think the last,

As the cost of transportation is

proportionately great, I must have

your name on the package.

Very sincerely yours

J. D. Coe

Wm. A. Johnson

W.A.C.

Recd. Nov 8/81.

Nov 7. 1881

Dear General

Have you any
objection, to being
changed from the
Com. on "Membership"
to Com. on "Papers."

The former Committee, in
my thought, ought to be
composed of Gentlemen residing
in the city.

Very truly

Charles F. Deems.

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1871-1872

Dear General

I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the
12th inst. in relation
to the proposed
amendment to the
constitution of the
State of New York.

Yours
truly

Charles F. Johnson

Craighill, W. P.

WEST POINT HOTEL.

ALBERT H. CRANEY, Proprietor.

West Point, N. Y.,

Nov 7

1881

My dear General. I have much enjoyed my visit to W. P., and this pleasure is due in considerable part to your kind courtesy & attention. I liked the address at the chapel this morning, as my thoughts were much in the past & with the dear wife with whom I have often worshipped there. He is in heaven & I have a meet boy there too. These are strong ties to the latter land. But I did not intend to dwell on this.

The cold weather will soon be on us and I find my son not ready in the way of clothing. I would like him to have some thicker under garments, a pair of higher shoes, an overcoat, and a 2d pair of winter pants to

change to in case of accident to
the pair he now wears constantly.

I recall my own experience when
I was once obliged to wear white pants
~~and~~ for several days in quite cold
weather.

If necessary, I will cheerfully
make an additional deposit for my son.
He has been always a good, obedient
son, & he has fine abilities, so that
I wish to take the best care of him.
W. O. O. Howard ~~~~~ Very truly yrs
Capt sc ~~~~~ Mr. J. Craig Hill
West St., N. Y. ~~~~~

me and with all best wishes
for you, whose unvaried love
and kindness to Harry will
never be forgotten, and for
your family

I remain

Very Sincerely Yours
Walter D. Hinson

B. M. C.

211 Temple Place
Boston

Hinson, W.D.
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Augusta, Nov. 7, 1881,
General Howard,

My Dear Sir,

Your favor to mother by the
hand of Mrs Farley was received
to-day and I make haste to
answer to the best of my ability.
To your three questions then are
these answers. My father died
the 7th of July 1862 of intermittent
fever in the hospital at New Orleans
he was at that time Quartermaster
of the 13th Me. - Harry's brothers
name was Alonzo, who as
you ^{know} was killed at Bull Run
he was a Sergeant in the 5th
Me, I think Co. H but am not
sure. I do not know the exact
date of Harry's transfer, at the

Adjutant General's office I learn that he was commissioned August 9, 1862 and mother thinks he went on to your staff very soon after.

I have several old clippings from newspapers one or two of which I enclose so they think perhaps they may be of some use to you, if writing of Harry.

I was disappointed at the time of the Veterans reunion last summer not to go to Portland especially as I desired to see you. I think you would scarcely recollect in me the small tow-headed urchin who was instrumental in giving your daughter, Gracie, an attack of the measles, a circumstance which Mrs Howard will probably remember much more readily than yourself - I mention it as

it is one of my strongest recollections of you and your family.

They are now putting up the Soldiers Monument here and when finished I will take care to send you paper containing description of same Harry's name is very prominent being third on the plate
"Lt Col Harry M. Stinson, Aid to Gen Howard"
I hope that if the dedication is put off until next year you will be enabled to be present and to renew your acquaintance with Augusta and its people.

Please remember me most kindly as well as my mother to Mrs Howard. We trust that if your article on Harry appears in print that you will kindly forward us copy.

Trusting that if I can be of any further assistance you will not hesitate to call on

A little incident which I have never seen in print and which shows the goodness of Stanton's heart, I think maybe you would like to hear though you ~~has~~ may have been told the same by Harry. After he came out of prison he was in a camp somewhere near Washington and knowing very little about what desertion meant undertook to go home when he heard of father's death he was captured and returned to this camp and while waiting for Court martial the thought came to him that he must go home that mother would be broken hearted ^{alone there} ~~at home~~. But how to proceed he did not know while walking one day for exercise the thought came to him that he would write Secretary Stanton, it was impulsive and when he reasoned he saw

the improbability of its ever reaching Stanton but still the impulse would return and in spite of what seemed to him to be his better judgment he wrote the Secretary, a plain simple story of their enlistment, the death of Lou their father and told him of another. Without endorsement of any kind and with no influence he sent the letter. By good fortune the letter reached Stanton personally who was so impressed with the boys' story that he after satisfying himself as to the truth of the story gave him a furlough and wrote personal letter to him. While on this furlough he received his commission at the hands of Governor Washburn.

Copy of letter which appeared
in Lewiston Journal. I think
very characteristic of Harry
" 10 miles from Marias Junction
July 22 1861

My own dear father and mother
How can I write to you the
sad events of the last day - Dear
parents be prepared for the worst
and God give you strength to
bear it. My dear brother Alonzo
has gone to his last home. He was
mortally wounded on the shoulder
in the battle of yesterday, and
died brave at night. Our men
had begun to retreat but like the
brave soul he was, he tried to rally
the men by the colors when he fell.
His first words were "Tell mother
I died brave, Harry; tell her I
died brave" We immediately
bore him from the field, and I
hoped he might be saved by the
amputation of his arm. We

carried him to the hospital,
where he lay some time before we
could get a surgeon to attend
to him. When the surgeon came
he asked him if he thought the
wound was fatal? The surgeon
said he would tell him truly
after examining the wound.
And now, Father and mother, comes
a part which I feel great sorrow
and remorse. The surgeon returned
with his instruments and told me
the wound was mortal and that
my brother must die, but there
was a slight chance only that his
life might be saved by amputation.
I grasped at this ~~chance~~ last hope
and told him to do it, without
telling. Along the chances against
him - The Doctor gave him chloro-
form before I realized I ought
to do this, and dear father and
mother his senses did not return
after this, except a moment

before amputation, when he
spoke and said "I feel I am
reviving" Soon after this he
sank away to his everlasting rest
in Heaven, I hope. x x x x x
He died very peacefully and
calmly about sunset July 21
we buried ^{him} back of the church by
himself although near others
buried on that day.

Richmond July 27th
P.S. I am now in Richmond, a
prisoner of war, unharmed with
many others in a large tobacco
factory. x x x x

In this connection would say
that Harry saw his 17th
birthday the following October
while in Prison