

Nov. 8 [188]6

Capt. J. A. Sladen

Vancouver Bks.

Vancouver, W. T.

Dear Sladen:

Your confidential  
letter is at hand and I will  
bear it in mind; and but for ~~previous promises~~  
previous promisses should do as  
you suggest. I am very  
thankful for the good long  
letter printed. I am glad you  
are going East - glad for you  
and for Fred. I know Anderson  
will appreciate you if you  
will endeavor properly to con-  
form to his new religion. He  
has got up one entirely new,  
with a new confession of faith  
A sort of eclectic religion  
from Budda, Mohammed, Shakespeare



and other great authors with  
a few words from our Lord.  
Humor his faith and he will  
humor you. I know the  
obstinacy of your nature and  
cannot expect too much  
from a Calvinist. I am  
sure that to be forewarned  
is to be fore-armed. Without  
joking Anderson is earnest  
and desirous to make as  
much of what belongs to  
him as he can. Sp I expect  
him to do fairly by the Reg-  
iment and fairly by you.  
Should this letter chase you  
and find you with Spurgin  
give him my love and tell  
him that I am very poor,-  
not in spirit, not in Grace,  
but in hard dollars and  
don't see how I could possibly  
obtain the distinction of an

oil painting in the Cadet's Mess  
Hall. I am not so sure but  
that it would be better to  
have a double sized one of  
"Gen." Spurgin hung up on the  
food side - towards the Kitchen,  
because however much other  
folk may have influenced  
me, I did send him there  
and he is one of the blessings  
of the Academy.- The sorrows  
of Dr. Barry & his family to  
the contrary notwithstanding.  
With much affection for better  
days for you and yours I  
am sincerely Your friend.

(sgd) O.O.Howard



Confidential

May 23 , 188, 7

information is as much  
in favor of the Missionaries  
as against them. Indians  
were at Vancouver all  
the time & in large numbers.  
Two priests did devote  
themselves to the mission  
work & did live independen (sic)  
of the H. B. Company. On  
the points vital to this claim  
claim he really has no  
positive knowledge.  
He never knew of any other

Dear Capt. Sladen:

Your letter  
marked confidential is recd.  
I have examined Mr. Chambreau  
on every point presented by  
Col. Anderson's questions  
and I think he had better  
not call hi, as a witness.  
Of course he will tell the whole truth  
the whole truth as he  
remembers. He has no letter  
or document & speaks  
solely from memory. His



for testimony: but unless

it was required, he would  
testify

rather not <sup>^</sup>. I can well

understand the matter

and think he is right.

If you still think

he had better give

formal answer I

will advise him

to do so. Write again.

Very truly yours

(sgd) O.O.Howard

than a Catholic service in

the Chapel & does not know

of its being rented by the

Co. You did not understand

his letter: He has thought that

what he did know was of

some historic importance

but not touching contraverted

points. He felt grieved as  
read

I ~~told~~ <sup>^</sup> him how you

looked upon his reluctance

to testify. "Surely, he said, I

have rendered an equivilant

for all I have received from

the government." He

did not expect to be paid



Nov 2 1887

Dear Captain:

Your letter of Oct 15 should have been answered before. There is not only no room in my office, but none likely to occur. I have about as much influence there as Mr. Lincoln had in the War Dept in 61 & 62. I did however appeal to Batchelder Batchelder, but he was firmly disinclined.

He knows my chicken-heartedness & so steels his own. I am afraid of this big Court - Martial because I see you trembling on the verge. I am ready to recommend you, with all the power of the English language for any staff appointment not excluding the Doctors. Even Dr. Baily would like to have you give a lift to his rheumatic leg. But what is the use. My recommendation has not half the weight as it had when I was



2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. of Ordnance. I can  
only say I love you! and  
am assured of your pro-  
-motion from plane to plane  
in the Himmlischen - lieben.

With love from all

Affectionately Your friend

(sgd) O.O.Howard

To Capt. J. A. Sladen

Vancouver Bks.

W.T.



Nov. 16 1887

T. J. Jeffords, Esq.

Tucson, Arizona Ty.

Dear Mr. Jeffords:

Your letter of  
Nov 10<sup>th</sup> is at hand. I  
will write the endorsement  
on your or Gen. Miles appli-  
cation as soon as it comes,  
with great pleasure. I do  
not know anybody who  
deserves more than yourself  
such recognition.

I always recall your  
name and work with  
great satisfaction.

Very truly Yours

O.O.Howard

Maj. Gen. U.S.A.



January, 23 188<sub>1</sub>8

Dear Captain Sladen:

Gen. Terry is not dead nor very ill. It is but a slight attack of rheumatic gout, bright's disease (sic) and troublesome dyspepsia (sic); and it is too bad for Crook and Miles and Dolph to take advantage of his temporary weakness. I had no idea of looking covetously towards Chicago with its flat surface and checker-board existence; certainly not upon a report which I knew must be false; for in these days great men do not die in that way. I have a pretty bad cold, now most well. Should it get worse I am arranging with my aide to have me shot or otherwise to have me killed outright; for I do not wish to have the army further disgraced by ambitious officers seeking for my place while I am in the throes. My anxiety, just now, is on your account lest you be knocked off the cliff while you are just clinging to the ragged edge of promotion. I think your safety lies in the multitudinousness of Anderson's and Gibbon's recommendations. Nous verrons. I rejoice at the good news from Grace and especially over the fact of a grandson by the name of Howard. Out of eight grand-children there are but two boys. It is a straight argument in favor of polygony, unless you can show me a co-temporary grandfather who has eight grand-children with but two girls.



2.

Mrs. Howard has a pretty severe headache this morning, otherwise she would have joined me in this letter. We have been saddened by a miserable story that has come to us, i.e. that Fred has been found deficient and turned back, this January. We positively do not believe it. Major Kress has arrived and is settled at the Arsenal. His daughter Marion, though far from well, has married in Southern California. Little Nellie is making us a visit and we are happy to have her here. Give much love to all our intimates and special regards to the rest.

Sincerely yours

(sgd) O.O. Howard

Major Gen.U.S.Army.



Febry 28 [ 188,8

Dear Capt. Sladen:

As I do not personally know John Riley discharged from Bernard's Troop 1<sup>st</sup> Cav., will you have the kindness to look into his case or get Lieut. Wood to do it, and if he is found of good habits, please recommend him in my name to any R.R., fire department or other Corporation that may give him

suitable employment and wages. In doing so you will greatly oblige him and me.

Very truly yours

(sgd) O.O.Howard

Maj. Gen. U.S.A.



Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> [188]8

Dear General:

The quarters  
are much crowded at the  
Presidio and I had written  
Mrs M<sup>C</sup>Gregor that it was  
not best to send her husband  
there; but on receipt of your  
which explained the matter  
letter I sent for Graham &  
with him  
^ concluded that he could put  
in another and have so issued  
the order. I should have thought  
that after the marriage of their  
children the families would have  
drawn together & not apart.

It was with great sympathy  
& sorrow that Mrs Howard & myself



recently heard of your great  
loss.- Every day seems now to take some  
dear ones across the River and so  
brightens the hope of meeting  
again, not here, but in the  
better land. With our kindest  
remembrances & regards to Mrs  
Gibbon. I remain as ever

Your friend

O. O. Howard

Gen. Jno. Gibbon

Vancouver Barracks

W. T.



Mar 15 [188]8

Mrs. Sarah Winnemucca Hopkins

Lovelocks, Nevada.

Dear Madame:

General Howard  
wishes me to say that he  
expects to stop over at your  
place a few hours on Tuesday  
or Wednesday of next week.

He hopes he may see you  
and also some members of  
your father's family, as well  
as the children of your

Yours truly

E. St. J. Greble

<sup>1st</sup>  
Lt 2- Arty

A.D.C.

school.



April 19 [188]8

Dear Sarah:

Gen.  
Gen. Howard wishes

me to say that he has just  
received your letter. The same  
mail brought a long one  
from Miss Peabody. It would  
break her heart for you to fail  
her. I think your friends  
in the East would afford  
you money enough, at least  
to give a lunch or dinner  
to the children each day.

For this, I believe their  
parents would send them.

Miss Peabody thinks that  
you have right ideas, That  
you will raise up teachers.

I know you need help  
& sympathy like that of  
Mrs. Parish. No matter how  
small the school is, you  
will put to silence all those who  
enemies and all those  
who slander you to Miss  
Peabody, if you will go  
back to your school-house  
home & draw the children  
around you & teach them  
the best you can.

As to the land, I  
think & Gen. Howard agrees  
with me, that Mr. Hanford



has so deeded it in trust  
for your brother Natchez, that  
he, Natchez, cannot dispose  
of it without the consent  
of the trustees. He ought  
not to think of leaving his  
good farm & you ought to  
encourage him to stay there  
and make it handsomer  
than any white-man's farm  
near him,- so Gen. Howard  
says. The Carson school  
which we hear is coming  
along finely will be, Gen.  
Howard hopes, under manage-  
ment which will call  
for your help and for  
that of your pupils

The General says your request for his prayers will  
not be forgotten. Keep good courage & God will help you.

This thing, Miss Peabody &  
Gen. Howard very much  
desire. The General does  
not think the stories  
against him, worth con-  
-sidering. He says that  
he did not mean to buy  
any lands for himself  
but was intending to try  
& get some friends to join  
him in securing those lands  
across the Humboldt River  
for the Indians. He finds  
now that he cannot do  
that. He is glad to hear  
that the Indians are  
doing well. Tell them, he  
says, to send their children  
to school. Yours truly

E. St. J. Greble



May. 29 [188]8

Dear Sarah:

Gen. Howard has  
a long letter from Miss  
Peabody and before answering  
it, he was anxious to have  
you write, not saying that  
these people were your  
enemies, but making your  
own simple answer:- for  
example - Chief Winnemucca  
became the husband of my  
Mother and so was the  
step-father of Natchez and  
myself. Say this, or what-

ever is the truth. Explain  
particularly about that \$100<sup>00</sup><sub>..</sub>  
bill at the Pyramid Lake  
Agency. If you lost it,  
as so many say you did,  
own up to it and explain  
any circumstances. If you  
did not, of course, say that.

The General only asks  
your own candid statement  
about these things. He  
is glad you have begun  
your school and thinks  
you cannot do anything  
better to silence all  
opposition, than to keep  
the school going whether



you have few scholars or  
many. The General asks  
only simple, truthful  
statements such as you  
know well how to give &  
such as you will be  
glad to have given all  
your life, and so please  
try again for he is your  
friend and not your  
enemy and wants to  
get a strong defense.  
for you. Hoping you  
will do this for us  
even if you have done it  
time & time again &  
wishing you great success

with your school &  
above all begging you  
not to be discouraged  
but to go ahead with  
what is a great work  
for your people I  
remain

Very truly yours

E. St. J. Greble

Mrs. Sarah Winnemucca Hopkins

Lovelock, Nev.



June 8 [188]8

Dear Sarah:

Gen. Howard  
received your letter of  
June 5<sup>th</sup>. He feels satis-  
fied with your explanation  
about the \$100<sup>00</sup>~~00~~ bill. But  
he is extremely sorry that  
the Indians and the  
White men at Pyramid Lake  
have got so much  
ground for this exaggerated  
charge of gambling

the Gen. says as you  
are fighting the battle  
for the Indians that  
you must not get dis-  
couraged. Mr. Lovelock  
did not say an unkind  
word to Gen. Howard  
nor to me about you.

He told you where  
the storie came from:-  
from different Indians  
that he has seen in  
different places: in San  
Francisco, at Fort M<sup>C</sup>.  
Dermitt, at Reno and  
at Pyramid Lake.



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And he desired only  
your simple and truthful  
answer to the statements  
which he sent you. He  
deems your answer suf-  
ficient for <sup>his</sup>~~your~~ purpose  
and hopes that you  
may still keep up your  
school. Possibly you  
can influence Dave,  
who wants pay for his  
horse, to give up his  
opposition. Gen. Howard  
will not work for him  
if he continues to op-

-pose your school. All the  
Indians will make a  
mistake who oppose your  
school or any other good  
school for their children.

They cannot please  
mean White-men better,  
than to keep the Indian  
children in ignorance.

Very truly Yours

E. St.J. Greble

1<sup>st</sup> Lt 2<sup>nd</sup> Arty

A.D.C.

To

Mrs. Sarah. Hopkins

Lovelock.

Nev.



June 8 1888

My dear Sladen:

Just as soon  
as July 1 comes we have  
some mileage, and if it  
suits you, it will order you the Western.  
down here.- I want you  
about some older accounts  
that I think you know more  
about than anybody else.  
General Sheridan is very poorly today.  
If he does not live or if he  
goes on the reiterated list, unless  
the authorities make some new  
division of the U. S. I shall probably  
be ordered to an Eastern station.  
Yet, for the present Schofield may

command the army & his Div. in  
the Atlantic. Otherwise what  
will they do with General Miles?  
Possibly we may have but two  
Divisions, the Eastern & the Western.  
Schofield, if left to himself, will  
I think ask me which I prefer.  
We shall see what we  
shall see. Mind the main  
business & other orders, &  
hope for the best. If there  
is aught that I can do to  
help you in the promotion  
business, you are more than  
welcome to it. Give lots of  
love to Mrs. Sladen & the children  
big and little. Tell Grace that Guy's  
babies keep Grandpa lively. Gracie  
Jr. & Otis would do to go together.  
Helen & Jeanie Jr. would make  
a team. Are you getting to



be a reasonably good democrat?

This platform reads well, especially  
about race or color and the  
tariff appears pretty good.

Why, take your choice provided,  
you vote the democratic ticket.

The republicans received  
cheerful hope from Oregon.

Well, say will July 1<sup>st</sup>  
or as it is Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup>  
suit?

Aff. yr. friend

(sgd) O.O.Howard