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To

Captain J. A. Sladen
Portland-Oregon

Dear Captain:

General Howard received a letter this morning from a certain J. M. Jarvis who represents himself to be the driver of a team of 4 black horses that hauled the baggage at the General's Hdqts when he was in command of Army of Tennessee at Cheraw South Carolina.
It recounts an accident that occurred while you were waiting for a pontoon bridge to be thrown across a river, of a magazine explosion causing several teams to run away his among the number, throwing him off his seat, running over his hand and hip and crippling him temporarily. Afterwards he drove a dun team into Washington from Goldsboro attached to the Generals (sic) Ambulance.

If you can identify the man from any of the above circumstances or remember who was acting QM at that time it would aid the General very much in his action in the man's behalf. It wishes the General to assist him to obtain a pension

Very Sincerely
(sgd) Chas. M. Treat
1 Lieut. Arty.
A.A.D.C.
Dec 4 [18] 89

To:-

Captain J. A. Sladen.
Portland Oregon.

Dear Sladen.

Please allow me to present one who knew me when she was a little child. - Mrs. Nora Grant Rice. As yet I am unaquainted with her husband, Wm. Powell Rice, Esq. except through correspondence.

You know her father and my life long friend Wm. Grant, Esq. Any attentions you may show Mrs. Rice
and her family will be
thankfully received. Hoping
you are well and prospering

I remain as ever

Sincerely Your Friend

(sgd) Oliver O. Howard

Major Genl. U.S. Army
Dec 4 [18]89

Dear Captain,

I have sent Mrs. Nora Grant Rice the daughter of my old friend, Wm. Grant, Esq. a letter of introduction to you.

Her husband's name is Wm. Powell. Rice. They are soon to move to your vicinaty (sic) from Quebec, Canada.

I knew Nora as a child and think she has married well. Please get acquainted with them if they come to Portland and if you deem them worthy as I think they...
are give them a social start. Wont you read this letter to Mr. James Steele to whom I have given a letter of introduction the same as to you. I hear that Wm Grant is again building up his broken fortune but I do not know just what he is doing or where he is.

We are quite well.
Jamie is proud of his 3 mo. old daughter, and John is worrying along at Troy.

Give my love to Mrs. Sladen and the family. With the [treat?] of a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to come.
Fred was handsome and modest for a Cadet and I hope will graduate to your satisfaction.

I haven't put my foot on West Point since we came East but have been cordially invited. I see that Chief Joseph says that he did not get news from the Indian scout whom we chased and tracked. Well I did the best I could and if I was not helpful it was surely not my fault. I shall not antagonize Gibbon on this nor on his opinion that no credit was due to any body
for choosing Cemetery Ridges
as the Gettysburg battleground.

Poor Gibbon - I have sought
for years to be his friend
but he is too hypercritical of
his friends to bind them with
inflexible cords to himself.-

-Nous verrons - I hope Mrs.
Sladen will go to see Grace
and her nest full of baimies (sic)
as often as she can. With
esteem and affection.

(sgd) Oliver O. Howard

Major General U.S.A.

To Captain J. A. Sladen
Portland,
Oregon.
Dec 10, 1889

Captain J. A. Sladen
Portland Oregon.

Dear Captain:

Will you have the kindness to concert with Mr. Wood and send for our friend "Ned Chambreau," and talk with him, see what he can do and get him some work that will keep the wolf from his door. Possibly his son can co-operate with you.

I am not now in condition to send him aid or I would do so. If you are put to any expense in this you can call on me and I will replace it.

Wishing you and yours the choicest of heavenly blessings I am as ever

Affectionately your friend

(sgd) O.O. Howard
Major General,
U. S. Army.

P.S.

Please return to me the enclosed.

O.O.H.