
Brig. Gen. O.O. Howard, USA.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that the withdrawal of your application for retirement is approved by the Secretary of War.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant

E.D. Townsend
Adjutant General.
Nov. 13, 1872

Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Dr. Sir:

Will you deliver a lecture for us in this City this Winter? If so please state terms. We are anxious to hear you, and we hope you will consider us, and if possible give a favorable reply.

Yours truly,

E. P. Harkness

Council Bluffs

For Sec. Com. J. M. C.
Iowa
Philad Nov. 13th 1872

General O. Howard U.S.A
Washington, D.C.

My dear General:

I have learned through the papers your return to Washington in good health and the probability that your long and faithful services in war and peace would soon be recognized by the Government in the shape of promotion to the vacant Major General ship. I beg to congratulate you in advance and to assure you that I have followed your doings thought on your voyage to the far West with heartfelt wishes for your success and for your health. You have shown me great kindness and if it had not been for
Undoubtedly my friends here in Phil. my family and myself could not have managed to  
exist at all to far.  
Mr. Wm. C. Merrick has acted nobly towards me and he tells me to day that he will write  
to you and mention my  
circumstances and the reasons why my patent enterprise has  
not been a success so far.  
The low coal prices and consequent reluctance of Coal Companies to embark in such enterprise  
as artificial fuel production, forced me to sell the whole  
patent for a miserable  
small sum for the benefit  
of the Inventors in Washington  
and my own rewards did  
not amount to over 110 dollars.
I have tried hard to make a living as a Book Agent, but this it proves all work and no pay.

I have spoken to Mr. Merrick about another and a very practicable plan of setting up here as an importer of porcelain on a small scale.

I believe that I have told you that my Uncle of mine is proprietor of a large manufactury in Alsace, and that the war had knocked on the head all my arrangements made 3 years ago for such enterprise. Things have changed since and if I could go over to Europe for a couple of months and buy goods I could get to Stipes the amount on credit in...
addition to my cash purchase.
I would have such facilities
for a retail trade here as few
other importers would enjoy
and I could make a fair
living for my family.

And Mr. Meredith says he will
see some of his friends and
will ask them to send a few
letters of recommendation to
some of your wealthy friends
here, to help me to carry out
my enterprise, which will
with the help of God lead
me to a quiet and assured
existence. Will you be so
kind and write those letters
for 5 gentlemen contributing
say 500 dollars each, would
enable me to go and return
the favor?
about 25,000 francs worth of the finest porcelain goods and commence and continue to do a good business here. I have most faithfully worked here among the Germans for Grant’s Elettr, whom although formerly a Democrat I did greatly and sincerely prefer to the Greeley Dally Warden organization.

Of course, who are so popular here will say a few words in my favor, I shall not have great difficulty in interesting some Gentlemen so seems Mr. Merrick to think himself. I hope you have met with no griefs or disappointments since.
Yank at Washington for Arizona and that this will find you enjoying rest in Comfort in your beautiful house on the heights of Washington.

General Stout formerly Acting Commissioner of Patents is now established here as a Patent lawyer.

He agrees with me in my opinion that there are but few better or more noble hearted men to be found with anywhere in the world than you are. He will be in Wash and
Pray do me the favor
I ask and send some
letters to Mr. Weinrick for
my benefit. I have no
income now, have but
35 dollars left and a weekly
cost of 28 dollars. The next
month of February will
bring an addition to my
family and I shall then
have 4 children and a
wife in very delicate
health to support.
I hope you will pardon
the liberty I take in
again appealing to your
kindness and believe
me with sentiments
of sincere gratitude and devotion. Yours most respectfully,

Henry C. De Alba
Late Col. U.S.V.

220 South 9th Street
Phila.
Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company.

Land Department.

North-East Corner Sixth and Walnut Streets,

St. Louis, Nov. 14th, 1872

Mr. O. C. Howard,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Mr. C. A. Walker of Ensala, Alabama, a colored man of good character and unusual capacity, is the agent of a proposed Colony of colored people of Alabama, who wish to go to Southwest Missouri, where they can work their own land, and hope to better their condition. They have made a preliminary, incomplete contract to have the Colony locate on land of this Company, agreeing to sell them the land very cheap on credit of seven years time. They are generally poor, and the expense of removal will be serious. It is believed the Colony will embrace some 100 families, 67 families having already subscribed.

Can the Government do anything to assist these people? If you do not remember me, and will any reference, Mr. Bentz will be ready to give information.

Yours respectfully,

[Signature]

Land Commissioner.
Mr. J.O. Thompson,

I am writing to express my gratitude for the kindness and assistance you provided during my recent stay. Your hospitality was exceptional, and I am most grateful for the warm welcome I received.

I have always appreciated the beauty of your garden and the peace it brings. It was a pleasure to stroll through the grounds and enjoy the tranquility.

Thank you once again for your kindness. I hope to visit again in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

P.S. I enclose a small token of my gratitude.
Washington, D.C.
Nov. 15th, 1872.

Genl. O. O. Howard, U. S. A.

Dear General:

Please find enclosed copy of letter which you had the kindness to give me this morning, and which I forward at your request.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. G. Vostrey.
Washington, D.C.
Nov. 15th, 1872

Grasby J. B.

[Signature]
Washington, D.C.
Nov. 13th, 1872.

Genl. E. O. T. Spansend,
Adjutant General, U.S.A.

Dear General:

Mr. J. Q. Grovers, who was an excellent soldier—was lost in the battle of Spottsylvania C.F. 1864, has fitted himself for clerical duty. He is I think just such a man as you will like—steady, hard-working and accurate. He was with me as long as I could employ him—they he did satisfactory duty in the Census Bureau. If he can be enlisted, do give him an opportunity and oblige a true soldier and your humble servant.

Truly Yours,

(Signed) O. O. Stoward
My dear General,

I have thought of writing to you ever since I returned but many cares have prevented. I was with Herbert Ford just as day until he died. Mrs. Ford is resigned and will leave next week for Baltimore. I hope you may see her. She is one of the noblest women of this world and has borne her fame and hardships with a Christian fortitude.

We have not had a difficulty with the Indians in Southern Arizona since you brought Cochiti on its reservation. As God grant that this condition of affairs may continue. As one can but admire the energy and persistence on your part in finding laws and getting law on a reservation as when it was a law for lasting or not. For them now for...
Some connection with the Texas Pacific R.R. I could afford and would be willing to remain here in poverty and continue my struggle for this territory. If it was not that an ambitious person for Congress fear that at some time I will be a leading man and my miscellaneous manner naturally dislikes me because they cannot use me as generally the good people want peace and are not as ready to defend as the bad am to assaults. Still I have no reason to complain of the support the people have generally given me. I see by the papers that the prospect is that you will be made Major and in place of Meade I rejoice at that and my other success promise with his life.

Yours

A.R.N. Safford
Philadelphia, November, 16, 1822.

Dear sir,

Having in my possession sundry works on American History, the late Civil War included, I am desirous of illustrating the same with Autographs, & Autograph Letters, Portraits, &c, of those persons mentioned therein, as occupying prominent positions, & who took an important part in said History.

If it is not asking too much, I would be pleased to have an autograph letter of yours, to be used for the purpose above stated.

A compliance said request, will be esteemed a great favour by

Your humble servant,

F. Frank Wright.

To
Gen. O.C. Howard,
 Freedoms Bureau.
Washington, D.C.
White Ute Apache Reservation
Camp Apache, Arizona
November 12th, 1872.

General O. O. Howard,
Washington, D.C.

Dear General,

Since you were so kind as to give me permission to apply to you when in trouble, I will now most gladly avail myself of this privilege, as I am most greatly concerned about the safety of these Indians, as their future now looks extremely gloomy. Capt. Brown of 4th U.S. Infantry arrived here on the 12th inst., with a circular from Genl. Crook directing him to see that Genl. Ord. No. 13, Genl. Crook's instructions to the Indians to come in to the Post, when the Indians arrived, he told them that he was here to execute Genl. Crook's orders, and that every Indian on the Reserve must be encamped daily, and live...
Within one mile of the Post and if my men were
found beyond this limit without
passage from the Agent would be considered
hostile by Lieut. Conrady who would be here
in about 20 days with a large force of cavalry,
and his aides Indians. He also informed
Lieutenant Miguel and Lieut. Chiquito that Head
Conrady intended to punish soldiers who
help him. Miguel replied that he thought all
Indians were now at peace, but if there were
any hostile Indians, he would give a signal to
all the soldiers he wanted and would giấy himself,
but that all Indians on the Reserve were at peace
and would not let any of his men fight them.

Miguel advised the other, he also told Chiquito
Brown, that when their best friend, Lieut. Harmon,
was here he went out and showed them how
for their Reservation extended, and that no
longer as they remained at least they were safe
to go anywhere within its boundaries and would
not know what they had done to break their
law. Lieut. Brown informed nice that he did not know what they had done or that they
had done anything, but that he was here to
see Lieut. Conrady's order executed and would
see that it was to the letter and if they did not
want to be killed to keep within one mile of the
Post. This order being enforced will prove
prejudicial to the interests of the Indians, as they
have not yet finished gathering their corn, which
will now be destroyed as they are allowed no
time whatever to watch it. The same is true in regard
to the guns you gave them. Lieut. Chiquito and Miguel
have 28 head (cows) between them. Some of the
bands asked me for limited fur seal of each band to herd their cows, but as Lieut. Brown
informed that my presence would be no protection
to their lives if found beyond a mile from the Post, things
it best not to join any as you see my hands are
completely tied, and all I can do is to feed them
and try and prevent bloodshed which I am
trying my best to do; have begged and entreated them
to submit to this resolution, letting them know that
as soon as this matter was referred to the
Washington, I thought the restrictions would probably

be removed, and to wait patiently until I could communicate with Genl. Walker, and he would doubtless do all that he could for them. I have sent him a telegram and letter and shall keep a courier waiting for reply, as we have no mail to Fort Bridgman. The orders were taken off by order of Genl. Crook, as they are fitting up a pack train here. I have tried to get information from Capt. Brown that I might know why the military have assumed charge of the Indians, but can learn nothing but are informed that he said it was Genl. Schofield's order, and that Genl. Crook was going to see it carried out; he informed me that Dr. Bundell was not aware that this order was being enforced here, and did not think, Indian Dept. at Washington knew of it. I think the Indians will quietly submit for the present but as long as Genl. Crook is going to bring a large number of Hualapai Indians here, I am afraid that
if these Indians are allowed to mix with them, as they probably will — I am afraid of the consequences, as they will meddle with the women which will probably produce a fight.

As these Indians are extremely sensitive on the point, I hope and pray that there will be no trouble since I feel a great relief in these demands as they have behaved themselves far better than expected, and some accuses them that I can hear of having been on raids of violating their treaty since you were here, and do not think they merit this ill treatment. I shall anxiously await for instructions concerning them and trust you will do all you can consistently for their interests.

I am, Sir,

Very respectfully,

Your Obt. Servt.

(Handwritten)

Act. Special Indian Agent.
W. J. Niles,
ADVERTISING AGENT,
Office of Eclectic Magazine,
No. 108 Fulton Street,
New York, Nov. 18, 1872

Romes Herbert

Dear Sir,

I send with this the letter I promised to Genl. O. O. Howard, or some other of your friends.

I have given them a full statement of all the facts, I now think of as being desirable.

If further information is desired, I will give it.

Will you please write me, within a few days, what you do with this letter?

Yours truly,

W. J. Niles
108 Fulton St.
N. Y.
O.S. It seems to me that there is no chance to buy a farm which will be a help to the colored people as a good investment. It is very likely, soon, to be worth much more than it will probably bring at auction now.
W. J. Niles,
Advertising Agent.
Office of Eclectic Magazine,
No. 108 Fulton Street,
New York, November 16, 1872

Gen'l O. O. Howard or
whom it may concern

My farms in
Prince George Co. Md. of 500 acres near
Forestville & Marlboro, on which is
built the Colored Church & School-
House, aided by the Freedmen's Bureau
must be sold at auction as a part of
a bankrupt estate. The sale will probably
take place within a few months. The
mortgage on the 500 acres amounting principal &
interest to about $9,000. 200 acres are in
woods & timber, a large share white oak.
The Point Lookout R.R. is surveyed to run
through the farm; it, according to my best
advice, will be the final route.
I saw the Colored people an acre
on which they have their church building; with the right to go over the farm, if the
wagon usually traveled for farm use. But if the farm should go into the hands of
a person unfriendly, he might make them a great deal of trouble. There are
many of the colored folks in the vicinity who would like to buy part of it for their
own homesteads.

The farm is beautifully located, well-watered and healthy; it should be vastly
more valuable than any price it will bring now, at a forced sale.

My object in this writing is respectfully to request your attention to it, thinking
that a full investigation of its value, present or prospective, or of all the facts
might show that the purchase of it by parties friendly to the colored people
W. J. Niles,
ADVERTISING AGENT.
Office of Eclectic Magazine,
No. 108 Fulton Street,
New York,

Ward, prove a substantial benefit to them, as well as a desirable investment. While in possession of the farm, I was happy to give them a farthing for church school, which they could hardly have obtained elsewhere in that locality. I try to do as far as I could for them. And if further information is desired now, as to tenancy of sale or any other points, I will hold myself very cheerfully ready to give it promptly.

Respectfully yours,

Wm. J. Niles
108 Fulton St.
N. Y.

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P.S. I may add that the ground on which the church is built is covered by the 1st mortgage. But, due on it about $4,500, being security for part of the purchase. The 2nd mortgage does not affect the colored people.

[Signature]

G. H. G. Brown
To Geo. Q. Brown

[Note on the bottom of the page:]

(?)
North York Ranch, C.D.
Nov 18th, 1872.

Mr. C.C. Howard, U.S.A.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a letter from Mrs. She has been at me for some time to write you a letter to let you know the and the people are getting along. You will please excuse the style of writing, but he wanted me to write as he dictated.

I have sold 500 000 pounds of corn at Camp Apache this year. For Pecos people.

And I hope that next year they will be able to show you...
Mr. They are in earnest in regard to living at peace and are ambitious of helping themselves. I have taken your advice and have been employed by the act of Congress. Therefor I hope that you will send an abundance of seeds so I may do my best for them. I am General.

Very Respectfully,

Your obt. serv.

C. E. Corley
North Fork Ranch
White Mtn. A.T.
Nov. 18th, 1882

Mr. O.C. Howard
Strikesight, P.C.

Dear Sir,

By request of Pedro I drop you a few lines. He says that he often thinks and dreams of you as his good master, and he wants to tell you how he has been benefitted by your good talk. His corn is good and the water is better since you advised him not to drink "Tisnii" - all that you told him entered his ears, and will always remain. You told him that as long as he and his people,
more good and true, that he and his people would be safe from harm but he does not know what to think. He thought you were a good man, a good captain next to the President. You gave him words, told him they were from the President, told him to take them home, not to kill them to save his corn, to eat and plant it and not to make it into "fire water." All this he has done. You told him that he and his people could hunt and kill deer and turkey but that he and his people must not go beyond the reservation. He remembers your good words about his children and kicked some clay for his little boy. I trust you.
how much he has been benefited by your good counsels. But not day ago an officer came, not from the big house where you and the President live, but from the other side, where the Santa Indians are bad — and told them that he must bring all his people and live at the Post, and he counted every day and that if he, or any Indian went farther from the Post than Miquel's run (that you gave him) could shoot a bullet from the tent that you lived in while he was there. He or they would be killed. He and all his people obeyed the order. He has left his cows without anybody to take care of them. His corn is not all put away for the winter, the cattle.
And will live at The Post: The Doctor advised him to do so - all the Indians will do it - but it will be hard for them to do so.

They have no blankets - it is very cold. He would rather live at home wherebootleg lives. He wants to work this winter - wants you to lend him seed - so that he can raise plenty to eat next year.

Somebody told him that there might be a New President - he does not want a new one. But he wants you and the one who gave him the cows not to forget that he promised to do what you told him. He has done so. Has broken no treaty has not sold off the reservation.

And hopes that you and the President will not break your part of the treaty or forget kind and his People.

Pedro

W/letter #148, Nov 19, 1872
Washington, D. C.
November 18, 1872.

Haj. M. J. Brown,
Captain 5th Cavalry

Dear Major:

Can you write me what has become of Aaron Simms, a colored man about 39 years of age. His mother, Harriet Simms, living on "P" street between 15th & 16th Sts. of this City is very anxious to hear from him. Write me if you have information & I will let her know.

Yours truly,

O. C. Howard,
Big Ton. U.S.A.
Camp Apache, A. T.
Nov 12, 1872

Gen. O. O. Howard
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,—I assure you I have heard that the Doctor—J. M. Soulé—was told our "Falcons" were hostile and to give orders which amount to obey that since comes another man—Captain W. H. Brown—who assumes all authority and at the same time disregards the authority of our agent—Captain Brown, has given orders that I and all my people are to move in near the military Camp and not to go beyond certain boundaries on pain of death, said boundaries being one (1) mile from the Fort. Now I think this is very unusual and unjust. Why did you give us a reservation of one mile, if not allowed to live on or near the same, or our own property? What right...
To the Commanding Officer, to convey
interim and pass orders also to issue orders
to his soldiers to kill any or any of my
people if found over one (1) mile from the
Salt. If we have endeavored to live up
to our treaty and everyone who knows
will agree that we have done so.
Therefore I as a representative of the White
Mountains, Apaches, would respectfully ask
that we and all of your arrangements for our
benefit be set aside as of no consequence.
Please let us know as soon as possible the reason of all this.

Respectfully yours,

[Signature]
War Department,
Adjutant General's Office,
Washington, D.C. November 19, 1872.

Rev. General C. C. Howard, U.S.V.
Late Commissioner Indian U.S.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the book of "Letters Sent," Vol. 5, Certificate Branch of Claims Division, 1870; and also the "File of Letters Received," letter C. of Prosecution Branch of same Division, for 1870, were not among the records of the late Peckham Bureau transmitted to this office; and I request that you will cause proper search for the same to be instituted, and forward them to this office when found.

Yours respectfully,

[Signature]

[Handwritten note on the left page: "other persons at my command."
"As heading upon the subject, your attention is invited to the enclosed official copy of a letter from the office of July 26, 1872, to the Secretary of the above-named Society.
Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
E. Townsend
Adjutant General.

1870. Aug. 15.]
War Department,
Adjutant General's Office,
Washington, D.C., November 1937.

Sir,

Enclosed is a letter from Mr. John D. Smith, Lye, Commissioned By the Right Honorable
Washington, D.C.

The absence of the record requires it is a source of inconvenience in conducting the work of the branches to which the

Yours respectfully,

Officer Commanding

Adjutant General.
Philadelphia, Nov 19, 1872

Maj. Genl. Howard
Washington

My dear Friend,

I have of late become deeply interested in the case of Maj. Hooper, and especially for the sake of his suffering family and crushed relatives.

When I see my way clear I shall do all I can to secure his pardon and their being on military officer here that I know to
Seek advice from, as I can from you, I write to ask you frankly and confidentially how best to proceed.

My own views are to put up a strong petition signed by influential men, to then present it personally to the President. In such a case do we need to pass things or leave the influence of the Secretary of War, or the General in Command.

Let us know the result.

At this time before the Mexican War it was.
Sidney Barrows, Feb.
November 19, 1872.

Dear General,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 12th inst., and in compliance therewith respectfully transmit the application of the Secretary of War, with recommendations of Office of the Army, for the appointment of my son H. B. Rogers to the Military Academy at West Point.

Permit me to thank you for the interest you have manifested in the matter, and to assure you of my appreciation of your kindness.

Very Respectfully Yours,

W. W. Rogers,
1st Lieut., 9th Infantry

Brg. Genl., O. O. Howard
W. S. Army, Washington, D.C.
The Industrial League.

PHILADELPHIA,
406 Walnut St. Nov 19, 1872

Gen. O.C. Howard Post
Howard University

Dear Sir: Washington D.C.

The undersigned has been directed by the Industrial League to ask your acceptance of a copy of CAREY'S "UNITY OF LAW,"

for the library of the college over which you preside.

This is a new and, it is believed, a very important book, which has just issued from the press, and The League especially desires that it be placed within the reach of the members of your senior class, not only because of the important truths which it presents, but for the reason that few books are so stimulative of thought as those of its author. In connection with the studies of the class in Political Economy, the hope is indulged in that this volume will be productive of much permanent good.

Sent by mail to day

Very Respectfully

Please acknowledge receipt

A. A. Acknowledged Nancy Raines
The undersigned has been instructed by the principal

Philadelphia

400 Walt St. 1875

who are to send a specification of a copy of

"CHERRY'S UNITY OF LAW"

The undersigned has been instructed by the principal

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"CHERRY'S UNITY OF LAW"
Post Office
CULPEPER.

Postmaster 1
Culpeper Co., Va. Nov 19th 1872

My dear General

I write you at this time to request you to give me a letter of recommendation to Senator Judah Lewis of Va. That gentleman has very kindly offered to urge my claims at the next session of Congress for the position of Senate Postmaster at a position that I feel I could fill acceptably. As I had the honor of serving under you in the Bureau of P. & P. it occurred to me that it would be very proper for me to get letters from prominent and influential friends in order to show Senator Lewis that I had hitherto proven myself worthy of the trust confided to my keeping. You will remember me as being the first armed officer stationed at Marana, Va. in 1865-6. I lost my right arm at Fredericksburg Va. Dec. 13th 1862. Anything you can do for
Post Office
CULPEPER.
Culpeper Co., Va. 187

For me in this matter, aside from the letter to Senator Lewis, will be considered a great personal favor. Mr. Blaine of our State will I trust aid me with my Hamlin plane as I hail from the State of Maine. I have written to Gen. Bumsbee, who has always manifested a great deal of interest in my behalf and hope he may help me. My little boy is now large enough to attend school and life does not feel like lecturing him here. My wife also has no society and on the whole I feel that we have isolated ourselves here long enough. Please send the letter to Senator Lewis under cover to me at this place. I am glad to learn of the appointment of friend Dudley as Surp. Indian Affairs in Mexico. Hoping to hear from you soon and that you are well.

Love & Good Wishes,

[Signature]

Mrs. A. MacVittie