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Salem, Oregon, Dec. 2d, 1874.

Gen'l O. O. Howard, U.S.A.
Comd'g Dep't Columbia,—
Portland Oregon,—

Dear Sir:

Capt. Geo. Williams informs me that it is probable that you may be prevailed upon to visit our city and deliver an address before the Christian Sunday-School. I am therefore encouraged to address you, asking this favor.

The School will take pleasure in paying the fare of yourself and Mrs. Howard to and from our city. Capt. Williams will be happy to meet you at the Salem Depot, conduct you to his residence, and entertain you while here.

Most respectfully yours,
L. L. Rowland
Pastor Christian Ch.

For the love of Christ constraineth us.—ii. Cor., v. 14.

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.—ii. Cor., ix. 8.

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord—i. Cor., xv, 58.

Young Men's Christian Association,

148 Madison Street, Chicago.

State Executive Com.
D. J. PIKE, Chairman, Aurora.
J. V. FARWELL, Chicago.
D. W. WHITTLE, Chicago.
K. A. BURNELL, Aurora.
C. LEACH, Jr., Galesburg.
R. D. RUSSELL, Jacksonville.
H. G. REEVES, Bloomington.
W. W. VANARSDALE, Sec., Chicago.

Pontiac Ills. Dec 2 1874.

General Howard

Beloved Bro.

C. C. Royce, Salem, Oregon (see photo) has been for some years a widow, husband, from one of the noblest of women, in every sense. Symmetrical common sense & Christian. I like a woman (marvellous is it not) loves him to do. I & I judge would welcome him back.

She has had some very unsatisfactory correspondence with him. I & I told her, your Christian heart would take pleasure in looking out for him. Of course, She wants the questions answered that a deserted wife would naturally ask, & you know well what they are. I think you better direct your reply to her to me Aurora Ills. She is thinking to move from where she is now living most probably. K. A. Burnell

P.S

We were keenly disappointed in not seeing you at our last State Y. M. C. A. Convention at Aurora.

We confidently expected you & knowing that you were in Chicago, we felt it much. You have my fullest sympathy in the trials through which you have passed the last few years.

The refining process is sometimes severe, but how blessed to know that it is allowed in love, & you may find in it all a rich compensation.

Enclosed explains itself. & God has signally owned the effort. Under God we hope to secure an annual convention in our northern State before the Summer of 1877 have gone down. Dear Brother can you not be God's instrument of moving the Pacific Coast in this direction. Please look the ground over. The Military Command may be important but the Christian command may, so as yours experience has most abundantly testified. In Christ Jesus, Your friend

Washington, D.C.,
Dec 8th 1874.

Hill, J. H.

Asks for information connected with the safe burglary.

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Department of Justice
Washington. Dec. 3, 1874

Private

Sir,

At the recent trial of the Safe Burglary case here, several telegrams were put in evidence by the Government in which reference is made to a person called "A." Chief of the Secret Service Division swore that this "A" was you, and

As you will see by looking at the telegrams on pp. 53, 54 of my argument that I send you herewith, you must have given him directions about sending them. The counsel for the government, as you will see, attacked this explanation and I think W Banfield's letters disprove it, and besides April 19, on which the first telegram was sent was Sunday.

I shall be greatly obliged if you will let me know what your recollection is about the matter, as the case may have to be tried again, and this is a very important item of evidence.

Hoping you will pardon this intrusion, I remain, Sir, Your very obedient Servant

J. H. Hill

Major General Howard
&c. &c.

Salem Oregon Dec 4th 1874

Gen O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir

Since returning home I have conversed with several prominant Odd Fellows upon the subject of you lecturing here for the benefit of the M E Church, and I have not found any one who has the least objection, or that would think strange or hard of you for so doing, but on the other hand all are anxious to hear you. J. M. Gatch, who wrote to you for the Odd Fellows spoke of two lectures one for the Odd Fellows and one for the Church, but he

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says that if you do not like to do so, that there will not be the slightest objection to your doing all that you can for the Church. After stating to you these facts I will be perfectly satisfied with what you decide to do in the matter. The Church is vastly in debt, and is not able to pay the debts and finish the Church, without help. The Odd Fellows are not in debt, but want to increase what they have, which is commendable.

Please answer at your earliest convenience, and if you can come we will try to make it pleasant for you.

Yours truly, John H. Rork Agent
First M.E. Church, Salem.

P.S.
F.M. Gatch will write to you in regard to this matter. J.H.R.

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Hall of Multnomah Lodge No 12 I.O.O.F.
Portland Dec 5 1874

Gen: O.O. Howard

Dear General

At a regular meeting of this Lodge held on the above date I was directed to ask you: if you would deliver a lecture for the benefit of this Lodge: at any time convenient to You

I have the honor to remain

Your Obident Servant

James Cumming

W. Sec. 1 pro tem

P.S. an answere is requested

Yours &c.

MULTNOMAH LODGE
No. 12
I.O.O.F.
PORTLAND, OREGON

GEO. W. DYER,

Attorney and Counsellor at Law,

FEDERAL BUILDINGS, LOCK BOX 100.

SEVENTH AND F STREETS,

Washington, D.C. Dec^r 5th 1874

Capt J. A. Sladen.

D.D.C. &c. Dear Captain. I have your letter of the 19th ult^o this day, inclosing a letter from General Howard to Genl E.D.T. Sumner. After consulting with Mr Broadhead and Mr B.R. Francis, and their opinion agreeing with my own, I concluded not to deliver the letter. The fact is, that some parties appear to be bent upon General Howards destruction, and it would not be best to afford them a fresh opportunity, particularly while the accounting officers of the Treasury are friendly. A suit against the General, if brought in Oregon, would ruin him by expenses. If the General came here to have suit brought against him, he would be off duty. I will get a copy of the Attorney Generals opinion in a day or two and forward it.

Yours truly

Geo. W. Dyer.

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Engineer Office.

Portland, Oregon.

December 5th 1874.

My dear General!

Will you be so kind as to read the enclosed papers of the Revd Mr. Herbert in relation to the matter concerning which Mrs. Miller spoke to you a few evenings ago?

Please return them to me after perusal.

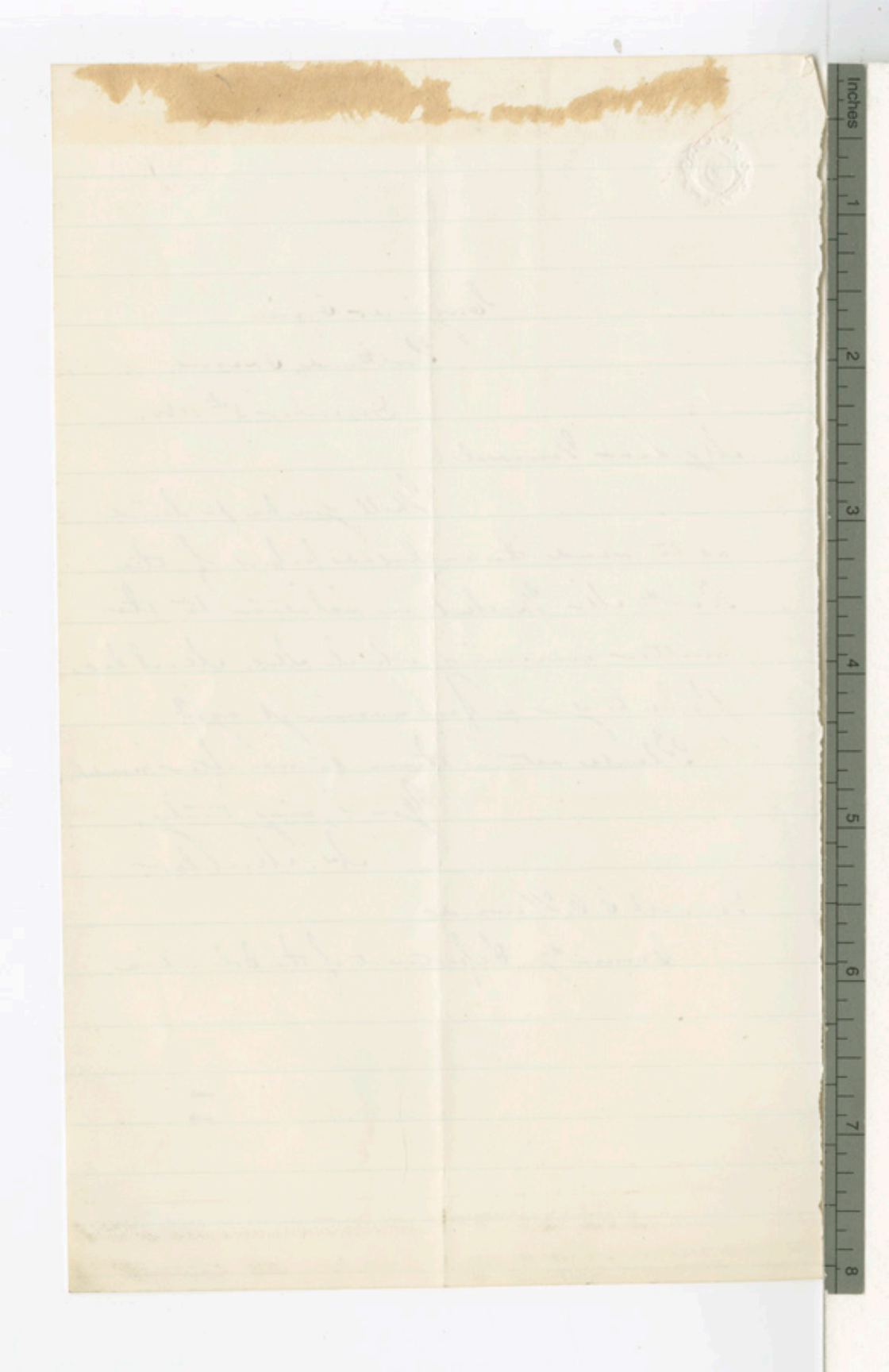
Yours, very truly,

H. Miller.

General O. O. Howard

Commdg. Department of the Columbia.

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Office of District Deputy Grand Master.

For District No.

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF OREGON.

Salem, Ogn, Dec. 7, 1874.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

Rev. Mr. Rooke,

Agent of the Methodist Church building, Salem, thinks you hesitate to accept an invitation to lecture for the benefit of the Church because you have declined an invitation from the Odd Fellows' Library Association.

The Odd Fellows of Salem would certainly interpose no objection to your lecturing for the M. E. Church although you may deem it inconsistent with duty to leave Headquarters to lecture for the benefit of their Library. They would be glad, however, if you could pass two evenings in Salem, giving one lecture for the Church and one for the Library.

By this arrangement should not be

acceptable to you they would be glad
to hear you for any cause and on
any occasion.

Very Respectfully Yours
C. M. Pate
Pres't D. F. Liberty Association

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The National Business College

Portland Oregon

H. M. DeFRANCE,
President.
W. LYNN WHITE,
Secretary.

Portland December 8th 1874

General O. O. Howard

Dear Sir.

A Committee from "Peerless" Lodge No 215 I.O.G.T. were appointed to confer with you and to secure if Possible your Services to deliver a short Address at a Literary and Musical Entertainment given under the auspices of the above Lodge on Thursday New Years Eve Dec 31st.

Knowing you to be a Friend to the cause of Temperance we would most respectfully solicit your name for that occasion as it would be the means of Rendering us a great assistance Hoping that this may meet with your Approval I am most

Respectfully Yours

Chas. A. Wheeler

Bd of C Chairman

P.S. Please answer before Thursday Evening next and oblige Ans

Confidential

JOHN H. COOK,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,

No. 1511½ Pennsylvania Avenue.

Washington, D. C. Dec 8th 1874

Dear General:

There is considerable gossip here in a quiet way about certain moneys said to belong to a "Ross Home Colony", but unless explained and the talk stopped, the matter is likely to get into the newspapers. It is hinted that some $15,000. or $20,000. ~~in~~ known by such a name is in the hands of Mr Stickney put there by you or with your aid and out of which he is making money. My interest in this matter is simply to defend you from any wrong or even suspicion of wrong in connection with it. I had never heard of the matter before and therefore could not say anything as to your connection or responsibility in the case. Anything which you may deem

it prudent to say to me in regard to it for your protection and for the satisfaction of men who are friendly towards you. I shall be glad to make use of

University matters said to be in good condition. Within a few days, arrangements have been made to sell to Langdon & Barker their note of $115,000. for $95,000, the same to be paid in less than a year and that money to be used in liquidating the entire debt upon the University. From indications the question of President is likely to become an interesting one, either at the meeting on the 16th inst or at the annual meeting. Will you be present at the annual meeting? The opposition to Mr Langdon is increasing. The Medical Faculty will oppose him in a body.

Dr Presbrey will write you about that tax matter. His contract made with you in the month of June 1873 sustains your intentions and understanding in the matter

Sincerely Yours

Jno. A. Cook

JOHN H. COOK,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, 211

No. 1511½ Pennsylvania Avenue.

Washington, D C, Dec 8th 1874

Dear General:

Please find enclosed statement for the month of November. I have paid all interest due on the T street houses except the note held by Mr Kitch. I am ready with money to pay that and the interest which comes due on the 20th inst on the M street house. - As I informed you, I have been compelled to have the roofs of the T St houses tinned at a cost of nearly $400; in a single storm (the first during this fall) every house was flooded with water from the roofs. After thoroughly investigating the prices of tar, gravel, and tin, I did not hesitate to adopt the tin as cheapest. The work is not quite completed. The taxes still due on your property amount not less than $1000. These unforeseen expenses on the T St houses, and the taxes paid on your residence sold to Mrs Schoolcraft, have used up money which I expected to use in paying your own taxes for this year. I live in the hope that Providence will enable me to meet future obligations. As yet property is still tending downward, leaving me little or no margin to compete with others, or to realize what you have invested.

Congress is in session, but as yet we do not feel its presence

Very Respectfully

J. H. Cook

Trustee

To

Brig Genl O O Howard U.S.A.

Portland Oregon

Adjt Genl.

Sir: I respectfully the old
Soldiers Home desire
to go. I do hope you can
find something for me
poor fellow's necessities
and desires are great.

Sincerely Yours
Sallie A. Meikler.

Tuesday P.M.

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Bvt Gen O O Howard
Portland. Oregon.

315 E Street South East
Washington
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My most esteemed Christian brother.

I should say, I was in utter despair, if the peace of God, was not always a river of joy in my soul. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go— the rivers of woe, shall not overflow. For I will be with thee thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee, thy deepest distress." I have experienced every possible bereavement— father, mother sisters, brothers, invaluable friends, and an almost adored husband, all driven from me, in the grave, and one of my adopted children, burnt up, while helping his neighbours, at a fire, just as he was entering at a most promising manhood. I have been calumniated all my life; misapprehended even by friends, when I have had the witness in my heart from youth, to age, of one intense longing to be a moral nurse, to the sinning suffering, erring, dispairing, human race. Especially to the children of the wicked poor, for, if no religious nutriment can be found around the family fireside, these little

ones, seem predestined to crime, and all its soul destroying consequences.— for, "The sins of the parents shall be visited upon the children, to the forth generation". Oh what a faith consuming system?

Now, in old age, beggary stares me in the face.— for all my property is mortgaged. The notes matured, and I am expecting every day a forced auction sale, that during this panic, means confiscation. Mrs Coston, who owns the $11000. mortgage, on your late Effingham place" has notified me, that she will foreclose the mortgage, on the first of February 1875, little over a month from now. Dear General, you promised to pay the rent in advance. Will you not send it to me, at once, as I might possibly use Coston, to continue the loan, if I can get her the $550. interest, right away. I enclose a circular that I have had printed to try to sell Effingham place, at private sale. You told me, that the buildings cost $29000. The land cannot now be bought at 50 cents a foot.— This would value the property at $59000. but I will gladly take $40.000. I am utterly bankrupt if I cannot sell all the mortgaged property soon. Love to your noble wife & lovely children from your prayerful friend. M. L. Shoolbraft

Cedaar Rapids Dec 10, 1874
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My dear Son Otis
This being my 70th birth day, I prepare to write a short letter to you, what I wished to do on your birth day one month since, but some duties which I cannot now call to mind prevent but your boyhood and early life mene vividly before me, I do regret that we are so far a part, but do not, keep those regrets always in mind, but try to have a trusting spirit, and draw from that a thankfulness of heart for many blessings enjoyed, my health is good I was out last evening to the Church weekly prayer meeting and the evening previous to a lecture by Mrs Churched from Rhode Island, This morning Rodelphus left home to be gone two days, and nights

have them enjoy the same, give my love to Lizzie and kiss sweet little Bessie, Jamie, O yes Jamie, give him my love I am still trusting that he will come upto full manhood a good and useful man, a blessing to many, and an honor to himself dear Charley give him my love, I hope he will never weary in well doing, Love to Johnny tell him Grandma still keeps his drawings I dont know whether he intended them for me or not but I can keep them, and Harry give him my love, he can hardly comprehend that his only Grandma is Seventy years old, but Grandma has a great interest in him, a strong desire for his welfare

Remember me in much love, affectionately, your Mother Elvira Stevens

P.S. Remember me in Howard

attending to some bankrupt business
& think his health must have improved
somewhat, but since I have
been here he has eat no supper
and his dinners are at one: o
he dont complain of ill health
his family are healthy, Generally
we had a letter from KBH last
Saturday, that he and Nellen and
Frankie would be here Tuesday
and remain until friday, Nellie
at once wrote for him to come next
week, but I do not expect him,
it is seldom he can take four days
from his duties, his family are
in good health, Charles has had
much to try him the few months
past Katie had a poor time after
confinement, and he had a hard
time with back, and about ten
days since Arthur Day spit
blood not a small quantity, but
quite an effusion, I think him
a fine Christian Character, Mr Foster
) and family are at Charles' and
Mr Foster is acting secretary
my sympathies are very strong
(dock) for Charles, I fear he is making
life very hard at present, I believe
all I can do for him, is to pray for
him, Your words to me when
I parted with you the last
time for active service on the battle
field, or when you left Maine
with 3d Maine Regiment,
were all my friends can do
for me, is to pray for me.
I have received one letter from
Grace since I have been here
and KBH sent Guy's letter that he
wrote him, & am much gratified
to hear from them, I hope to
know where they spend the
Holidays, how happy I should
be, to be so situated that I could
have them come to me, and

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The Union League Club
of New York, request the honor of
Major General Howard's
company at the reception of the
Honorable William E. Forster,
of England, on Monday evening,
December 14th 1874, at eight o'clock.

E. D. Morgan.
Noah Davis.
Samuel G. Ward.
Joseph H. Choate.
Elliot C. Cowdin.
} Committee on Invitations.

The favor of an answer is requested.

Reception Committee.

William C. Bryant.
William M. Evarts.
Peter Cooper.
John Bigelow.
E. D. Morgan.
Alex. T. Stewart.
Noah Davis.
S. B. Chittenden.
Chester A. Arthur.
Isaac N. Phelps.
David Dows.
John H. Hall.
Jackson S. Schultz.
Wm. J. Hoppin.
Richard Butler.

Salem H. Wales.
L. P. Morton.
Howard Potter.
John J. McCook.
George C. Magoun.
Hamilton Fish, Jr.
Elliot C. Cowdin
Le Grand B. Cannon.
H. W. Bellows.
William T. Blodgett.
Danl F. Appleton.
J. Pierrepont Morgan.
Samuel G. Ward.
James Emott.
Lucius Tuckerman.

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will to give my whole attention to those mi
=lionary enterprises for the children, that
I often spoke to you about. Tomorrow at
10 o'clock a.m. I have an appointment to me
=ten Eaton, "Bureau of Education, in the sub
=ject of Kindergarten schools. The masses
of children grow up like Topsy" in "Unc
Tom's Cabin" A Revolution that takes child
ren into training from two years old, & upwards
would, in a generation, or two, make the Un
=ted States the grandest population on earth
They have all the vim, all the inherited arrogan
ance & push & readiness - but their minds
are untrained, and therefore the political
economy, our great natural ^mighty Materials, is
wasted - Every body has to get his person
experience, at the point of the bayonet of
individual suffering - This Kindergarte
system, if universally taught, would revolu
=tionize the world. On the mystery of the
sufferings of the innocent children of the
wicked poor. They have no chance. They are
elected to a life of crime - for, if there is no
moral nutriment around the family fire
side, the street, are the children of the
public streets, to get it? They never breathe
over the gate of such little ones.
Please answer by return mail. Your well
wisher for Time & Eternity May Howard Schoolcraft

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Brig. Gen. O.O. Howard
Portland. Oregon.

315 C Street S East
Capital Hill
Washington
D.C. 1874
Dec 14th

My dear Christian friend.

I wish you would (confidentially) just
=write me, like Thames, and present whereabout,
of your most responsible, and truest friends.
I have an enterprize on hand, to induce them
to purchase, your late residence here, and
present it to your wife, and children, and
also give you an independence, as a right
=eous one armed soldier, whose laborious
enterprizes, deserve the gratitude of the
country, not the blame of the Departments.
I long to have you resign your commission
in the army - come back to Washington,
and devote yourself to the interests of the
education of the Black Race. Your name
is historical, as it was built in connection
with the very first College for the African,
ever raised at the national capital - and
if your friends do not buy it, it will go in
=to the hands of strangers, apart from the
College buildings, and grounds, as I can
=not keep it by any possibility. Mrs Coston
has now the mortgage on it, seems disposed

to be as uncompromising as the Laws, in exacting an eye, for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. She has given me "Notice" that she must have the whole $11.550. the moment it becomes due on the 1st of February.
I did not realize when I bought the property that the "Agreement" required me, to pay four or five months back interest, instead of its being liquidated up to date, of purchase. In consequence, immediately after buying, that is on the first of August 1874, I had to pay Mrs Coston $550. and now have to do it again, so that the whole years rent will be absorbed by the interest even if it were possible to induce her to continue the loan.
I have not had a cent for my own use, since June 1873. My friends in New York have paid my board, for 18 months past.
I have not a single dollar to pay Mrs Coston, and rely solely on your advancing the cash, to meet the interest, according to your promise. The taxes due in advance in November, I have not paid. The most financially miserable people, in the District of Columbia, are the owners of real estate. Not man dares his brains out, here. Last week, on account of the expected foreclose of a mortgage, on his house, that would leave him penniless. The property holders, are ruined unless Congress, gives me cry, a State Government, that will command confidence, and also pays its part of the enormous Taxes.
I found upon examination, large cracks from top & bottom, in the plastering of every room in your house, that gave it such a look of dangerous setting of the walls, that I immediately employed a force of plasterers to point it all up, and Calcemine every room, & passage way, in it. The range, was entirely out of order, & smoked dreadfully. This I had eliminated also. The water Closet, and bath Tub, pipes, also had to be made new, as without it, they could not be used at all. All this work was very expensive, and troublesome, but now the house is good as new. It certainly is the most commanding locality for a Villa, that could be found anywhere. I enclose another circular for you, to forward to some wealthy friend. I find that the ground next to yours, cannot be bought for 50 cents a foot — This makes your lot alone, worth some $30.000. and you told me, the house, stables electra, cost $20.000, to build them This would appraise the property at $50.000. but I am offering it at $40.000. If I can secure this sum, it would relieve me of rent, and enable

Portland Oregon.
Dec. 15th 1874.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Sir

Knowing you to be a friend of Soldiers I presume on your kindness, by stating that my Brother Geo. S. Briggs. was a Soldier from Iowa, in 9th Reg. 1st Division 15th Corps. commencing at Rasaca and ending up at Washington without a scratch or a days sickness. but while there he was taken down with the rheumatism and was discharged in Kentucky a little before the gen. mustering out. and has been an invalid ever since. came to this Coast hoping to gain his health. but is yet under the Drs. Care.

If you know of or could throw any work in his way from the Department it would be gratefully received and faithfully performed

Yours Truly
D. D. Briggs.

N. B.

My Bro. does not know of the liberty I have taken in writing to you. D. D. B.

J. C. Mc KELDEN, *PRESIDENT.* JNO. O. EVANS, *VICE PREST.* H. C. SWAIM W. [illegible] *CASHIER.*

CAPITAL $300,000.

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THE Second National Bank

OF Washington Dec[r] 16[th] 1874

Gen[l] O. O. Howard

D. Sir:

The late Treas. of the Excelsior Chair Co., Judge Battey placed in my hands, as his successor in office, a note of Gen[l]. Ballocks for $1500[00] payable on the 1[st] of November & by you endorsed. This note has not been paid, and upon application to Gen[l] B. he informed me that it was to be paid out of the proceeds of the sale of our Share in the Isherwood Estate, which you had transferred to him to sue for that purpose; that the debt was yours, and not his. Under these circumstances, and as the money is now much needed to meet payments that must be made by the Co., I address you, hoping you will give the matter immediate attention. Please let me hear from you at your very earliest convenience.

Resp[y]

J. C. McKelden

Treas. Ex. Chair Co.

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Warkington Dec. 16th 1874

My Dear General

The Treasurer of the Chair Company called on me yesterday to pay the note of $1500 which I assumed for you, when you went away, and I could not possibly do it. I have tried in every way to make some arrangement to meet it, but without success. I have tried in vain to sell the share in the Ashmead property, and so has Mr Kelly, and I think I had better turn it over to John Cook. Mr Kelly has been sick a great deal, and is also busy as one of the Commissioners of the Sinking fund so he has not had much time to operate in Ashmead. A plan of Sub-division has been gotten up, and I think something will be done in the Spring, so that the shares can be sold. I am having a great deal of trouble with Fleming to collect the last thousand dollar note which gave for the purchase of the house on 7th St. opposite your house, which note I took of you five years ago. He let it go to protest when due Sept 30th and has not paid it yet, but I think he will. He has been delayed in getting

his pay from the British Minister. Semis are very hard no one has any money to pay their just debts with — I have not earned anything since I left the B.B.W. am trying to work the little Savings' Bank up to a living capacity but it goes hard. The class of people who usually deposit in Savings Banks have no money to live on. I suppose you have heard how near Mr Alvord came to being insane. The Seneca Stone quarry was too heavy a nut for him to crack. He has been away from home for several weeks and reports are, that he is better. Your house is not occupied & except by some one to take care of it. —

The meeting of the University Trustees is this P.M. We shall try and elect a President. as it is impossible to get along with Langston. He is altogether too tricky. Mr Atherton of Rutgers College is thought of. We made an arrangement with Langdon & Co to buy in their own paper. and have in this way provided for our debt at the Freedmans Bank. F. H. Smith & Presbry are in Boston now trying to arrange our Church debt. We issued new Bonds in lieu of the old ones. and we hope to succeed in placing them. The Church is pretty well filled this winter and it is pleasant to see the old familiar faces of Frye. Burleigh. Blaine. Poland. and others. — Senator Buckingham is too sick to come out yet. The Post Master General attends our Church. Dr Rankin preaches with his usual acceptability. Congress has not gotten fairly under headway yet. but the sharp points stick out some. The new Department keep poking into our affairs. but dont seem to make much headway. Crosby the Chief Clerk told a friend of ours the other day, that the Secretary was heartily sick of the whole thing. and would drop it if it was not for Vincent. My family are all pretty well. Mother is with us again. I can see that she fails every year, but she is as cheerful as ever. Lee will be at home tomorrow night on his first vacation. He went into the Sophomore Class without trouble. Mr Hoopes folks occupy the Barcan house. so you see we keep our N.E. Element on the hill good. I believe the classes at the University are pretty well filled. Dr Palmer has a very nice Medical Class. I think I have told you about all the news, agreeable and disagreeable. Remember me to Col Batchelder. Shall[illegible] others as well as Mrs H. and the family.

Yours Truly. Geo H. Pallach

Astoria Oregon Dec. 18th 1874.

Brig.t Gen.l Maj.r General O. O. Howard U.S.A.
Portland Oregon.
Dear General.

The same night of our arrival here we made arrangements for a Tug early the next morning. (Yesterday) On arrival at the Cape we found that the prisoner was still "unable to travel." Knowing your earnest desire for the immediate execution of the order in his case we at first determined to take him and the chances, but as his disease has more or less effected his heart & upon the repeated opinion (which we have requested in writing) of Surgeon Brook that the prisoner was not fit to travel, of course, there was but the one thing to do leave him. But with the Doctor there seems to be no question as to his being able to go by the next Steamer, in all human probability. So long as we have twice engaged passage by Steamer, and as Mrs. G— will come on the Br[illegible]mmo the Col. decides to go on to San-

P.S.

Col. Green decides not to go with Mrs. G— but will wait here with me at least for the present.

Respectfully M.A.W.

P.S. No-2-

Dont let the Y.M.C.A go into Sunday night meetings yet. M.A.W.

Francisco, & wait arrival of next steamer. As for my self I would much prefer to be pounded with a club, than show my face again in Portland until Eggleston is buried in land, sea, or the Albany Penitentiary (or pardoned) and so have determined to put in the time between steamers at Astoria Studying & Disappointment, unless you order otherwise. Major Smith can, under your present instructions, furnish me sufficient guard & help, to secure Eggleston on the Steamer at Astoria & Col. Greene will not fail to meet, or have me properly met, at San Francisco.

Col. Green says, "that unless he believed fully that You would favor his going on with his wife he would not think of leaving" & I have said to him that I did not think, all things considered, You would disfavor it. Have erased my name & that of the prisoners from transportation order from Astoria to San Francisco & will give it to Col. Green. May I ask You to have new order made for self & Eggleston from Astoria to S.F. & let it come by mail here.

If I could come to Portland & hide away from chatter, & the dear workers in Portland, for the next ten days how gladly would I do so. But I cant hide, & I ought not now to work. I shall write Mrs. Wilkinson, to shut up shop, & come down here for a week or so & bring the Children. It would do them all so much good. & Mrs. W— absolutely requires a change of some sort. Cant You order her here? Trusting that in our plans concerning this unavoidable delay we have been a help & rather than a hinderance to what would have been Your actions. I am Respectfully Your Obedt Servt M. A. Wilkinson, A.D.C.

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UNTIL 1876.

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Dec. 18th, 1874

Gen. O. O. Howard,-
Headquarters Dep't Columbia,
Portland, Oregon,-

Dear Sir:

I am very happy to learn through your favor of 12th inst., which was duly received, that you have consented to visit our city and deliver a lecture before its people. We shall hope for the lecture to our Sabbath School from you while here, if consistent with your convenience.

I am very respectfully, yours,
L. L. Rowland,
Pastor Christian Church

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of my hemorrhage have measurably passed away, leaving me however with not quite so much strength to travel over our hills, and compelling me to take cod liver oil daily. My younger boy, very sick when you left, has entirely recovered. But as we get better, my mother attended by my sister, comes to me to die. Now nearly seventy years of age she is suffering either with cancer or ulceration of the stomach, and entirely broken down by forty years of hard labor in raising a large family. But your burdens are great enough to bear without troubling you with the sad, sad life that has attended me almost from my youth.

With best wishes for your health and prosperity

I am sincerely yours

Jno. H. Cook

To

Brig Genl O.O. Howard U.S.A.

Portland Oregon

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JAN 2 1875

Washington D.C. 1311½ Penn Ave.

December 18th 1874

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Dear General:

Yours of Nov 28th and 30th are at hand and contents noted. With regard to the Fleming note, I am informed by General Ballock that it is one of three notes given you by Mr. Fleming for purchase money of a house on 7th St nearly opposite your late residence, which notes drawn to your order were endorsed by you and sold to Genl Ballock. This particular note was given by Genl B. to the Church in payment of subscription or otherwise. The officers of the church endorsed it to Mr T. T. Stewart. Mr Fleming promised me that he would give immediate attention to the note, but it is said that he is unable just now to meet his obligations. It is not your duty to pay this note.

In a previous letter I gave you amount, date, etc of 2nd National note Undoubtedly my letter has reached you ere this.

The tax claimed by Mr Presbrey for the year ending June 30th 74 is $199.00. Your contract for sale of the property was made on the 26th of June '73. It was therein agreed that all taxes then due or assessed upon the respective properties, were to be paid by the purchasers.

That agreement would compel you to pay the tax on the Buffalo property for the year beginning July 1st 1873; and of course Mr Presbrey should pay the tax on the Meridian Hill land for the same time. Immediately upon the making of the agreement the land in law changed hands. In my opinion it would be very unfair to make you pay that tax for the year ending June 30th 74. Mr Presbrey claims that he, while in Buffalo, paid the tax (very small amount) on your land for that time, but he was not asked to do so and was not obligated so to do, and I have expressed a willingness to refund the amount so paid. It is my impression that I have already done so.

I earnestly hope Col. Dyer will be able to secure aid for you. The "M" street house is still on my hands, but I let no day pass without making effort to dispose of it.

You need have no fear, in my opinion, that the Attorney Genl will proceed against you to recover money due from Genl B. My instincts lead me to believe that the administration will hardly endeavor further to distinguish (?) itself by additional efforts in persecuting you.

Mr Alvord is said to be much better. He left the city for a water-cure establishment in New Jersey. He is now in Brooklyn, I learn, with his relatives. Loss of position, reflections on account of the condition of the Bank and fear of loss resulting from connection with recent commercial transactions, were the causes of temporary excitement and uneasiness which his family feared would result in insanity.

Bishop Brown on leaving for Texas a few days past, notified me that the sum of $200, paid you on his note, long before you left here, was not credited on his note at the Bank. Of course the money must be paid into the bank before the Commrs will give him credit for it.

Today I gave Mr Pratt Check for $142.20 premium on life insurance in National Life for semiannual payment due Dec 19th 1874. Tomorrow I pay $570 interest on $10,000 loan on M street house, which payments will about relieve me of funds. Mr Pratt informed me that he had heard from you, and came up to say an encouraging word. Of course I shall not be discouraged until utter failure overtakes me in my effort to bring you out straight.

I am glad to inform you that the effects