Salem, Oregon, Dec. 30, 1874.

Genl O. P. Howard, R. H. A.,
Comity Dept, 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 the city. Capt. Williams will be happy to meet you at the Salem Depot, conduct you to your residence, and entertain you while here.

Most respectfully yours,

L. L. Bowland
Pastor Christian Ch.
For the love of Christ constraineth us.—II. Cor., v. 14.

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Young Men's Christian Association,

148 Madison Street, Chicago.

Pontiac, Ill., Dec. 2, 1874.

Dear Stewart,

Beloved Bro.,

C. C. Boye, John, Oregon,

Dea. wife, has been for some years a husband. 

husband, from one of the nobler of women, 

in every sense symmetrical, common sense. 

I Christian, I like a woman (marvellous 

is it not) loves him to-day. I judge 

would welcome him back.

She has had some 

very unsatisfactory correspondence with him. I 

told her, few Christian hearts would take 

pleasure in looking out for him. Of course, 

She wants it toquirkies answered that 

a Christian would not personally ask her 

know well what the love. I think you 

better direct your reply to him to me likewise 

She is thinking to move soon, where 

She is now living, most likely, 7.


John B. Brinley
P.S. We were keenly disappointed not seeing you at our first State Convention at Aurora. We confidently expect you to know that you were in Chicago, we feel it much. You have my fullest sympathy in the trial, through which you have passed the last few years.

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

Enclosed, explain itself. Your has signally cured the effect. Under God we hope to show an annual in one northern State before the Spring of 1877 have you clear. Dear Brother can you not be tools instrument of many, The Pacific Coast in this direction. Please look to the future. The Military Command was important but the Christian Command was as you or anyone has most abundantly witnessed. Such form [illegible].
Washington, D.C.
Dec 8th 1874

Dear Sir,

At the recent trial of the Safe Burglary case in St. Louis, several telegrams were sent to the evidence by the Government, in which reference is made to a person called "H." Sheriff of the Secret Service Division, who said that this "H" was you, and...
as you will see by looking at the telegrams on No. 53, 54 of my arguments that I send you herewith, you must have given him directions about sending them. The counsel for the government, as you will see attached his explanation and I think W. Bamfield’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, remain, Sir, your very obedient servant

J. H. Hill
Major General Howard

P.S.
Salem, Oregon Dec 4th 1874
Ben O.P. Howard.

Dear Sir,

Since returning home I have conversed with several prominent Oldfellows upon the subject of your lecturing here for the benefit of the U.E. Church, and I have not found anyone 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. Mr. Gates who wrote to you for the Oldfellows spoke of two lectures one for the Oldfellows and one for the Church, but he
says that if you do not like to do so, that there will not be the slightest objection to you 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 vast in debt, and is not able to pay the debts and finish the Church without help. The Oddfellows 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.

Your truly, John H. Rock, Agent
Hall of Multnomah Lodge No. 12, 3 Oct.
Portland Dec 3, 1874

Gent: O.O. Howard

Dear General,

At a regular meeting of this Lodge held on the above date it 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 obedient servant,

James Cumming
W. Sec. (for time)

P.S. an answer is requested.
GEO. W. DYER,
Attorney and Counsellor at Law,
FEDERAL BUILDINGS.
SEVENTH AND F STREETS.
WASHINGTON, D.C. Dec. 5th, 1874.

[note: the rest of the letter is not legible]

[Signature]
Geo. W. Dyer.
Engineer Office.
Portland, Oregon.
December 5th 1874.

My dear General!

Will you be so kind as to read the enclosed papers of the Rev. Mr. *Name* in relation to the matter concerning which Mr. *Name* spoke to you a few evenings ago?

Please return them to me after perusal.

Yours very truly,

Mr. *Name*

General C. G. Howard
Commander, Department of the Columbia.
Office of District Deputy Grand Master:

For District No.

Under the Jurisdiction of

R. W. Grand Lodge of Oregon.

Salem, Oreg., Dec. 7, 1874.

Dear Sir,

Rev. Mr. Reed,

Agent of the Methodist Church building, Salem, think 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 under certain circumstances no objection to your lecturing for the M.E. Church, although you may deem it inconvenient. With duty to leave Portland to lecture for the benefit of their Library, they would be glad, however, if you could help two evenings in Salem, giving one lecture for the Church and one for the Library.

If 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,

[Signature]

Post Office Librarian.
Portland, December 8th, 1874

General O.O. Howard

Dear Sir,

A Committee from "Peerless" Lodge No. 215, I.O.O.F. 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 Year's Eve, Dec 31st.

Knowing you to be a friend to the cause of Temperence, we would most respectfully solicit your name for that occasion; as it would be the means of rendering us a great assistance. sagen that this may meet with your approval, I am most respectfully yours,

Chas. W. Wheeler
Proloc. of Chairman

P.S. Please answer before Thursday evening next.
JOHN H. COOK,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
No. 1511½ Pennsylvania Avenue.

Washington, D. C., Dec 8th, 1876

Dear General:

There is considerable gossip here in a quiet way about certain moneys said to belong to a "Robe House Colour," 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.

Know of 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 pleased me very much to hear from you in regard to it for your protection and for the satisfaction of those who are friendly towards you. I shall be glad to make use of...

University matters seem to be in good condition. Within a few days, arrangements have been made to sell to Langdon & Waterman 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. Daughlin is increasing. The Medical Faculty will oppose him in a body.

Dr. Prestrey 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,

[Signature]

July 4, 1873
Dear General:

Please find enclosed statement for the month of November.

I have paid all interest due on the 5th street houses except the rate held by Mr. Heth, I am ready with money to pay that and the interest which comes due on the 2nd cost on the JF 5th Avenue. As I informed you, I have been compelled to have the JF houses turned 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 tine, I did not hesitate to adopt the tine as cheapest. The work is not quite completed. The taxes still due on your property amount not less than $700. There unforeseen expenses on the JF 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
Portland, Oregon
Dear General,

This is truly the old soldier of whom I spoke.

I trust you have found something, for the poor fellow's necessities and seasons the great.

Sincerely yours,

Callie B. Stickler.

Tuesday 9th.
My most esteemed Christian Brother.

I thought you, friends in utter pecuniary disaster, in the peace of God, was not always "a river of milk and honey." "Whoso eateth me shall live for evermore; shall not the repentant soul, shall not the merciful" be rewarded. For I will be with thee, they trouble to thee, and sympathy to thee, they diligent distress. None experienced every possible forebearance, father, mother, sisters, brothers, invaluable friends, and an added thousands, all hidden from me, in the grave, and one of my adopted children, bereft me, while attending his inheritance, at a time, just as we had decided at a most promising manhood. Since been colemiah—

yet all they else, unappreciated, even by friends, when those had the wellness in one heart from youth, to age, of one intense longing, to be a moral image, to the shining sufferings, extenuate other sufferings, humanize me, especially to the children of the afflicted poor. Yet, in our religious devotion, first can be found around us family fireside, these little
orders, second residuary to come, and all
the soil destroying concluded.—for, "the
sins of the parents shall be visited upon
the children, to the third and fourth generation." Is
what a sinful community increases.

Note: in old age, beggary thoons one in the
fate, for all their property is mortgaged.
The notes matured, and from expiration
octroo was a forced auction sale, that during
this year, increased conjugation. Miss Coston,
who under the $11,000 mortgage, on your late
Elizabethan place, was notified one, that she
will foreclose the mortgage on the first
of December, 1875, little over a month from
next.

Dear General, you promised to pay
the rent in advance. Will you not send it
to me, at once, as you have notified Miss Coston,
to continue the farm, I understand that the
$550. interest, right aright. Foreclose a circular
that I have had printed, to try to sell efficacy
from place, at private sale. You told me, that
the buildings cost $20000. The land cannot
now be bought at 50 cents a foot—this would
valute the property at $50000. But I will
pledge this $4000. Some literally bankrupt.
If I cannot sell all the mortgaged property
from. Love to your most dutiful and loving children
from your praying friend, Mr. Vi. Schockert.
Share my regards to Jane, and kiss my love to Cornie and kiss sweet little Becca and Jamie. Oyes, Jamie, you have my love still trusting that he will come up to full manhood and be a good and useful man, a blessing to many, and an honor to himself. Dear Champ give him my love, I hope he will never lose his will doing. Love to Johnny, tell him Grandma still keeps his drawings, I don't know whether he intended them for me or not but I can keep them, and Harry give him my love, he can handle them and that his only Grandma is seventy years old, but Grandma has a great interest in him, a strong desire for his welfare.
attending to some bankrupt business, I think his health must have improved, and family are at Charles' and somehow, but since he has been here he has cut no supper and his dinners are at one. I don't complain of ill health. His family are healthy. Generally, we had a letter from RKB last Saturday, that he said Wellman and Frankie would be here Tuesday and remain until Friday. Delia 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 had had much to trip him the few months past, but had a good time after confinement, and he had a hard time with back, and about ten days since Arthur Bay got sick blood not a small quantity, but quite an effusion, I think him a fine Christian character, Mr. Foster and his sympathies are very strong. My sympathy are very strong, too, for Charles, I fear he is making like 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 Marine Bay with 3d Marine Regiment, it 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 RKB sent guys that he wrote him, I am much grateful 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
The Union League Club of New York, request the honor of Major General Howard's company at the reception of the Honorable Wm. E. Forster, of England, on Monday evening, December 11th, 1871, at eight o'clock.

E. D. Morgan.
Noah Davis. Committee on Invitations.
Samuel S. Ward.
Joseph H. Cheate.
Eliot D. Goard.

The favor of an answer is requested.
Reception Committee:

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

Salem H. Wales.
L. P. Merton.
Howard Potter.
John L. H. Cook.
George C. Mason.
Hamilton Fish, Jr.
Elliot C. Cowdin.
LeGrand P. Cannon.
H. W. Bellows.
William F. Bledgett.
Daniel F. Appleton.
J. P. De Puy, Morgan.
Samuel G. Ward.
James Emmett.
Lucius F. Tuckerman.
I wish you would (preferentially) join me in sending a few words to those who are not well aware of the vast improvements and wonderful changes that have taken place in the educational system of the United States since you first visited this country. In those years, our educational institutions were far inferior to those of the present. The colleges were not as well endowed, and the schools were not as well supported. However, the people were more aware of the importance of education and were more willing to invest in it. Today, education is considered a fundamental right, and the government provides financial support to ensure that everyone has access to education. I hope that you will take this opportunity to share your thoughts on the current state of education and to encourage your friends and family to support it. 

Your dear Christian friend,

[Signature]

[Address]

[Date]
To be as tenderly disposed as The Lord, in exercising my call, for my call, may be a source for a comfort. The Lord has given me power; that she could have the whole #11,550. The moment it became clear on the 1st of February.

I did not realize when I sought the property that the appearance required me to take some of the facilities back. Indeed, the men left on the 1st of February.

In consequence, immediately after leaving, that is on the 9th of August, 1878, I made to visit

New York #550. I gave no time to do it again, so that the whole year's rent will be

deemed to have been continued and paid.

I have not had a cent for very many weeks, since June 1873. My friends in New York have

given me 500,000 for 18 months past.

I have not had a single dollar to pay my expenses, and I am still under the necessity of

the rent to meet the demands according to your promise. The terms of the Havana, is

price not paid. The whole amount might be

the whole people, in the District of Avon;

the amount of real estate. The man

left his letters one week last week, on

account of its complicated nature, #2

and wrote, that would leave

him utterly. The property

worth, was, under

the circumstances, and the consideration and

worth, that we had come to understand, and it

also gave us back of the erroneous ideas.

I found upon examination, large sums been

buttoned, on the plumb line of lovely

the house, that gave it value. A look of

wonder behold the entire story told.

is another portion of plasterers

to paint it all up, and has came some corner

every room, a passage was, in it. The change was

everything, and with 400,000, so that

these #3 had determined also. The whole

cost, and to 500,000, she had to be

very good as well. Fortunately is the

best charged with locating for a Chili,

that could be found anywhere. Remember

and these Electric for the, to proceed to some

and you may then. (Find that the ground

which is yours, cannot be bought for $50,000

a foot — this cost about 500,000, now $30,000. And use this #3.

Electric, cost $24,000. To build this, this would

cost $5,000. This might

repurchase the property at $5,000. But I

offering it at $14,000. If you would take

own, it would relieve me of hurt, and enable
Portland, Oregon  
Dec. 15 # 1874

Gen. O. O. Howard, Sir

Knowing you to be a friend of Soldiers I became an agreeable kindred by stating that my Brother Geo. J. Briggs, was a Soldier from Iowa, in 9th Regt. 1st Division 15th Corps, commencing at Kacea and ending up at Washington without a scratch as a dying sickness, but while while there he was taken down with the rheumatism and was discharged in Kentucky a little before the gen. meeting out and has since written on invalid ever since came to this east hoping to gain his health but is yet under the Drs. care. If you know of us could throw any weight in his way from the department it would be gratefully received and faithfully appreciated.

Yours Truly
D. D. Briggs.

N. B. My Bro. does not know of the Liberty future in writing to you. D.D.B.
Second National Bank
of Washington Dec 16th 1874

Genl O. O. Howard

Mr. Sir:

The late E. O. B. of the Executive Chair Co., left me at my hands, as his successor in office, a note of hand, $1500 dollars payable on the first of November, as you endorsed. This note has not been paid, and upon application to said 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 settle 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.

Respectfully,

J. C. McKeldin
Pres. 2d. Chair Co.
Washington Dec 16th 1874

My Dear General

The treasurer of the Chen Company called on me yesterday to pay the note of 1873 to which I appended your name, 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 Newbern property, once so dear to Kelly, and think I had better turn it over to John Coakley. Mr. Kelly has been told a grave deal, and is also busy as one of the commissioners of the debtors' papers. He was not here much time to go up to Newbern. A plan of debtors' papers has been gotten up, and I think something will be done in the spring, so that the share can be sold. I am having a great deal of trouble with Tommy to Allentown. The last Thursday the land was to have been sold, which gave for the purchase of the house on 7th St. opposite your house. Which note I told of you five years ago. He let it go, to protest when due, Sept 24th, and you have not paid it yet, but I think he will. He has been delayed in getting
his pay from the British Ministry. None are very hard, no one has any money to pay their debt with. I have not learned anything serious. Left the B.P.W. Am trying to reach the Little London. It will help us in a living capacity but it goes hard. The class of people to whom deputation in London is given no money but on it suffices. You know how many. Our home is being made. The London stone quarry was to have a nut for him to crack. He has been away from home for several weeks. Reports are that he is better. Your home is not occupied except by some one to take care of it. The meeting of the University Societies is this P.M. We shall try and elect a President, as it is now possible to get along with Langston. He is altitude to today. Mr. Alston of Rutgers College is thought of. He made an arrangement with Langston to buy in their new paper and have in the paper for us. Dr. Proctor and Mr. Smith are in Boston now buying to change our Church debt. They promise more money in lieu of the old one, and we hope to succeed in placing them. Our Church is pretty well filled this week, and it is pleasant to see the old familiar faces of Dr. Preble, A. C. A. G., and the rest. Mr. Butcher and the rest. The meeting of the University Societies is this P.M. We shall try and elect a President, as it is now possible to get along with Langston. He is altitude to today. Mr. Alston of Rutgers College is thought of. He made an arrangement with Langston to buy in their new paper and have in the paper for us. Dr. Proctor and Mr. Smith are in Boston now buying to change our Church debt. They promise more money in lieu of the old one, and we hope to succeed in placing them. Our Church is pretty well filled this week, and it is pleasant to see the old familiar faces of Dr. Preble, A. C. A. G., and the rest. Mr. Butcher and the rest.

Yours truly, W. H. Proctor.
Altair Oregon, Dec. 18th, 1874.

Capt. H. M. Terrell, U. S. N.
Portland, Oregon.

Dear General,

The same night of our arrival here we made arrangements for a flag 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 sheriff, but as his disease has more or less affected his heart & upon the repeated opinion (which we have requested be written) of Surgeon Brode, that the prisoner was not fit to travel, of course, there was but the one thing to do, that is, to keep him here. But with the doctors there seems to be no question as to his being able to go by the next steamer. In all human probability, as long as we have twice engaged passage by steamer and as Mr. G. will come on the 'B. P. J.'s' the Col. decides to go on to Lin-
P.S.

Cal. green decide not to go with
Mrs. D., but will wait here until
we at least for the present.

Respectfully,

P.S.

1. Do let the Y.M.C.A. go into
sunday night meetings yet.

Mom.

Francisco wait arrivals of next steamer. As for myself
I much prefer to be found with a club, than have
my face again in Portland until connection is
arrived at land, sea, or Albany. Anticipate (so far done)
and so have determined to go on the next Southern steamer
at Astoria. Stevens' Disappointment, unless one order
otherwise. Major Smith case, under your present
instruction, furnish me sufficient, guard & help, to ensure
arriving on the steamer at Astoria. I will not
fail to meet, or have me properly met at San Francisco.

Cal. Green says, that unless he believes 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 crossed
my name & that of the petitioner from transportation order from Astoria to
San Francisco. I will give it to Col. Green. I ask you to have my order made
for ALL TO REACH FROM AUBURN TO SEATTLE & 1st come by mail here.

If I could come to Portland & kid away from that, the door would in
Boatland for the next ten days, as gladly would I do, but I can't hide & I
ought not now to work. I shall write Mrs. Robbins to that effect, &
come down here for a week or so to bring the children. I would do them all
as much good, & Mrs. Robbins requiring a change of some sort.

Something that in our plans considering this
Can't have order now. Same 7th or 8th day you have a half, but the next a
decision in what must have been your writing. I assure them it is in Robbins.

Mom.
Dec. 15th, 1874

Gen. O.O. Howard
Headquarters Dept. 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,

O.O. Howard,
Pastor Christian Church.
of my remonstrances have reasonably raised away leaving me however with not quite so much strength to travel over our hills, and compelling me to take cold lemon 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 vie to die. Now nearly twenty 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 kindness and care enough to bear without troubling you with the sad sad rage that has attended me almost from my youth.

With warm wishes for your health and prosperity,
Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Bryce Curl 00, N. W. M.,
Portland Oregon

Washington, D.C., 1871, Room A
December 18th, 1871

Dear General:

Yours of Nov. 25th and 30th are at hand and content noted.

With regard to Mr. Fleming note, I am informed by General Balch that it was one of three notes given you by Mr. Fleming for purchase of a house, one of it nearly opposite your late residence, which notes drawn to your order were endorsed by you and sold to Mr. Balch.

This particular note was given by Mr. T. to the Church in payment of subscription or otherwise. The officers of the Church endorsed it to Mr. P. J. Schuyler. Mr. Fleming promised me that he would give immediate attention to the note, but it is said that he is unable and now to meet his obligations. It is not your duty to pay this note.

In a previous letter I gave you account, date, etc. of 2nd Revenue note.

Undoubtedly my letter has reached you one this.

The note claimed by Mr. Priestley for the year ending June 30th, 74 is $995. Your contract for sale of the property was made on the 26th of June 73. It was agreed that all taxes then due or assessed upon the respective properties, were to be paid by the purchaser.
That agreement would compel you to pay the tax on the Buffalo property for the year beginning July 1st, 1873; and of course Mr. Breckley should pay the tax on the Meridian Hill farm for the same time. Immediately upon the making of the agreement, he had in law charged hands. In my opinion it would be very unfair to make you pay that tax for the year ending June 30th, 1874. Mr. Breckley claims (negligent account)

hat he, while in Buffalo, paid the tax on your land for that time, but he was not asked to do so and was not obligated to do so. I have expressed a willingness to refund the amount so paid. It is my impression that I have already done so.

I sincerely hope Bob Ryan 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 must have no fear, in my opinion, that the Attorney General will proceed against you to recover money due from April 13. My inferences lead me to believe that the administration will make endeavor further to distinguish (?) itself by additional efforts in protecting you.

Mr. Bland is said to be much better. He left the city for a water-cure establishment in New Jersey. He is now in Brooklyn, I believe, 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 discouragement.

Bishop Brown on leaving for Texas a few days past, informed me that $200, paid you on his note, was 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 Commissary will give him credit for it.

Today I drew Mr. Patte's check for $125.00, premium on life insurance in National life for remainder, payment due December 19th, 1874. Tomorrow I pay $200 interest on $1,000 loan on "M" street house, which payment will amount to 15 per cent of funds. Mr. Patte informed me that he had heard from you, and came up to say an encouraging word. Of course I shall not be discouraged until after failure overtakes me in my efforts to bring you out straight.

I am glad to inform you that they effect