Rock Island Ills Jan. 1. 1875
U. S. Engineer Office

Brigadier General O. O. Howard
U. S. Army

Dear General!

Allow me to present my sincerest congratulations at the event of the New Year to you.
I hope and wish the year 1875 will be a happy one for you.

I remain as ever
your thankful
E. F. Hoffmann
late Major and add. A. D. C.

Ans Jan 20

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Northern Pacific Railroad Company

PACIFIC DIVISION.

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Office of General Superintendent,

Kalama, Washington Territory, Jany 1st 1875

Dear Friend

Please accept the inclosed Pass for current year with best wishes that you and yours may enjoy a happy New Year, from

Your Friend

D. W. Sprague

Major Genl O. O. Howard
Portland Or.

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614 E St. S.E.

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Washington D.C.
January 1st 1875

My dear General Howard:

With all my heart I wish you and your good family a happy new year. - I have to day made many calls, and many times regretted you were not here.

But I can at least send you my greeting if I cannot give it you face to face. - I am happy to inform you that I hope to be confirmed by the Senate next week as Agent for the Poncas and expect to leave here for that Agency about the time you get this; and if possible I will inform you by letter of the actual starting when I make it.

If I could see you and enjoy a general talk with you I could perhaps touch upon many points in regard to the matter which it would be unwise to trouble you with in a letter but I know you can give me some general comments that may be applicable to all cases.

I appreciate the kind concern you feel for my welfare and value it very highly. I do sincerely hope that I may again be near you to enjoy the pleasure and advantage of your practical christianity and brotherly love.

With sincere regards to Mrs Howard and your whole family domestic & military. I am as ever

Faithfully Yours

A. D. Carrier

For your tender recollection of me & mine morning & evening I can say nothing but my heart is full - and looks upward for an answer for all from Him to you Amen

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I think I have never undertaken a work in which I felt a deeper interest, but have many misgivings to my ability to meet the many requirements of the situation. - To be abused as I fear I shall be for doing my duty will not be pleasant, but to be thwarted in that purpose by the blunderings or purposes of those in whom I seek to trust as helps will be far harder to bear. - I fear one of my cardinal weaknesses is a natural impatience of such things in any one, but when ones honor & reputation is at stake, and perhaps in the hands of those but little really known as well worthy the trust, what danger may I not even now be standing in. - If I am not mistaken West Point Officers seem to have a peculiar adaptability for coping with such tasks and such material - It occurs to me I cannot do better than to ask you to favor me with some general or specific advice as to how best to discharge my duty and govern myself in the relation I am about to assume.

As I said before I will let you know just when I start, and will take it as a precious favor if you will give me the benefit of your very extensive knowledge on this subject.

P.S. Johns family have moved to Leurto their eldest of the little girls has been very sick but is some better they have never been to see me since I came home & dont know how they are getting along

Lovee

present, Rowland sent him a nice cap through the Mail for this winter. it happened to be just what he needed. Rowland sent me a thanksgiving present, how very good you all are to me. I can never repay you but may the Lord reward you ten fold I am getting along nicely. I have sold 20 trees. for $30.00 and some wood for $15.00 I have 2 boarders. the Teacher I get $2.00 a week a young man comes Monday noon and leaves Friday noon $1.50 a week for ten weeks. I have got up 9 cord of wood I dont keep but one fire I have my cook stove in the setting room. I keep my horse yet I did not have a chance to sell it this fall, I think now I shall try to carry on my place myself another year. it dont pay to carry it on to the halves. how I should like to step in and have a good social chat with you and Lessie and those darling children I wish Guy and Grace would visit me another Jan

P.S. Ward Howard has got a little girl they have been married 16 years. you have heard that Lucy lost her husband Ezra Ramsdell died this last fall I wish you all a happy New year

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Leeds Jan 2. 1875

Dear Cousin Otis and Lissie

I received your kind letter yesterday, with mine and Emmie New years present. we had just returned from a New years dinner party, giving for Payson Fogg who was married Christmas a few days ago I received a letter from Rowland with a Christmas present from your Mother of $5.00 truly the Lord is good to me I have been blest. when I wrote in Emmie letter every thing looked so dark. I could not see how I was going to get along. I got in a very unhappy frame of mind; I felt as though I was all alone with no one to speak and tell my troubles to Oh what reason I have to bless the Lord that he has brought me out of that unhappy state of mind. I feel now to

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put my whole trust in him, for I know he will give me just such things as is for my best good. I never had but little care, it comes very hard to have so much and have all my dearest Friends so far away, then the past year there has been so many deaths in Leeds among my friends, in the Lothrop family there has been 5 deaths the two old folks Solomon Mary F Lothrop and Jerry Lothrop he was brought from New York and buried here. 2 in Judsons Lane family Ada their eldest Daughter a beautiful girl and Ollie their youngest son, was taken at noon and before 12 at night died thought he got a kernal of corn in his throat. then in a week, Kate Melvin Berry wife was taken, she had a cancer but it was different from his first wife, it is a common remark that we never knew of so many deaths as there has been in Leeds the past two years, we have lost some of our most active members our church has been without a pastor since last Spring. the past few Sabbaths we have had young men from Bates college to preach to us, we kept up the Sabbath school, the Universalist have preaching half the time and have got a nice singing school this winter. they are doing all they can to draw the young folks in. there is lately moved into the place a Mr Knight who bought out Mr Cranmer, he is a Congregationalist, a very good man. he is our Sabbath school Teacher. has preached sometimes. he attends our conference and is all engaged in the cause Oh may he be the means of doing much good in this place. is my prayer, I wrote to Rowland a few days ago, that I had not had a letter from you and Lessie since Chauncy went back, I am so glad you have written for I am asked so often what do you hear from Otis. Annie got one from Johnny this week. he is very much pleased with his jack straws it is a very nice

God's pardon of all our offences, yet we sit up like a cabbage leaf about the condemnations of society. What mean cowardice. If I feel the witness within my soul, that God, has blotted out all my iniquities, and loves me freely; why oh why, should I be cast down by man's fallibus judgement. Yet King David cried out "Reproach hath broken my heart." I trust my dear brother, that you, who have suffered so much from calumnious tongues, will find the peace of God passing all human understanding in your soul.

I was at Gen Wallacey's early on Christmas, morning. There, I saw your daughter, looking as blooming as a rich, ripe peach. She went out in the phaeton, with Commissioner Smith's daughter, and her two beautiful ponies. The day was magnificently bright, & cold; so I suppose she hugely enjoyed the ride.

Again I beg that you will, by return mail relieve my aching care, about the interest money for mrs Coston. Your enemies here are now very quiet — God grant that you may come back in triumph among us.

Mary Howard Schoolcraft

Major Gen. O. O. Howard.
Portland
Oregon

315. C. Street S.E.
Capital Hill
Washington
D.C.

My entirely esteemed Christian friend. 1875 Jan. 2nd

I have written three times to you, in alarm about the maturing of the note, held by Mrs Coston, on the property, I purchased from you. But I have received no answer, from you. Let me entreat, that by return mail, you will forward an answer, to relieve my consuming anxiety. Mrs Coston, is the most formidable creditor I have ever had. There is no possibility of my inducing her to extend the loan, unless I pay the interest, instanter. and I have nothing to do it with, except your kind promise "to pay the rent of Howard House, in advance." Tell you not my true hearted friend, send me, or order your agent Mr Cook, to give me, a check for the $550, due Mrs Coston, for interest. I have enterprised day, & night, to rent out your old home, or to sell it to your sympathizing friends. But all my labor of love, generally washing five weeks a day, & all my pleas for relief for

for you, and for myself, about this this rent; all my work with the pen at night, seem fruitless of result, and the auctioneer, under the orders of Mrs Coston, will confiscate Effingham Place, to pay the $11.550, that her, matured note, demands, and I shall be bereaved; for this is all the property, I own, to sustain me in age that makes its advances fast, every hour, in my wearied times. The most financially miserable people in Washington, are the owners of real estate., for the taxes, amount to confiscation in many properties — even the most elegant houses, are unrented for 12 months past, hanging them as elephant on the hands of their owners. I have a splendid house and large grounds, rented, this winter, for $1200 — to a boarding house keeper. As I had long felt an interest about this property, I went to the Tax collectors office and found it taxed, $1500. for this year. The city is ruined unless Congress assumes its share of our debt. Every body is trying to sell their real estate. — Under the hammer of the auctioneer, houses, have no bidders, and so the mortgagee, buys them, in, at his own price, merely to cover the money he has loaned on them. A poor man, whose house was mortgaged, for $4000. blew his brains out with a pistol, when he found out a few weeks since, that it would not bring that much at the forced sale, though it cost him perhaps four times as much. I never saw such times. All the money is in the hands of a few, very few in this land. and they will not lend it, any longer on real estate. Labor, & capital, are both locked up. A hundred, & fifty thousand in New York, go about seeking for work, and cannot find it. These hungry men will become dangerous. But there seems no financial wisdom in Congress, to germinate a remedy. On the waiting of poor women in the Departments here, the night after Christmas, when they were notified by the hundred, that "their services were no longer needed." The Rev Mr Coombs, who has been one of our most faithful clergymen, for 15 years, was caught stealing books, out of a bookstore, and last sunday he cut his throat, and killed himself. Is it not surprising this fear this mortal dread of the evil opinion that our fellow men have of us? Faith, assures, of

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Occidental Hotel.

San Francisco, Jany 5 1875

Dear General:

We arrived last night but could not get tickets until to day we leave on the early morning train.

Doctor Tanner is here, will not return to his Arizona Indians, cant under Gen. Crook. Dudley is also here on a new commission to consolidate Indians in Arizona look out for lively times. Dudley has shown me the instructions under which he is to act. They are in the face of Gen. Crooks recommendations & require immediate action

I can not see how [illegible] work.
line & carry them out.

Mr. Hooper left card but I have missed him.

I fear that Hooper Dudley & Co. are working to have you transferred to Arizona. Dudley says they are talking it in Washington. Mrs. Crook has gone there to manage as they say.

Dudley also says that Gen. ~~Meigs~~ Meigs said the other day that it had cost the Country over seven Millions to make Crook a Brig. Gen.

Am writing in great haste at 11 P.M. and car must be off at 5 A.M. Col. Green is hurrying me. Will keep you fully posted in route & at Washington.

Col. Green keeps his head

Respectfully & most truly yours

M. C. Wilkinson

Our home circle has been enlarged by the return of George for his vacation & by a pleasant visit from your Grace. They both left us this morning for their Colleges. Grace is developing into a fine woman & it will be a great pity to stop her education now. If she could go right on through the course at Vassar it would be the making of her, & I hope you can see your way to keep her there. Mr. S— & Bertie & Mrs. Cook are well; and we are all my family. & Mr. Alvord is home again & much better.

We have been looking for Capt. Wilkinson — but he does not come — I am sorry your minister Mr. Eaton did not take a wife back with him, and we cannot understand it. Miss Pratt is a friend of ours & a very charming

Jan. 6, 1875

Dear General

Your letter received a few days ago was very welcome; and the children enjoyed Harry's & Johnnie's letters very much. All in all you seem to be well contented on the other shore — of the Continent. I should not be sorry to be ordered across for a year or two either to Oregon or California. As Che, said a few days ago when he was here, "too many things in W— are disappointing" after all the labor & sacri-

and accomplishing my Lady. She write us a great many cheerful letters & we feel sure you are doing all in your power to make us happy. We wish you could see the children when they come home from school & read your letters aloud to them. Yours truly

O. Howard

fice they have Cort. University
Affairs I know nothing about
except from rumor — which says
that the question of the Presidency
is now the exciting topic — so
exciting that the Acting President
tendered his resignation of all his
offices in the U., & threatened a
suit for some 7 or 8 thousand
dollars for extra services —
which offer the Board were not
wise enough to accept at once.
Our church affairs remain as when
you left, the house not so well
filled as last winter, and the
people all feeling poor, though
so far as I know they are no
worse off than formerly. Dr R —
has grieved better than ever before
and is trying hard to do good. Our
Concert Course is now under way
with Mr. Pierson as Pilot — but
it will not help much to pay
off the debt. As to Congress & public
affairs I need not write. Louisiana
is a muddle as usual & Sheridan has
gone to keep the peace. The Board
of Indian Commissioners are getting their
share of newspaper dirt and are
not altogether charmed. To work
for nothing & get Paul's wages (no
perils &c) is not very satisfactory.
Still they are trying to do good
& such an attempt has its own
reward; — the only reward that
many of us will get in this world.

this is the week of prayer. I have not been able to attend the meeting

Military Prison
Fort Leavenworth Kansas
January 7th 1875

Brig. Gen. O. O. Howard

Honored Sir

Being in great distress, I take the liberty of addressing you trusting to your well known kindness to help me if it is in your power to do so. You may possibly remember me my mother is Mrs Susan W. Jackson of Portland, Maine. sister of Mrs Mary Waite, wife of Ed Waite Esq of Portland and a cousin of Wm Mills Esq of Bangor Me.

I have been foolish enough to enlist in the Army under an assumed name (John Fenwick) but at the time I enlisted I intended to serve my time faithfully but by indulging in strong drink I was led into bad company and guards and eventually into desertion. I was (after a few months) arrested tried and sentenced to three years confinement in this place.

Since I have been here I have thought over every event of my life and thought with bitter

regret of my lost opportunities but it is never too late to mend and I am resolved to mend if possible and I entreat you sir, as a Soldier a Christian and a Gentleman to use your influence to procure my release. I have not seen my mother since the war commenced she is now a very old lady and if I am confined here three years I may never see her.

I have sworn a solemn oath never to touch taste or handle liquor again go home to Portland and try as hard as man ever tried to be a good honest and sober man

For Gods sake

General do not turn a deaf ear to my petition. I know you can help me if you will I am now 30 years of age and the thought of three more wasted years is unbearable

I again humbly beg you to do your utmost for me and may you never know what it is to sue for mercy unsuccessfully

Very Respectfully

Your Humble Servt

Chas A. Jackson

alias John Fenwick late Pri. Co. "C" 3d Inf.

The following is a true copy of my sentence

General Court Martial Orders No 68

Dept of the Missouri

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Extract

2d John Fenwick Co "C" 3d Infantry

Deserted Nov 16 73 — Charge Desertion — Apprehended Sep. 7, 1874

Plea Guilty

Finding Guilty

Sentence

To forfeit all pay an allowances that are or may become due except the just dues of laundress and to be dishonorably discharged the service of the United states and to be confined at hard labor for three years in such military prison as the Dept. Comdr may direct.

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In the case of Pri. Jno Fenwick Co "C" 3d Inf the proceedings finding and sentence are approved the sentence is confirmed and will be duly executed. Ft. Leavenworth Kas is designated as the place of confinement

By Command of Brig General Pope

Wm. M. Dunn Jr.

Act. Asst. Adjutant General

Portland, Oregon
Jan 8th 1875

General O. O. Howard:

Dear Sir: Inclosed please find tickets for my forthcoming lecture course, which I beg you to accept as a slight token of my respect for you as a Christian soldier and gentleman.

I especially desire that you will be present at my Monday evening lecture, as I wish all analytical thinkers to hear the "Personal experiences that led me into my present mission."

Very Respectfully
(Mrs) A J Dunning

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Portland on Willamet
January 8, 1875

My dear Sir.

Enclosed please find check of Library association on Treasurer of same for $18.75 being one half the net proceeds of your lecture on Gettysburg for the benefit of the Association, which please accept with the thanks and compliments of the association.

Very Truly Yours
Matthew P. Brady
Ch. Lib. Com.

Major Genl
O.O. Howard
Comdg Dept
of Columbia.

Caribou, Me. Jan'y 8, 1875.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

My Dear Bro.:-

You may remember of meeting a Cong'l minister on a steamboat between Boston & Hallowell in 1860, to whom you told yr very interesting religious experience in Florida, and to whom you gave a letter of introduction to yr bro. R., then in Bangor Sem. You may also remember that this minister was seeking a field for labor in Aroostook. You met this same minister at Gen'l Conference in Potten after you lost that arm. The writer is the man you met as described.

During these 14 years I have preached in Patten, Sherman, & Island Falls, Fort Fairfield & Caribou. At the two latter I am now preaching where I have been 3 years. I built a ~~church~~ house of worship in Patten, also one in Sherman, and a parsonage; for the latter place I gathered a church which is by far the largest of our denomination in the county. In Fort Fairfield I have recently built a house of worship which was ded-

icated last May. In these five years I have received about 300 persons in our churches.

So much for myself. I know well what you have been about, having always read every word I have seen in the papers in regard to you. God has honored you though Satan has tried in vain to ruin you. God be thanked.

I write you to-day because I know no one else in Washington to whom I can present the claim of a poor old lady who has done well by our country. It is the claim of Mrs. Mary Moody, now of this town, Lyndon. She has long been trying for a pension, but has thus far failed. Yet it appears to me her claim is good and just. She has given 3 sons to our country's service, two of them losing their lives. The youngest - Andrew - having no family of his own, was 26 years old when he enlisted - Sept. 13, 1861 - at Chillicothe city, O. in Co. M, 1st Ohio Cavalry (Capt. Scott) At that time Mrs. Moody was 68 years old & her husband 71. They had come from Ireland 6 or 7 years before, had no means of support except their own hands. Andrew was

the widow has received another bounty of $100. This money with aid from gentlemen in Springfield O, helped them to live until the old man's death, when the widow, with money contributed in Springfield, came to Boston to live with a daughter and husband who have since removed to this town (Lynden) where they are making a farm & home for their old age & their children. They live snugly and work hard for a poor living, are kind to their old mother, but do not feel able to give her those comforts which one so worthy and old ought to have.

The widow applied to Charles Able Esq. a lawyer in Boston - said he in getting a pension. Mr. Able is now in support the living in Washington. For some reason the case has failed. Why should not this widow, who taught her children to fear God, and love their country - even an adopted country - & for their cause ~~their~~ lost their lives, have the support from government which

with his parents, [illegible]
-five or ten dollars and such other things as they needed. Mrs. Moody is an excellent christian, very conscientious, and would not take oath as to how much she recd monthly from her son. Yet the old folks were constantly receiving aid from him. Andrew was their only unmarried son except one who went to Col. before the war, & has never been heard from. Of the two married sons one (Joseph) died in the service, & soon after returning home, at Cincinnati O. in 1865. Andrew was lost from the steamer going down the Mississippi in Dec. about 3 months after enlisting. An account of his death was reported to Washington by Capt. Scott, and published in a Springfield O. paper. He was asleep on deck, and the boat whistle awoke him suddenly, and he appeared to be frightened and stepped overboard. He sank and never rose to as the found. His brother Joseph was in the company with him.

The old parents recd $35.00 of Andrew's back pay & a bounty of $100, while the father was living. Since his death in May 1866.

she has been deprived in the death of her youngest son?

Now these points are clear and proved. Mr. & Mrs. Moody were old people - he 71 & she 68, when the war broke out. They had no property. Their youngest son - 26 years old, unmarried, pieced out their living when he was with them, aiding them as they had need, so they needed no help from strangers. This son lost his life 3 months after he enlisted, while on duty for his country, on the way to the place of action. He was a temperate, sober & loyal young man. Since his death gentlemen in Springfield O. helped support the old couple, & when Mr. Moody died they gave means to get the widow to Boston to her daughter. She ~~is~~ is still alive and in need. She feels ~~that~~ that the country is unjust to her. There is no woman on earth whose words

I should believe quicker than
Mrs. Moody.

I have no wish to deceive, nor
object in misrepresenting this case.
I feel for the poor widow, and having heard her
story I said in my heart, I will
write Genl Howard about the case,
and get him to take my letter to the
Pension department. If you
can say you know me, and
that my story is probably
true, will it not strengthen
the claim already presented?
If you can aid this case by vouching
for my honor & truthfulness you
will aid a poor old woman who
came to this country a stranger,
and has given her all to its cause.
Not long will the need aid her below.
It must be soon or never she has
persecuted poverty in our country.

Very truly & sincerely,
M. T. Sleeper.

Bowdoin College.

Brunswick, Jany 10/75

Sir,

An adjourned ~~X~~ meeting of the Board of Overseers of Bowdoin College (of which body you are a member) will be held at their Room in the College Chapel on Tuesday the 19th day of Jany 1875 at 3 o'clock. P.M.

Your attendance is respectfully requested by

J. P. Booker

Secretary.

Bowdoin College.

Brunswick, Maine, 1872

Sir,

A meeting of the Board of Overseers of Bowdoin College (of which body you are a member) will be held at their Room in the College Chapel on Friday

the 19 day of January 1872

at 3 o'clock, P.M.

Your attendance is respectfully requested by

Joseph Noyes

Secretary.

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Washington, D.C.
Jany. 11. 1875

Genl. O. O. Howard,
My Dear Sir.

I am planning to leave Government service and engage in business early in the spring, and if I do that I shall need all the funds I can command. Now, it occurred to me that perhaps you would be willing to take up your note which I hold. At the time the note was given, if my memory serves me, you intimated that perhaps you should want to pay it

before it became due.

In conversation with Dr. Presbrey recently respecting the matter, he gave me liberty to say that, if you would authorize him to pay the note he would do so.

If you could see your way clear to take this step, I should feel under great obligation.

With kind regards to yourself and family, I remain

Yours very truly
T. D. Stewart.

address.
Registers Office
Washington
D.C.

JOHN H. COOK,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, 32

No. 1511½ Pennsylvania Avenue.

Washington, D. C. January 11th 1874
[i.e. 1875]

Dear General:

Your containing draft for $1000.00 was duly received. To-day the Cashier of the Second National informs me that the draft was burnt up on the evening of the 7th in the mail by reason of colision on Balto. and Potomac R R and requests me to write to you for the duplicate (draft dated Dec 24th 1874, First National Bank of Portland Oregon on Importers and Traders National Bank N.Y. for $1000 to my order). Please forward at once.

I enclose herein statement for the month of December. Also receipt of J. B. Johnson, Treasurer, for the $250.00 allowed on my claim for teaching. The amount was paid to Mr. Langston through the Treasurer.

I will endeavor to gain information in regard to that "Ross Force Colony" matter and keep you advised. I have already given information to parties

inquiring about the matter, that you never had anything to do with it.

My health, I hope, is improving. No return of hemorrhages, though I think my lung is much inflamed. I am using Cod liver oil freely.

With great respect

Jno. H. Cook

P.S.

There has been considerable interest in the matter of President of A. U. The matter I learn is deferred until next June, in consequence of opposition by the friends of Mr D.

J. H. C.

Genl O. O. Howard U.S.A.
Portland Oregon

Fort Vancouver W.T.
January 11th 1875.

General O. O. Howard
Comdg. Department of the Columbia
Portland Oregon.

Sir:

I have the honor to introduce Governor Daniels who has recently returned from Alaska, where he served as Deputy Collector of Customs.

Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant.
Thos. P. B. Van Horne.
Chaplain USA.

to defer conclusive action until you can go to Alaska, at the suitable season, and examine the question on the spot=

Yours very truly
J M Schofield
Maj Gen

Confidential

Headquarters Military Division of the Pacific,

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 12, 1875

Genl O. O. Howard
Comdg Dept. of the Columbia
Portland Oregon

Dear General

In reply to your letter of Jan. 6th, I have no hesitation in saying I think it would be wise to prohibit all trade in liquor in the territory of Alaska. I would give to officers and respectable citizens permission to introduce such small quantities of wines and liquors as they may want for their personal use, and

refuse all other permits, withdrawing after a reasonable time those that have been heretofore given. To give permission in a few cases amounts, at best, to authorizing a monopoly unjust to all others who may desire it, and I believe does just as much harm as general license would do. If the sale of liquor at Wrangle is absolutely prohibited, the necessity of a garrison there to preserve order among the British miners and indians will, I apprehend be greatly diminished. An officer and small detachment would be sufficient to enforce the revenue laws.

As you say we can not rely upon the civil courts to punish offenders, we must depend upon our own lawful authority to destroy their liquor and put them out of the territory, thus making their illicit trafic too hazardous to be profitable.

I write you frankly, just as the case appears to me at this distance, but leave the matter to your discretion. Probably it would be wise

Skokomish Ind Agency Mason County W.T.
Jan 18th 1875

Genl O. O. Howard
Portland Oregon

Dear Sir

I received one copy of christian weekly some time ago for which I thank you very much after reading it, I sent it to some poor white children I should have written to you before and acknowledged your kindness but I did not know your address, so I waited till Mr Bells came back. he arrived at this place last week all safe with his goods for the Indians of this Agency We had here, a great Revival on the first week of this New Year much prayers was offered in your behalf by your humble Servant and now trusting you in the care of him who knows all things, hoping to hear from you soon.

I am your
Aff Servt
John F. Palmer
Sub Chief

Dear General.

On my recommendation Genl. Schofield has directed several of the Cavalry Captains to repair to San Francisco for the purpose of acquiring a knowledge of the Gordenough System of Horseshoeing, under the supervision of Dr. Gordenough, who has kindly offered us his services.

If you decide to order any one from Walla-Walla, I trust you may find it compatible with the general interests of the service to detail Col. Perry, provided he desires the trip, wh. it must be

mitted is not an agreeable one to undertake at this period of the year.

We are without any special news that does not reach you through the mails or by telegraph.

That Louisiana affair seems to have been managed most injudiciously for our army interests. It must increase the antipathy towards the army, and lead to hurtful legislation.

Yrs. Truly,

R. Jones.

San Francisco
Jany. 13/75.

THE ILLUSTRATED CHRISTIAN WEEKLY.

LYMAN ABBOTT, Editor.
S. E. WARNER, Associate Editor.

150 NASSAU STREET,
New York, 14th Jan 1874

My dear Gen Howard—

I am heartily sorry I cannot use your letter. I should do so if I had a larger paper. But they are too long for our columns. Lack of space has prevented us from ever publishing similar correspondence, & after waiting two or three weeks ~~to~~ I have reluctantly come to the conclusion that I cannot get yours in. I have sent them as requested to your son—

We shall be glad to publish

another talk to the children as brief & as good as the one we published before –

Yours sincerely

[illegible]

OFFICE OF The South
SOUTHERN LAND & IMMIGRATION AGENCY
AND
BUREAU OF SOUTHERN INFORMATION
SOUTH BUILDING, COR. FULTON & CHURCH STREETS.

New York Jan. 15th 1875

Gen. O. O. Howard
Portland Oregon

My dear Friend

Today in the Fulton street Prayer meeting - A soldier friend of yours spoke of the Pacific slope, & work.

I dont know but my work in the South is about done - I am connected with a college in East Tenn. & am trying to raise funds for Endowment; but either money is not to be had, or else I am not the man to get it. So I feel just like saying Gen. is there any thing for me to do in Oregon?

Perhaps you may remember me as a man a little after thine own heart -

Howard school in Chattanooga still prospers

Yours very truly

E. O. Tade
Greenville
East Tennessee.

Tusculum College

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Camp - San Juan Is. W. T.
Jany 16th 1875.

General,

I respectfully ask pardon for the liberty I am taking, in submitting the following to your consideration; being induced to address you - chiefly - from a sense of justice to myself. With your predecessors, Genls Lamby, and Davis (and with several army Officers) I have been - I think - favorably Known, Am sorry General; that your acquaintance with me, is so very limited, and - apparently - owing to certain representations - unfavorable. I have done nothing to merit this - I have - from my first introduction to the Garrison here (now

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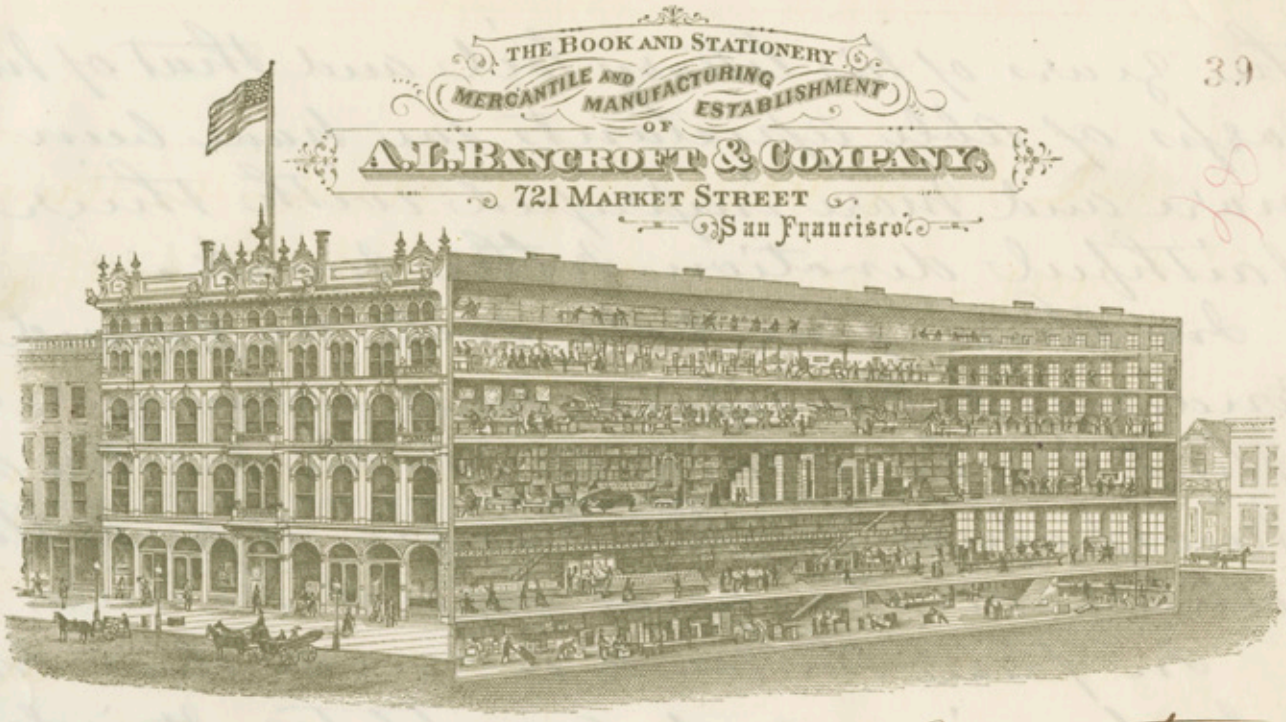
and being urged by a friend - an army Officer - to acquaint you with the matter - he dictating the letter, which I forwarded to you, arguing, that as you were so very particular, in regard to the gentlemanly conduct, honor & principle of your Officers, I would be neglecting a duty, were I to allow Dr. S. to act so unprincipled re, and take no step against it. Yielding to this advice, I write you - If needed, I could furnish several favorable references, in regard to my general character, from high, and low (so called) Will forbear to enlarge, apologizing for thus troubling you, and according my grateful thanks for your kind permission, in allowing me to occupy Quarters at the Garrison -

I am. General.
Your Obdt. Servant.
T. F. Weekes.

five (5) years since) acted with strict principle, - honorably - and, near as I could do - with christian consistency. During this time - by the request of the respective Officers in command - I acted as Chaplain, performing all the duties of that office, by giving regular service, visiting the men, &c, and officiating at a funeral.

This I did - not from any mercenary motive - for I received no pay - but because I felt it to be my duty, and was interested in the welfare of the men - The Officers in command, repeatedly hinted at the prospect (in the event of the Soldiers being withdrawn from here) of, my getting charge of Camp, in consideration of past services. This charge was given me, just before Genl Davis was removed, but shortly after, was taken away, Why! I cannot tell; unless, owing to certain flagrant misrepresentations, which I trust will be rectified, as God defends the right dear General. I am not given to vindictiveness, will therefore forbear to speak disparagingly of the man, who (I know) has vilified, and fearfully misrepresented me, and all, to gain certain points, promoting his own interests. God knows, that I have been a true, and substantial friend to him, in many ways, and never should thought of writing to you General, respecting certain funds owing, had he not treated me so shamefully,



San Francisco, June 18th 1875

Brig Genl O. O. Howard
Portland

We desire to call your attention and through you the attention of your literary comrades as far as possible to a matter of great importance to us and we believe of interest to you and your Brother Officers

The subject we refer to is fully expressed in the enclosed circulars, though we might simply mail these to you and expect your full Co-operation in this great work yet we cannot allow this occasion to pass without giving our testimony in favor of so great an acquisition to American History & Science, The author of this Great has been with us and of us and during

the years of his litrary toil and that of his corps of able apistants we have been more and more impressed with their faithful devotion to the work.

In these fine vols will be found condensed Clasified and arranged all that has been said by all the writers and newspapers on the Pacific Slope or Elsewhere on the great Subject treated.

In fine the work is exaustive comprehensive and complete. It is Sold by Subscription only, but we propose to make a different arrangement in regard to officers of the U.S. Army We will fill your orders direct, the price per vol is $5.50 in Clo and $6.00 in Leather binding making the Cost of Sett in Clo 27.50 & 30.00 in leather we will mail you the vol as fast as issued free of postage the vols we be issued about 3 months apart which will make the payments gradual & Easy. We hope you will give us your order or if not prepared to do so be so kind as to acknowledge the receipt of this and state if we can correspond with any of your acquantances

Yours Truly

A L Bancroft & Co

by Geo L Kenny

Vancouver W. T. Jan. 19th 1875

Gen. O. O. Howard U.S.A.

Dear Sir

We as a church have selected Friday Evening Feb. 19th as the time for your lecture at our church if it be your pleasure

We will send you the proposed request from the Army Officers in due time

Please let me know if that time will suit you

I am greatly pleased to find you so active in religious interest in Portland

Yours with great respect

T G DeVore

Ans Jan 20

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Rail Road and I sent Col: Potter with his men & tools to commence that great work, now however nearly eclipsed by the Pacific R. Road. — You say you "hope Brooklyn will now be clear of scandal" I wish I could reply, "I trust so", but I see no immediate prospect of it, the <u>world</u> are now having revealed to them through the Courts, under oath, what the <u>Church</u> of Christ have long feared, & many have believed was true. <u>God reigns</u>, and will overrule all things for <u>His Glory</u> — this is the Christian Comfort. — I was at Bangor and Buckspot last month with the <u>Ther. 14° below</u> zero, to attend the opening of our new R.R. from Bangor to B. to open Winter navigation, it opens well. — With renewed expressions of affectionate regard to yourself & my Howard and glad at all times to hear from you, I remain truly your friend

J. W. Beecher

40 Livingston Street.
Brooklyn.

January 20th 1875

Gen'l O. O. Howard
Portland Oregon

My dear friend

Your kind letter of Oct. 1st duly reached me, and as you have no doubt long since learned, I sent the Presby note to your agent in Washington Jno. H. Cook Esq. he also paid your note as it fell due.

We were all very glad to hear from you and your family, and that you reached Oregon so well & write in such good spirits, hope you have found it a pleasant place of residence, and of refuge, from all the noise

And pa[illegible] severe and
And its Miserable Crew of
politicians, you are so far
away they will probably
let you alone now.
Oregon used to seem very
far, when it required 6
Mos. for a letter to go, but
now quite near, your letter
was only 12 days in reaching
me. You will be glad to learn
we are all very well this
Winter, Mrs B. & Emmie are
much better than last year
and we all send a great
deal of love to you Mary
Howard & trust this will
find both of you and also
the Children well & happy.
The Winter has thus far
been very severe, a great deal of dip-
-theria & many deaths of this
disease among persons of my
age; but God has been very
good to me in this, as well as
many other respects, giving us
all health & comfort, while
many are removed.
Jos. Stages and Mr Talbot
2 of our most benevolent
Christian men died in Nov.
Yesterday Wm H. Aspinwall
Just my age, a Man I have
known well, we were Clerks
a few doors apart on South
St 47 years ago & have known
each other ever since, Mr A.
applied to me to send the 1st
Engineer down to Chagres
to make Surveys for the Panama

If you write Pas. Marsh please present my kind regards to

Washington D.C. Jan. 21. 75

My dear General:

To morrow will get into the mail important documents which will help you in the matter of the Rose Stone Colony Fund.

At first Bullock didn't know anything but the last day or two seems to be letting him out into the light. {I believe him to be, more or less, a first class fraud}

It seems that Stickney or Alvord or some one connected with

the Freedmens Bank didnt report this $15,000 to you during the investigation (Inquiry)

But will write you full particulars as far as possible tomorrow—

Met Auditor French who sends love & says tell the General "we who fought them hard but they were too many for us".

I have copied papers & rec'd information from a ~~quarter~~ source. You will respect and no doubt be glad to be profited by.

All send love

Kindest regards to Capt Slade

Respectfully

W. O. Atkinson

McLerens Mills

Portland O. Jan 22d 1875

Gen O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

If you could make it convenant. We would like to have you call down at the mill and talk over the matter you was there talking about the other day. We think that perhaps. We could come to some arraingment. that would be satisfactory to all parties

We Remain Sir

Yours Truly

McLeran Bros

New Haven House
Jan 22 1875
8 a.m.

Dear Brother

Just waiting for Guy to call for me to go to morning prayers. I can have a few moments for a letter – I came here from Hartford yesterday where I had been two days looking after the interests of the Advocate in the matter of advertising & getting some one to canvass the city for subscribers – I found Guy in South College at about 3 P.M. He seems to be perfectly well and happened to be considerably at leisure so that he volunteered to be my companion & guide in

P.S. No 3 I spent Friday night with the Brandons at Hartford – Mr. F. hopes to take a General Agency for the Advocate.

your request – Guy seems to think he would like some kind of Civil Engineering pretty well – but is quite favorably inclined, also, to lumbering in Washington Territory of which I think he said he heard through (or his mother in connection with Gen. Vanderveer's son –

Guy seems to think the President made a mistake in sending Sheridan to Louisiana & that Sheridan made a worse one in his conduct after he got there – Guy says one of his class told him that his father in Louisiana belonged to the White League.

You have probably guessed pretty the Advocate that I have not changed much in my view of what kind of treatment is best for people who encourage the murder of negroes. I wish there was a Sheridan to put in every Southern State & the whole

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calls I wished to make — We did not find Gen. Walker in — but did find Pres. Porter — He has a very bad cold so that he could hardly talk without coughing. He speaks altogether favorably of Prof. Atherton of whom we are talking for Pres.t of Howard — We missed seeing Mrs. Howes — so also when he called here after tea — for Guy & I were out calling on Mrs. French & Lilly. We did not see Mrs. Weir, nor Prof. John — the latter being absent lecturing in Bridgeport. He is also to deliver one lecture at the Art Gallery (Corcoran) in Washington. Guy says his lectures here six in No were interesting & were well appreciated by the public — Mrs. French wishes to be remembered to you — Emma is in N. C. with Clara —

We called to see Prof. Harris who (with his wife) is my old-time friend & ~~of~~ towards whom I sustain ~~great~~ respect & esteem. They have grown ~~to~~ look a great deal older. Guy seems to know them pretty well —

New York Jany 24 75

You see I did not complete my letter in New Haven. We went to prayers & then Guy to his recitations & studies till after noon when he joined me again & finally accompanied me at about 3 P.M. to the depot. He had a letter from Addison Martin of which he may have written you — written it seems as

P.S. New York, July 24 1875

could be remanded to military rule until they can learn to submit to law and the execution of justice between man & man without distinction of color — This will take time coupled with a judicious use of U.S. troops.

But Guy must form his opinions and sentiments, of course, more or less from the influences and opinions of those with whom he associates. I suppose it is not likely that he will ever take the same view of things public or social that his uncle does and probably it is not desirable he should — I should be sorry to have any of our sons compelled to go through all the educative

P.S. Mr. Howes (Rev. Edward) to Rev. Mr. Howes & Rev. Hosea Ballou 2d with Mrs. Howes Guy was there

processes that we of the preceding generation have gone through —

Mr. & Mrs. Porter are here with me today. They go to Philadelphia & thence again to Glencoe — Potter Porter was later sick in Bangor & telegraphed his wife who was at Glencoe & she went immediately to Bangor to take care of him — I was there one day & in Boston about a week — spent two or three nights over at Cousin Olive's but did not see Cousin Sarah or Cousin Pen tho I thought I wrote to her I was in Boston — I was very busy looking up advertisements and off on other interests of the Advance — When I got here I was very happy to find your Christmas letter enclosed in one from Kitty — But you know before this how I ~~got~~ had yours to Mrs Smith to enjoy on Christmas day with Gracie in Washington — I sent that to mother at Cedar Rapids.

My little flock are pretty well — Kitty was quite disappointed in having her mother leave Cleo while I was absent — I left home Dec 19th — more than a month ago — Please give a great deal of love to Siggie & to Jennie, Clovacy, Johnny, Harry & Bessie. I hope they will not forget Uncle Charlie — & that you will enjoy the fullest of blessings of our Heavenly Father — you & yours Your affectionate Father

C. H. Howard

I now hear Porter is home on last night — He looks in most serious health — Gone first business to Cincinnati

Unless you feel perfectly free to do so do not reply. Did you see the Obituary in the Congregationalist referring to him as the "Christian Soldier"?

Very truly
Laura Wentworth Fowler.
Dedham, Mass.

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Dedham, Mass.
Jan 22nd 75.

Gen. O. O. Howard —
Dear Sir:

I beg pardon for intruding upon your time, but Father Fowler having found the letters of my husband written during the war, is preparing a

little memorial volume containing extracts for his missionary friends.

A word from you commending his faithfulness if he was faithful while with you, which I feel he must have been as all other places have found him so, would be very grateful.

He became a Christian before his death, and it is such an inspiration

also comfort. Her prayers were answered for him. God be praised for it.

Perhaps you remember being with me at Elmira College. I taught there for several years before we were married.

Dear Will always lived a hero worship of you, and as all who ever knew you did, learned all reports of conversation in your Department. I knew not if this will ever reach you

able to meet note 1st of Feb.
he did not explain what we-
worked since yesterday on my
own accounts but with the
letter I did this morning - has
been all the work after
this Rost Home business

Will write you again
tomorrow - and do all in
my power to help no this
matter - Sincerely & respectfully

W. A. Atkinson

P.S.
I do not keep a copy
of the memo. marked "a"
I think Col. Dyer wants one Cant you get it off to you to day. W.A.A.

Department of the Interior,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., Jan 22nd, 1875.

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Dear General:

Enclosed you will find the statement in regard to the "Rost Home Colony Fund" together with copies of the letters of Sec of War & Sec. of Treasury transmitting. You will also find a memoranda given me by one of the present Trustees Saving & Trust Co. Commissioner, who was formally in, and will probably soon return to the Treasury dept. I have promised him secretly not to use his name and also that you would copy his memo. & destroy the original.

Balloch said to me last night that he did not think that the Bureau had anything to do with this fund - That it was one under the old free labor system, that really you had nothing to do with it -

I submitted what Gen. Balloch said to the writer of the memo. & he said "that was what he referred to when he says "If Gen. Howard concludes that the provisions of the act of June 15th 1866 require him" &c &c. There seems to be no question in the mind of this friend & commissioner that there will be a report made by the Sec of the Treasury to the effect that there is nothing in the records of the Treasury dept to show that this fund has been accounted for. Of course the Secretary of War will then call upon you for the rendition of their accounts with such other information as his fruitful mind may suggest. Then will be the time to decide what your course should be. I shall keep a copy of the memoranda for it comes from the one who conducted the fight under Richardson against the Sec. of War & who is now as I have said one

F.S.F.T.Co

of the Bank Commissioners.

It does appear strange that under Alvord this $15.000 – this fund – (in 5-20 bonds) was disposed of, & that later Stickney has handled the cash belonging to it and yet nothing ever said to you.

I asked this morning in regard to the character of the securities for this fund, of this good friend, who says they are ample, he believes, so there is nothing to fear in this direction.

Have read or rather Col. Dyer has read the enclosures pressing secrecy as to the writer of the memo. and as to the manner in which I obtained copy of Vincent's memo.

Have seen Cook to day who feels easy as to funds, says he will be

Memorandum

In the matter of the "Rent Home Colony Fund" if General Howard concludes that the provisions of the Act of June 15th 1866 require him to account for the proceeds of the crop made on the Destrehan plantation and if he has failed to account for them he has doubtlessly done so because he took it for granted either that Capt. Armstrong who deposited the money and in whose name the receipts were issued or Genl. Meuron to whose orders the interest accruing on said fund was made payable accounted for it or because the matter had entirely escaped his memory.

That he had good reason to believe the matter had been accounted for by either of the subordinate officers referred to is shown by the memorandum from the Head

PRINCIPAL OFFICE.

OF THE

Freedmen's Savings and Trust Company.

Washington D.C. _____ 187

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Cashier.

Dear Sir.

Enclosed please find for collection and credit of this office

Actuary.

Department from which it appears that the Asst. Commissioner for Louisiana did account for that part of the interest on said fund drawn by him & expended.

That it was a matter which might readily have escaped his memory is shown by the fact that the order directing the deposit to be made was prepared in the office of the Asst. Commissioner at New Orleans & signed during a temporary sojourn in the middle of a heated inspection tour.

All that the Secy. can now be expected to do is to render an account showing the entire amount realized from the Corps, the amt. of expenses incurred & paid & the balance due & its disposition. Taking it for granted that the entire balance was deposited in the F. S. & T. Co. (the amt. actually deposited was $15,070.07) he should then direct the Commissioners of the F. S. & T. Co. to pay over that sum, it being in the nature of a Special Trust Fund, to the Treasury Department on his account,

J. W. ALVORD,
President.

GEO. W. STICKNEY
Actuary.

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Dear Sir.

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and 2) the rendition an account of the interest actually drawn and expended.

As to the interest which under the terms of the original deposit has been placed to the credit of the Rest Home Colony Fund on the books of the Company and which can now only be paid in fixed rental installments of 20% he would take the ground that he will account from time to time for any amounts paid him from that account, but until so paid he has nothing further to account for.

w/letter #45½

J. W. ALVORD.
President.

GEO. W. STICKNEY.
Actuary.

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OF THE
Savings and Trust Company

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Cashier.

Dear Sir.

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Actuary

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Memorandum

The following in connection with the financial transactions of the late B. of R. F. & L. has been developed by the report of the Commr. of the Freedmans Savings & Trust Co. to the speaker of the House of Representatives.

On the 1st day of Feb. 67 the Freedmans S. & T. Co. rec'd from the said B. R. F. & L. $15,000 in currency, and again on the 18th day of July 67 the further sum of $870.07 to be held by said Bank in the nature of a trust fund under the 7th sec. of the act approved Mch. 3d 75

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Shortly after receipt of said sums they were invested in 5-20 U.S. Bonds -

A copy of the order of Gen Howard late Comr. of the B. R. F. & L. with reference to said funds is attached to the report mentioned and directs the deposit of the bals. of the proceeds of the crop made on Destrehan Plantation (Rost Home Colony) with the Freedmans Bank in the City of New Orleans which has agreed to invest it in U.S. Bonds & "pay full interest on the same" the said interest to be expended in the support of the Educational establishmt. for the freedmen in the state of La. under the direction of the asst Comr. for the time being. Up to July 1st/73 interest was credited on the books of said Bank on acc of this trust amounting to

$7.077.36 against which Ck's. amounting to $2.328.47 were drawn & paid leaving a bal's. of $4.748.89 due.

The N.S. Bonds originally purchased have been sold by the Bank & a real estate note for $15.000.00 secured by deed of trust on property in this City substituted in lieu of said Bonds. In addition to the bal's. above mentioned & the $15.000 note the Cem'ys of the Bank hold $1.856.94 cash, which amt. is presumed to be interest collected on said note or so much thereof as under the agreement should be credited to said Trust.

In view of the facts an examination of the records of the late B.R.F.F.A.L. has been made to determine if possible the exact history of this transaction but nothing intelligent can be obtained from the financial records (Cash book & ledgers. Jnrs note a/cs Current &c) records that should contain the information. a/s were rendered in 68 & 68 & subsequently by the asst Cem'ys for £a but the only thing to connect the same with this matter is a note in red ink as follows "R.F.F. C. Fund". Judging from the amt's of receipts & disbursm't's as shown by said accounts nothing entered into the same save such interest as was rec'd & expended. From the report of the asst.

Comr. of the State of La for the Year ending Oct. 31. 66 it appears that—

"In the Letterpart of. 65 "numbers of infirm & helpless freed people "were for purposes of recovery collected "upon the destrehan Plantation owned by "P A Post Esq. The restoration of the property "of Judge Roat was soon after ordered & "with the exception of this plantation all was "restored as soon as possible. This was "retained under the provisions of Circular "No. 20 - of. 65 from Hdqrs Dept. B-LC.

"The necessity of retaining "the Plantation this year seeming so great "on account of the large number of old & "helpless which were then under our charge "arrangements were finally made to cultivate "the place, raise crops of sugar & cotton pay "Judge Roat a reasonable rent and at "the same time provide for the dependents "without expense to the Govt.

"The prospect thus far is very flattering & there is every reason to believe that after all expenses are paid there will be a considerable balance in favor of the Bureau. "Rations & clothing have been furnished this colony also medical attendance, the estimated ~~values~~ values of which

"is shown in the approximate tabular
"statement herewith

"The average no. of freed people
"upon the plantation has been about 711
"of this no 550 old & young are
"dependant upon the Bureau for support.
"Some however have rendered more
"or less assistance as they were able
"in gathering the crops & at the same
"time have physically benefited themselves.

"At the close of the year the
"place will be given up & the helpless
"now there be otherwise provided
"for"

The following is a copy of
the exhibit &c

Exhibit showing the approximate cost, probable productions & balance in favor of Rost Storm Colony St Charles Parish La. from Jan. 1st to Oct. 31st 1866

Expenses			Estimated Receipts from Plantation.		
Subsistence 17615 13 Rations @ 15¢	2647	45	31500 pounds cotton ginned @ 35¢	11025	
Forage	7302	10	10500 " " unpicked @ 35	3675	05
Wages of Laborers	9000		350 Acres of Sugar Cane estimated		
Clothing for do	1000		to produce		
Medical attendance & medicines	1400				
School Teachers Salary	750		420,000 pounds Sugar @ 15¢ per lb	63000	
Rent of Plantation	13350		6000 gallons Molasses @ 40¢ per gallon	2400	
Repairs of Machinery	500				
Coal for Blacksmith $50.00 Iron 31					
Leather 25. Wagon grease & tacks $25.	81				
Hoop poles 300. Rope $250 - Bagging 150	50				
Grain sacks 150 Belting White & Red lead 50	700				
Lime for sanitary purposes & unpaid	200				
Incidental Expenses	120				
Balance in favor of Plantation	50				
	19120				
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The average No. of free people
upon the plantation has been about 711

In his report for the year ending Sept. 30.67 the asst. Comr. for La says

"At the close of last year the Root Hog Colony was discontinued"

(Meaning close of year 1866)

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"The crop raised ~~to~~ × × was disposed of & there was a bal. in favor of the Bureau amounting to the sum of $14150 which was invested in 5-20 N.B. Bonds & deposited in the Freedmens Savings Bank"

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From the foregoing it will be seen that in connection with the Root Hog Colony large sums of money were received and expended. No records showing in detail ~~showing in detail~~ the transaction can be found

The act of June 15.66 (Gen orders 68.66) provides that all moneys raised in the United States for the support of Refugees & Freedmen & recd by any officer of the U.S. army shall be charged against such officer on the books of the Treasury dept. & accounted for by him in like manner as if such moneys were drawn from the Treasury of the United States

There can be no question but the

moneys

received from the sales of the crop made on this plantation should have been accounted for under the provisions of the act above cited, & if its requirements have been complied with by the officers of the late B. of R. F. & A. L. a reference to the acts of said officers will throw additional light on these matters, and to this end it is recommended that the whole subject be placed before the Sec. of the Treasury in order that the necessary steps be taken to secure to the Govt. the money now in the Freedmans Savings & T. Co. and such additional moneys as may be found to have been rec'd by the late officers of the late Bureau on this a/c, and not properly accounted for to the Treasury.

If the funds in question have been accounted for to the Treasury it is suggested that copies of the accounts be called for to complete the records of this office.

It may be added that the $15,000 with accrued interest has most certainly not been accounted for to the Treasury, else it would not now be in the late Freedmens Savings & Trust Co.

As it is a part of the whole

it is fair to infer that no part of the amount - since $80,000.00 realized from the crop has been accounted for. Otherwise the Treasury accounting officers would have been advised of the suit, or the Freedmen's Savings & Trust Co.

Respectfully submitted to the Adjutant General

(Signed) Thomas M. Vincent
Asst Adjt. Gen.

Adjutant General's Office
Jan. 2nd 1875

Respectfully submitted to the Sec. of War.

Signed E. D. Townsend
Adjt Gen.

Official Copy
Thomas M. Vincent
Asst. Adjt Gen.

(Bedknap's letter to Sec. of Treasury
enclosing within Memo. June

(Bedknap's letter to Sec. of Treasury enclosing within memo. from Vincent)

Jan. 11.75

To the Hon the Sec of Treasury

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose memo. relative to certain financial transactions b/t the late B. R. F. & L. & the Freedmen Saving & Trust Co. & to request, as therein suggested, that the necessary steps be taken to secure to the Govt. the money now with said Co. & such additional moneys as may be found to have been recd. by the officers of the late Bureau in the a/c in question & not properly accounted for to the Treasury

Also to request that, if the funds in question have been accounted for to the Treasury copies of the accounts be furnished to this Dept, in order to the completion of the records. If the accounts have not been rendered I will upon the receipt of your reply give the necessary orders to the late Comrs of the B. R. F. & L. for their rendition.

Yours very respectfully

(Signed) W. W. B

Sec of War.

(Briestowes letter to Cons S. V. G. Co.)
Jan 13th 76

(Bristows letter to Genl S. & G. Co.)

Jan. 13th 75

Gentlemen:

Enclosed I transmit copy of a letter of the 11th instant from the Hon. Sec. of War, with enclosures relating to certain financial transactions bt. the late B. R. T & A L. & the F. S. & T Co.

In order that this Dept may take intelligent action in the matter may I ask trouble you to furnish me as soon as practicable with such information pertaining thereto as may be obtained from the books & records of the Co.

Very Respectfully
&c

B. H. Bristow
Sec.

w/ letter # 45½