To the President of Howard University, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SIR:

A copy of "WOMAN'S RECORD, OR BIOGRAPHY OF DISTINGUISHED WOMEN," by Mrs. Hale, will be sent, directed to your care, by Avery Bill, agent of the Publishers—Harper & Brothers—New York. It is my desire to present this work for a place in the Library of your Institution, if, on examination, it is approved.

In the preparation of this volume of nearly a thousand pages, it was my endeavor to make it worthy to be an aid in the best mode of education, namely, that which does justice to both sexes. The knowledge taught in our schools and colleges is necessary for men and women; but the wisdom learned must, in its application to the duties of life, be used with differences.

Men, generally speaking, must use their knowledge in labors that subdue Earth, by the improvement of material things. Women are the teachers of childhood, and the moral cultivators of humanity; their work, if well done, leads to Heaven. These differences in the duties of life are themes set forth and illustrated by examples in these pages.

The book is inscribed "To the Men of America." It was my design to draw their attention to the principles on which the work is founded, and therefore it will be sent to Institutions where young men and young women are educated together as hopefully as to the Colleges for young women only. The former, being under the care of religious denominations, and presided over by Christian men, have a deep interest in the subjects of "Woman's Record."

The character of the work may be learned from the Introductory. The General Preface explains the plan, and the authorities that sustain the truths set forth; the scope of knowledge respecting past events of history, and the present condition of the world, may be gathered from Remarks on the Eras.

I trust "Woman's Record" will be found fitted for what it was intended—the textbook of knowledge concerning what women have done, and concerning what their capacities fit them to become by a higher culture, namely, the good helpers of men in all their good works.

Sarah Josephka Hale

Gen. Oliver W. Howard.

An answer is requested—which a copy of the annual report will be welcome.
DAR ES SARA

SIR:

A copy of "WOMAN'S RECORD of BIOGRAPHY OF DISTINGUISHED
WOMEN," by Clare Wright, will be sent gratuitously to your order, and you will receive it immediately on receipt of the purchase price. It has been decided to prepare this work for a

publication—"Women's Biography.—New York." It is the desire of the publishers to ensure its publication.

Please in the interest of your Institution, if examination is approved,

I enclose the receipt for your order.

I am, Sir,

[Signature]

[Address]
Forrest, Ga., March 1, 1875.

Gen. O. C. Howard,

Dear Bro. -

Your letter came in the midst of pressing duty, and has had to wait for an answer until this Monday morning which is my weekly vacation. I am happy to furnish the desired information so far as possible at present.

My arrival was just too late to observe the Week of Prayer with the Ch. I found a very pleasant Ch. edifice. Its exterior is clean and fair, giving evidence of taste & skill in its...
construction & that it has been recently repainted. The interior is in need of repair which will be made elong, we think. The seating capacity is 350. The ch lot is large & rarely beautiful, having several of the native casks distributed thru' out the area & front half sloping gently to the South.

According to our State Minute the membership of this ch is 92. The no. of absentees I cannot give at this writing. I find this people cordial, sympathetic, warm hearted. I certainly deem myself fortunate in having such a
among them. But, if I am right in the matter, the religious people, with some exceptions, had been cowed by skepticism so that they hardly dared express their religious belief. I may be in error but so it seemed; I did feel as if God's people had been silenced.

I made no direct attack upon the infidelity. Instead, I fearlessly proclaimed a candid, kind, plain, bold Gospel of salvation which from the first won with the church and community. Then your coming last month was God's time for revival. The effort has just closed, leaving the church itself
in fine condition & many souls saved from among the students & citizens.

God has been here, too, in severe some afflictions with of wh you are acquainted. And all together a marked change has been wrought the skeptics are the silent ones now while the voice of Zion rejoices to bear testimony to the sweet spirit of the Son of David.

Sabbath School interests increase also. Attendance yesterday was some 15 in excess of any previous day.

If you find any items here that you care to gather for the Advance, be assured I have cheerfully noted them.

Very grateful for your help here I am truly yours, J. H. Ellis
Dear General

your comment of the 19th inst.

I received in the morning. and I regret that I am somewhat exercised as to the interpretation to give it. you say "that you think I am not likely to perform a difficulty with a Presbyterian minister" the inference I should draw from that is that you are displeased with me. or I am wrong in my inference. then I expect that just as certainly as that goes alone, and I mean to say also that I meant to say the other because he is a Presbyterian minister not by any means far from it. it would have been at the same time to me and what m. he might be, any body who needed me must listen to the consequences of his act. but why does my friend say that it would not be a matter of my accuser a motion or an appeal to pursue

the issue directly except in the spirit of charity to act in the spirit of charity that the issue could be settled this letter to you. remaining it by myself
and injecting into it lies and deceit too. As you know, you General and my friend are not living if you think to mean to pursue the same path in Harry or any other spirit. I have done my part, I have faced him all I owe him, and henceforward I shall endeavor to forget the past.

You further say that you have called upon him to make a complete departure of himself to the Lord. What is the sacrifice to convert in. I am anxious to know.

Again General to a point you mention in your letter last. "This little thing may be the turning point in my life and that of my children." To the life of me I can understand what the above passage means, does it mean good to all time and my family, does it mean that you well withdraw your friendship from me, it really does. I too General as though you were dealing in the interest of the Lord. Mr. We are as against me again the ever comrade and dear friend. Alas, dear General

your letter is an enigma to me, and I await your reply to assist in understanding what your letter is. I am a true Christian as I know you are, but does it mean that I shall forget to that or that I may be forgot, which.

I am dear General my ever truly your ever dear friend

W. H. S. Nutting
Buffalo, Mich. 1st, 1875

Brig. Genl O.W. Howard

Dear Sir,

Will you be kind enough to favor me with your autograph and oblige.

Yours very respectfully,

Henry P. Clark
East Milton, Maine,  
March 1, 1875  

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard,  
My dear Sir:  

I doubt not you well remember the subscriber, Solomon A. Velke,  
of Volunteers, of which you were colonel, and that for some time I acted under you as "Orderly." Therefore, you also remember the fact of my receiving a "strip stroke," and of my being taken to your "Head Quarters"—Mrs. Scott's Place,  
Clarmoutte, Wash. The next day after the battle of "Ball Run," and was hit in the temporal act.
May 4th, 1861

My dear Mr. President,

I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for the kindness extended to Mr. Washington by the department in your capacity as the Secretary of the Interior. The humble request I have to make is one of personal nature, and I am certain that your generosity in granting such a favor would be greatly appreciated by the family of Mr. Washington.

I trust you will see fit to accede to my plea as I have great respect for the service you have rendered our country.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

May 4th, 1861
New Haven, Conn.
March 1, 1875.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Dear Sir,

Will you please send me your autographs on the enclosed cards? I am getting a collection, and should like yours very much.

Please write on both cards.

Yours respectfully,

F. A. Dudley

Nechaw, Nebr. 18
Brigadier General O.O. Howard
Commanding 9th, Portland, Oregon

My dear sir,

I hear from Portland that
you have delivered publicly a lecture
on the Battle of Gettysburg, in which
you complimentarily mentioned the
dear boy and the brave officer, my son,
who was killed in your first day's
fight.

I can not express to you the
sorrowful joy and the profound
gratitude kindled in my heart by
the public honor of my son by his
distinguished commander.

Will you permit me to beg
from you a copy of your lecture.
I fear that it was delivered ex-
temporaneously— but if you gave
it from manuscript I pray
you to have one of your clerks make and send me a copy of it.

Whatever you say about that great battle which constituted part of our country's history, and I likewise beg the privilege of publishing your lectures either in pamphlet form or in the columns of a great newspaper.

Most respectfully and gratefully yours,

[Signature]

Samuel Fincheson
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
March 2d, 1876

Dear Sir,

I received your kind and welcome letter just one day after I dispatched my second letter to you. I was very sorry but could not recall it.

I thought I would wait before writing you to see the effect of your letter to Gen'l Pope. I heard that he referred the matter to the Judge Advocate of the Department (Major Swain) and that was the last I heard about it.

Your kind letter gives me courage to write to you more freely. I have thought a great deal lately on the subject of religion and have made some good resolutions that I hope...
I can keep but you must be aware Sir that this place is enough to drive good thoughts from the mind of a person much better than I am.

If I were only in some situation where my associates and companions were good upright men I think I should be able to lead a better life. I should much like to serve you Sir, in the in the humblest capacity wages no object although I have not a good education by any means. I think I may say I am tolerably intelligent and well informed and am not afraid of work.

On the subject of religion I am aware first one way then the other by what I hear or read on the subject, my conscience tells me I am a great sinner and when I read a good book or hear a good preacher I make great resolutions only to be broken again.

If you are not tired out by my importunities I beg you to make one more effort to effect my release by writing to the Secretary of War. I do not think he would refuse your request but you Sir know best what to do.

Hoping that I have not wearied you by this long letter remain

Very Respectfully

Your Humble Servant

Charles A. Jackson

late 1st. Co. C. 3rd Inf. Army

To. Brig. Genl. O. O. Howard U.S.A.
My dear Sir:

Shall we the case of Jackson, a hus prisoners

looked into a do not feel that

hang with justice interfere at

this time - since keeping eye

in the matter and at the earliest

moment seem do to be further

to the other prisoners.

2, 1875.
my place to what you wish.

The picture has only been in

our possession about three

months.

I trust you find Oregon

pleasant. I have always heard

that Oregon is a very charming

place.

It is hard to say what the

next two years may bring forth

in the political world. We

all the results of the war 2

if the people be not wise.
Great Trive March 8, 1875

[John Howard]

Dear Sir,

I will ever be grateful to you for your prayers. I have found the way that leads to life eternal and shall henceforth use my little influence for Christ and the right, and help with God's help to be always found fighting against wrong. I find that, I am very weak but I don't intend to stand back on that account.

Yours Ever,

[Samuel R. Scott]
March 4th 1871

Mr. Adams
My dear Sir,

Rev. Mr. Ellis

has moved into a comfortable house from the one he had. I presume, a good room to sleep. He is an experienced teacher, & both himself & wife qualified to take care of boys nicely. I have been thinking that you might like to make a trial of our school during this last term of the year, with a view to next year. The number of scholars has diminished as usual at this season, & many things is favorable for scholars. I think I can guarantee good instruction & if Mr. Ellis would board your boys, reasonable charges, & most excellent quarters.

Yours truly,

S. H. Clark
Sir General Edwards,

General,

Will endorse the enclosed application.

For your kind invitation to me yesterday please accept my heartfel thanks. I have not found anything to do yet - I think Mr. Reed would give me something to do if you would speak to him alone; I am not afraid of my ability to suit him or any one of you may speak to in regards of my qualifications.

I am General,

Very Respectfully,

Your Obliged Servant,

[Signature]

M. H. 1st, 75.
you at such length. I will you the kind enough to drop me a line informing me if you can comply with the request. I have made also at what time would best suit your convenience to be at the prison. I know that Sabbath day morning from ten to twelve or afternoon from about one to three, would best suit the authorities there. Though for a special occasion another time might be secured. I presume that you will be willing to address the Sabbath schools of this city. But I am sure that you would be anxious to speak in the afternoon or in the evening would answer. Christian people are not ready to sit and feast in the sanctuary quite forgetful of the previous services and then in a bust and jostling in crowds. In short, first with unequaled respect for the honor of your ministry of a co-

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tember 5, 1841

London

Sir, & B. Howard

Portland Oregon

Dear Sir,

Will you be pleased to pardon the very great liberty which I have a stranger to you in addressing you. The object to be attained is, not the reproof. Last evening I learned that you are expected to be present in this city on Sabbath with the address to the churches of this city, in a great union meeting at the Opera House, the service to take place in the afternoon and at once concluded to write to you to ascertain if it would be convenient to make a visit to the...
Present Day in the afternoon
and holding a meeting of our
house to talk with the members
on from one to three or about
half-time. It is true that it is an
unnoticed and neglected part of
the work as before and still it is
a part and by no means an
insignificant part. I wish
we could be blessed to defend
part of that battle the time to
drink to the scene and also hear
some of these good and pray.
When there is not as much to
believe in the time to compass
some of the precious souls
true and commands his ship
begins the time to competen
and the church is to set out to the high hills
and hedges and compel them
to come in. There is power in
writing truth to reach the most
fallen when applied by the Holy
Spirit to raise them up and
make them new creatures in
Christ Jesus.

But please pardon me
I had not thought of addressing
me in this fashion to others before.
There are three men of genius,
Buffalo, Nov. 5, 1875

Major Gen. C. F. Howard.

Dear Sir,

Hoping you will pardon me the liberty I take in addressing you as a stranger,
I write asking your Autograph.

Trusting this may meet with your approval I have the honor to remain
Very Respectfully Yours,

George H. Mills

Answered Dec. 28, 1875.
all things seen.
If you will send me a
copy of your reply to the
military committee I will take
pleasure in reading your views.

Mr. Me Jones in on sending
kindred regards to Miss Anderson.

I trust you will

Sir,

Your truly,

March 25, 1876

Nelson N. Miles

Fort Kearney
March 6, 1876

Dear General.

Your welcome letter
was received in due time.

I send the 2rd bill, but
never received a reply.

I enclose you my idea
on army matters you
will see that I recorded
my protest against the
maladministration of
Belmont before this
arrest. I shall oppose
only. As you see the
men who have prosecuted
you go down in infamy
I think you cannot
reliance that "the lord
Regis" I trust we
may come up a more
honest and larger
good in future. I learned
today for the first time
that Belmont is not
personnel you with a
civil suit in Arizona
but I have not learned
to much I hope it
has been favorable
at any rate ever
be discouraged. I am make
Sirs,

By dear General,

Enclosed is found a synopsis of my address. I have taken the liberty to make reference to you. You merit as a philanthropist just and benevolent. I leave for other lands, but my race must ever join in singing your praises. Long may you live for the good of your fellow men. I hope your family is well. My brother sends his kindest regards.

I am struggling along in payment, monthly but sickness, cares, and the necessary means of support prevent me to do last little. I have almost given up.
The purchasing your house keeps my score continually in the ground-up stone. I will do my best to help me what you can.

Very respectfully,

[Signature]

Printed lectures in scrap book.
Salem, Oregon,
March 6, 1875.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Portland, Or.

Dear Brother:

I suppose Bro. Stewart has already informed you that we are depending upon your coming March 10th, as you suggested in your last letter. The reason we did not reply sooner was because Bro. Rosek (who is in charge of one of the lectures) was absent, and we could
not determine positively until he had been consulted.
Bro. Roark is here now, and is heartily agreed, and is depending
upon you, March 10th.

Rev. P. S. Knight has also directed me to say that he wishes to entertain you at his house, and begs that you will inform him on what train you will come, as he wishes to meet you at the depot.

I envy him the privilege, but his circumstances enable him to do it with a facility which we more
straitened condition does not afford; and besides, I do not know but the privilege of night belongs to him.

Hoping and praying for a blessing upon your coming, I remain,

Yours, Fraternally,

Addison Jones.
Indianapolis, Ind. March 5, 1876

Sir:

Your favor of the 9th ult. we received. The Security and similar others of the most prominent companies have a dividend this year owing to the increased mortality for the past three years among the insured class. Therefore a full demand is required. I sent your receipt to Washington, and the C. O. came from there. I remain yours truly,

J. E. Springer

[Signature]
Salient Oregon March 8th, 1875.

Ben, O.O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

Believing that it is understood by you and all parties concerned here, we have published that you will Lecture here on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. One Lecture for the M.E. Church and one for the Odd Fellows.

With this understanding the Committees from the Church and Odd Fellows have made arrangements for your fare and entertainment, and request me to ask you to telegraph to us.
Upon the receipt of this, a committee will meet you at the station. The committee request Mrs. Howard to accompany you.

Rev. P. S. Knight concents to this arrangement.

Yours very truly,

John K. Rake
Mr Chairman,

I saw John Daily come home one day and told me he needed a messenger and would ask you at once to detail my friend from Vancouver (Fukaki) I thought it was all settled but it seems not as the
Dear man lends his bow
Is one today (the bearer of this
note) I implore my aid.
Did Dr. Bailey fail to call?
My General says his office
has no many he cannot
discharge him but he can't
make any place for
him. I dislike very
much it to other gives in
the matter but and know
him to help him makes
with your assistance.

Yours Truly,
Calling Thiebling

Monday night.
“Confidential”

Fort Lapwai, Idaho

March 8th, 1875

General O. Howard

U.S. Army

Portland, Oregon.

My Dear General:

By the last mail I received a letter from you informing me that you had received a letter confidential and private in character, stating that I am constantly under the influence of strong drink. I am greatly informed of the words in which this charge is given by your informant. I am at a loss how to reply to it. I will state hereafter that I keep no liquor about my quarters and have not kept any for three or four months and have drank alcohol during that time, as I have been trying to quit the use of it. Therefore when I am charged with being under the influence of strong drunk
I must say that the charges are false and malicious and if I am not very great in error the charge is made against me by parties at the Agency, as I have heard so before the receipt of your letter and I believe in account of dissatisfaction with my official actions. I will state that I have met only the Agent and Doctor there once or twice on the last three or four months, and I cannot conceive from the grounds for their charges. If it were not for the circumstances under which your letter is written I should demand an investigation as I deem myself wronged. I thank you most heartily, my dear General, for the kindness you have shown me in this matter and for your words of encouragement and counsel, and I shall endeavor to merit your confidence and esteem. I have resolved upon my bended knees before my God, that with the assistance of his sustaining grace I will refrain from drinking intoxicating liquors hereafter, neither will I offer it to others. It is one known to my God, the efforts I have been making to get them use and the charge made against me I deem very unjust. My brother officers can testify that I am wrong fully charged, when I am charged with being constantly under the influence of strong drink. I can only add that I sincerely hope that I may be enabled to show to you that I am determined to give no cause for complaint by refraining from the use of intoxicating drinks by the assistance of God's blessing upon my endeavors.

Again thanking you for your interest in me, believe my dear General, that

Sincerely and gratefully,

Harry A. Smith.
New York Produce Exchange

New York: March 8, 1875

General O.O. Howard

Dear Sir,

I bought at the sale of pictures belonging to the late J.O. Routier, a portrait of yourself, which you can purchase at a very reasonable figure, say about $50.00.

The picture is painted by "Routier," and is in military attire.

Clean Address over
Yours Most Respectfully,
Peter Brett
New York Produce Exchange
New York

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F. C. Rice
WASHINGTON, D.C., March 8th, 1875

Dear General:

Please find enclosed statement for the month of February. On the 24th of Feb'y I succeeded in discounting the note of Mr. Prentiss due Oct. 1st 1874 and realized (as statement shows) $2415.00. With the proceeds I paid $1080 to Mrs. Beck, paid $154.75 taxes on Buffalo property and $1093.80 taxes on Washington property. The item "Expenses" includes these payments.

Today I paid Mr. Clarke $125.00 in cash, and a 6 month's note for $125, and loan note for $110, and also a receipt for $13.35 being amount (the last) of distribution of surplus funds to you. I send the receipt of the Company to you that you may inspect the items in the margin and advise me as to their correctness.

You will learn from previous transactions whether the items in this receipt are correct. To use your own thought, it is very hard going, but thus far all your obligations here have been met, as far as they have been made known, and your credit maintained. I indulge the hope...
that spring will bring favorable opportunities to dispose of some portion of your property. Thus far it has cost much more than has been realized from it. Even the rent houses are continually out of repair and calling for additional expense. I wrote you in a previous letter, I think that the land deeds Mr. Prestrey will fall short of the number of feet named in your deed. The new mortgage one that he will expect a pro-rata deduction in paying the notes. The actual number of feet will be determined as soon as the survey of 16' feet is finished. What say you? Will you make the deduction in money or offer him land? I said land, but he said he was not under obligations to accept land.

The S. R. Stewart note will be paid, when the next note is discounted by Mr. Prestrey. I made from a proportion to sell them (Prestrey &brewers) the remaining notes on Meredith Hill unpaid. They are considering my offer (made subject to your confirmation by telegram when they reach a conclusion). They are pretty tough men to deal with. I offer to make notes less per cent and allow 1/4% commission, that is accept such a sum as placed at interest at 10% would realize the amount which will be due on your notes at maturity, and 1/4% Canm.

As yet they think they can realize more by using their money in business transactions connected with the R.C. I thank you for your advice in the matter of my

This is a critical period in my life. A severe cold would perhaps ruin me. Tho' no worse, I am by no means well and strong. As

As I can turn your property into money or good notes and thus get you as I can turn your property into money or good notes and thus get you out of the woods, and also pay for my own horse. I propose to leave this city for some more steady climate.

Sincerely, [Signature]
Tuesday
March 9, 75

General,

I do not wish to be troublesome but what can I do? I have not rick my check yet; I owe for my board and have not the wherewithal to pay it. Oh if I could only get something to do to pay for my board I would be so thankful. Is there any way by which I could borrow $15 to pay my board till I receive my check? Pardon me Good Sir, if you could in any way assist me I will return the favor. I am almost disheartened. God knows I am willing to do any thing to make an honest living.

Very Respectfully,
Your old friend
Hugh Macandrew

Reg. Clerk Howard Utany
Dear [Name],

I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to write to you to express my gratitude for your kind words and support. You truly have a way of making others feel seen and heard, and I am so grateful for your presence in my life.

I am in the process of starting a new venture, and it has been both exciting and nerve-wracking. I am learning so much along the way, and I am determined to make it a success. Your encouragement has given me the confidence to take this step.

In addition to the business, I have also been reflecting on my personal goals and aspirations. I am looking forward to spending more time with my family and friends, and to exploring new interests.

Thank you again for your kindness and support. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best regards,

[Your Name]
New York, March 9th, 1875.

Dear Sir,

I take pleasure in informing you that at the Annual Meeting of this Association, held on the 25th of February last, you were unanimously re-elected a Vice-President of the society for the year 1875.

We earnestly hope that the Association may continue to receive the friendly influence of your sympathy and support.

With much respect,

I remain, Sir, yours, very sincerely

[Signature]

Geo. P. C. Howard.
GEO. W. DYER,
Attorney and Counsellor at Law,
FEDERAL BUILDINGS,
LOCK BOX 100.
SEVENTH AND F STREETS.
Washington, D.C. March 9, 1875

Gent: O.C. Howard.
Portland Oregon.

Dear General,

We shipped up when the appropriation for your benefit, by
reason of the failure of Senator Morris to
keep his promise at the last moment. The
arrangement made with Eugene Noble for the
House Committee was to have the appropriation
put on by way of amendment by the Senate
Committee to the "lurgy to ride," and have
it settled in Committee of Conference. This
latter promise, as I understood him, to do
and did not do it. I do not know that the
Deed of War had anything to do with any
matters, although he was about the same
room while I was there. I think this
result was due simply and wholly
Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the recent developments in our country. The situation has become increasingly complex and I believe that we need to take immediate action to address the problems we are facing.

The economy is struggling and unemployment rates are rising. The social fabric of our society is under strain, and we need to find ways to bring people together and build a stronger community.

I urge you to consider the implementation of a comprehensive plan that addresses these issues. This plan should include measures to create jobs, improve education, and promote social cohesion.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
to the timidity of the Republicans, who were afraid of the newspapers, and afraid to touch any matter, which had an investigation connected with it.

With regard to the matter of your accounts, the War Department are continually working away at the Treasury, and I suppose will continue to do so to the end of the Administration. They have now got hold of the returned county accounts, and are destroying them. The Solicitor of the Treasury feels kindly towards you.

Remember me kindly to Miss Harwood,
and to the members of my family.

Yours truly,
Geo. W. Dyer
Plattsmouth, Nebraska. Mohr 1875

Gentlemen: O. O. Howard, Portland Oregon

I herewith pay you the sum of $150.00 in full for surveying the following lot of land located in the NW

Yours truly, J. T. Russell
Portland, Oregon, March 10, 1875

Dear General:

I have succeeded in finding the article concerning which we were so desperately just prior to your leaving for Salem. Not being able to spare the file, I cut out the editorial one question and hereewith enclose the same to you. It was published in the Oregonian of Feb 4th, 1875. Please accept the same with my best wishes etc.

Sincerely yours,

J. M. Baltimore

C. O. O. Howard
He certainly would be no improvement on Kelly. Could not the War Dept. order Indians to come to town stores at all? Rum and tobacco are the principal articles of their traffic, and the Indian needs both.

Hoping you will excuse the liberty I have taken in addressing you thus purely on this subject I am

Respectfully & respectfully yours,

W. W. Montague

Lapwai, Idaho Territory
March 10th, 1875

Gen. A. D. Brevard
Command Dept. Columbia
Respected Sir—

Knowing the interest you feel in efforts to relieve the Indians of the disease and the power your official position gives you to render efficient aid in this important branch of Christian enterprise, I take the liberty of a few thoughts, to your suggestion by circumstances of recent occurrence on this reservation.

Our experience here has made us pretty well acquainted with the advantages and disadvantages connected with the presence of soldiers. It is a great advantage, to have them at hand in case of threatened Indian outbreaks and in case of proceedings like those of last year during the past winter. But a garrison in the midst of an Indian Reserve as the case here may become the source of unceasing evil, unless the officer in command is a man of good principles and in sympathy with efforts to protect the Indians. The influence an example of strictness, let the Commandant of a Post be habitually temperate and indifferent, if not at least opposed to measures
for the elevation of the INDIANS is not almost morally certain that his successors will be influenced by his example and sentiment and the settler will be minister to their appetites. Under these circumstances, intemperance and debauchery, consequences of the INDIANS instead of being frowned upon and discouraged are encouraged and paid for, and then a Military post becomes a source of pollution and crime among the already debased INDIANS. The display of brilliancy壮大splendors excites the enviousness of the INDIAN and draws them to unsay these inducements, and then an unprincipled settler improves his opportunity to demoralize and corrupt. I do not know for it is impossible to find the right kind of men to place in command of Military posts in or adjacent to INDIAN Reservations. But I know that such officers issued greatly add to the efficiency of object who are trying to improve the INDIAN. And it seems to me that the INDIAN ought in connection with the War Dept.ought to make special effort to place such men in such position. Men men hostile to the present policy in Command of Garrisons in or near INDIAN Reservations, it is a very difficult matter to bring offenders to punishment.

I am informed that a petition is in circulation in Lewiston asking that R. E. Kelly be continued settler at Fort Hall, and I know nothing about the probable result of the investigation recently made into the charges brought against him, but it would seem that he is guilty of the result, hence the petition in his behalf. I must hardly say that the signers of this petition will be all the saloon keepers, whisky drinkers, squaws. The appointment of a good man as settler at the fort would control the sale of whisky there and to the same extent at Lewiston. In the interest of the INDIANS it is to be hoped Mr. Kelly will be removed and replaced by a better man. His return would be had as a victory over the true friends of the INDIAN.

It has been intimated that in case of the removal of Kelly an effort will be made to push into that position a man by the name of Tom Bell. This Bell has been keeping the store for Mr. Kelly during the past fall and winter, Kelly being absent. Bell has it possible designed to a town depth of infancy than Kelly. In addition to all the bad qualities of Kelly, Bell is best in his conduct with the Indians. The evidence of the same even clearly in the examination of two women, one of whom was collecting testimony to show the character of the store kept by Kelly. As for me it involved the conduct of some of the INDIANS, but I do not think it advisable to lay it before the Commission. One of Bell's half-caste children was in our school nearly a year, but was removed by Bell and sent off to a distant school. When he will not be known.
War Department,  
Quartermaster General's Office,  
Washington, D. C., March 11th, 1875.

To Maj. Gen. O. Howard  
Portland, Oregon.

Sr.:  
Your attention is respectfully invited to the accompanying statement of a claim in favor of Henry Adams, who resides at or near  
Norton, Washington territory, for quartermaster's stores alleged to have been taken by you, for the use of  
the U. S. Army, at the time and place mentioned therein.

You are requested to furnish the Quartermaster General with any additional information you may possess which will assist this Office in the proper adjustment of the claim.

Any statement or report made in reply to this communication will not be considered as affecting your accounts with this Department.

If you have no knowledge of this transaction, you are requested to furnish the name and post-office address of any other officer or person from whom the information may probably be obtained.

By order of the Quartermaster General:

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

[Signature]

Quartermaster, U. S. A.

Claim No. 21 86
1875.
Statement of the claim of Henry Adams
for quartermaster's stores alleged to have been taken from him at or near Huntington, Washington, on or about the
25th day of July, 1863, by
General O. O. Howard
for the use of the U. S. Army, viz:

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| Howard reassigned claimant's house as  |
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| this claim as well as others which  |
| were never done. Acts to the Best of my left for that  |
| purpose.                       |         |         |
Washington D.C., March 12, 1875

Dear Mr. Howard,

Marvin,

Sirs:

You are doubtless aware that I have been dismissed the service (May 27, 1874) I have been trying to get reinstated on the ground that my case was similar to that of Col. Foster (P.C.M. Order No. 28, Dec. 15, 1872) and that my honorable conduct was such as to render it highly improbable that I could have intended to defraud any one, I have reason to believe no one was defrauded and the whole matter turns on what my intentions might have been.

I served under you in the Foreign Service and it was partly on your recommendation that I was appointed in the regular Army. Would it be asking too much to ask you to write me a letter recommending me for reappointment and stating that I have served under your command & c.
I would like to have you say that from what you have known me as an officer and a gentleman you could hardly believe it to do what I did possess that I could have intended to have received or deprived any one.

By doing this you will place me under great obligations to you.

address me care 1st Complt. 1st Pra. March 21st

Frank L. Page

The Court has read your letter and also a report of the finding of the court. He is currently supplied over the matter.
New Castle, March 13, 1875

Gen. G. A. Howard,
Portia, Oregon
Dear Sir,

Your kind favor of the 25 ult. came duly to hand. I am very kind in looking up the matter of the hill Dam and much obliged. Father made his will before he died and bequeathed all to mother therefor I am not in a situation to command much means of my own. I would like very much to come out to Oregon for it is a new Country and I suppose most present money openings for a
Young man of energy. I have my June of milling, and thoroughly understand both, having served a long apprenticeship. Could you only take an interest in the business, I will come out and work for the concern, and if agreeable afterwards could take an interest in the business. I have some means but not sufficient to buy it. I make some skeptical at a disadvantage, as I could not judge without being on the spot. Whether it would be profitable to you, Mother, health is as usual. I saw his last letter. Both Annie & Carrie are all well. I suppose you know I have one child a boy.

and he is a good boy. Everyone thanks he resembles his grand father he was named after father (Charles) I know of very little of family news, for I am away from all and therefore do not hear much. No one can know how much I feel father's death, he had always been a kind father to all and I think was prepared for that great change. It was always his desire to die in the way he did. Again thanking you for your kindness.

Yours very truly in

I A. Strickland

P.S. Remember me to Mrs. and children, whom I now have seen.
Washington, May 19, 75

Dear Sir:

I desire very much to be introduced to Mr. Smith, Com. of Indian Affairs, by some one having influence. Will you send me a letter that I may present myself to him favorably as your friend?

Very truly yours,

F. W. Stackel

Gen. D. Howard
Ebbitt House
Portland, Oregon.

Answered by the Gen. April
San Francisco March 19th 1875

Gen. O.O. Howard
Commanding Department of the Columbia

Dear Gen.

I arrived on Sunday night and saw Mr. Hammond that night. I presented your letter and told him I had petitions from the several churches. He is continually on the move and putting papers before him as only consigning them to the Post Office. So that I have simply confined myself to forwarding his messages and he always uses me and I never let him go without presenting Portland. This morning I saw Mr. Caldec for the 2d time about the same subject and he has promised to meet me at the 9 o'clock meeting tomorrow morning when I am in hopes to put Mr. Hammond to something definite. He seems to be anxious of the new voyage and I suppose also wants to settle the fact he is not to be on his own charges. I contrived out of the meeting an answer to your question of your church and of the Baptist I told Mr. Hammond of it the next morning who related it to the audience and called on someone to pray for Portland. I was on the platform and someone at once asked also Capt. Wilkerson who was this and I hope with you I think there is little doubt that Hammond will come when his labors here are closed. He has preached a change now there...
days but the noise and confusion are so great that I doubt the propriety or usefulness. We lack a furniture man with him in which we shall
be happy. Mr. Bennet about the Inspector ship I have not yet given an answer and is said to be under senatorial influence whether Mitchell or Kelly I don't know. He is coming up in a few weeks I have seen him. I trust I may some day have the situation Judge Briggs seemed willing to accept anything Bennet said and Collector Scott I suppose means the former at the New Post Office Mr. Still the former apt to be. What shall we do? I know not best find out at my sister's I did hope to be able to make a name a Postoffice girl. I will be done
I pray that a path may be opened for me somewhere soon as Mrs and family set.
Coming straightened with remembrances for

To dear Mrs. Meade

I am yours respectfully,

Math. Deshler