1413 Locust St., Philadelphia,

March, 1875.

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

DEAR SIR:

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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 Josepha Hale

Gen. Oliver Otis Howard.
An answer is requested —
and a copy of the annual report will be welcome.

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Very respectfully Yours

Mrs. Sarah J. Hale

Mr. Avery Bill Agent

Harper & Brothers

Respectfully presented for the consideration of the Commissioner of Public Schools of the City of Philadelphia

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Forest Gr, Or, March 1, 1875.

Gen O O Howard,

Dear Bro –

Your letter came in the midst of pressing duties & has had to wait for an answer until this Monday morning wh is my weekly vacation. I am happy to furnish the desired information so far as possible at present. 8 9 1/2

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 re-painted. The interior is in need of repairs wh will be made erelong, we think. [The ~~sitting~~ seating capacity is 350. The ch lot is large & rarely beautiful, having several of the native oaks distributed thro'out the area & its front half sloping gently to the South.]

According to our State Minutes the membership of this ch is 72. The no of absentees I cannot give at this writ. I find this people cordial, sympathetic, warm hearted. I certainly deem myself fortunate in having my lot cast

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 lisp 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 wh from the first won with the ch & community. Then your coming last month was God's time for revival. The effort has just closed, leaving the ch itself

in fine condition & many souls saved from among the students & citizens.

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

Sabbath School interests increase also. Attendance yesterday was some 16 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.

Ever grateful for your help here I am humbly yours L. F. Ellis

Fort Fournsmel W T
March 1st 1875

Dear General

your Kind note of the 19th ult Recd in due time. and I confess that I am somewhat exercised as to the interpretation to give it. you say "that you think I am not wise to perpetuate a difficulty with a Presbyterian minister" the inference I would draw from that is that you are displeased with me. if I am correct in my inference. then I regret that fact exceedingly and that fact alone. and I desire to say also that I don't single Mr Weeks out because he is a Presbyterian minister not by any means. far from it. It would have been all the same to me who and what ever he might be. any body who insults me must take the consequences of his act. But why does "my friends" say that it would "not be worthy of me as a man a christian or an officer to pursue" this said Mr Weeks. except in the spirit of charity was it in the spirit of charity. that Mr Weeks couches his letter to you. commencing it by insinuat-

and injecting into it lies and deception, as well.

You General and my friends are all wrong of you think I meant to pursue Mr Weeks either in charity or any other spirit. I have done with him. I have paid him all I owe him, and henceforward I shall endeavour to forget the said Mr Weeks.

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

Again General to a point you make in your letter, to wit. "this little thing may be the turning point in my life and that of my children". for the life of me I cant understand what the above passage means. does it mean good or evil to me and my family. does it mean that you will withdraw your friendship from me. it really does look to me General as though you were interfering in the interest of the said Mr Weeks as against me your old war comrade and sincere friend. Altogether General your letter is an enigma to me. and I anxiously await your reply to assist my understanding

you close your letter like a true christian. as I know you are. but does it mean that I shall forgive somebody or that I may be forgiven. which

I am Dear General
my cordially your
old friend & comrade

Fred. W. Sparling

Buffalo Mch 1st 1875

Brig. Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

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

Yours very respectfully

Henry P. Clark

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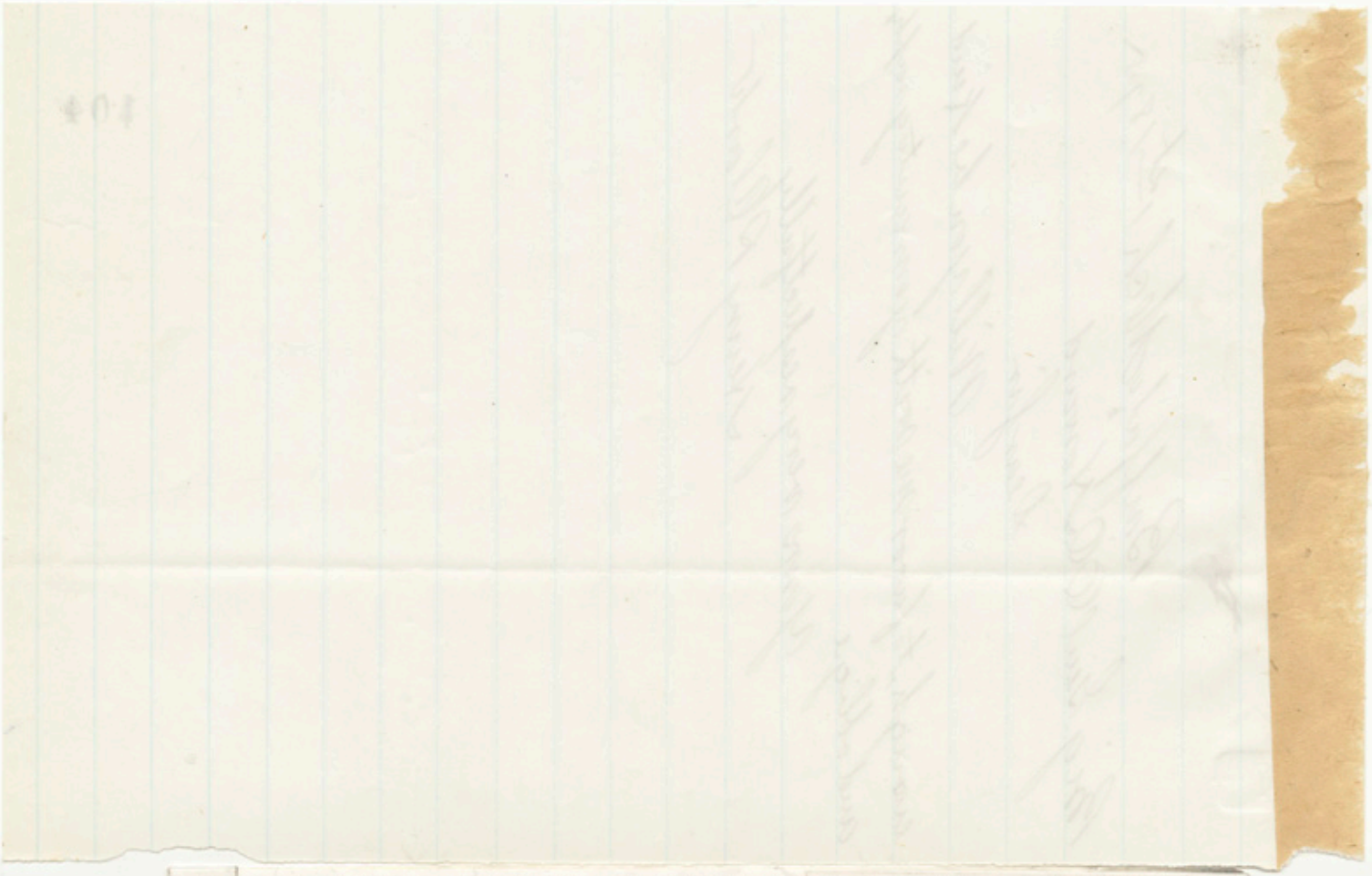

Dr. Gideon S. Palmer,
Med. Medical Faculty
Howard Un
Wash. D.C.

East Wilton, Maine,
March 1. 1875.

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

I doubt not you well remember the subscriber, Solomon A. Nelke, who enlisted at Augusta in 1861, in Co. K, 3d Maine Reg. of Volunteers, of which you was Colonel, and that for some time I acted under you as "Orderly" &c - Probably you also remember the fact of my receiving a "Sun stroke", and of my being taken to your "Head Quarters" - Mr. Scott's Plc, Clarmontt, Va. - The next day after the battle of "Bull Run", and was bled in the "temporal artery"

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by Dr. Palmer, Brigade Surgeon-
If so, will you, please, do me
the favor to make and send
me a Certificate of the facts,
such as I will need for use
with the Departments in
Washington- By so doing
you will confer on me a
special favor, for which
I shall feel greatly obliged
and truly thankful- The
knowledge I have of your
generous character, and the
recollection of the many
kindnesses, on various occasions,
that I have received from you
in the past, give me confidence
to trouble you with this matter-
With renewed expressions of
esteem and friendship, I am
Very truly yours,
S. A. Nelke

New Haven, Conn.
March 1, 1875.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Dear Sir,
Will you please send me your autograph 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,

Ansd Mar 18

Northern Pacific Rail Road Company.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE 23 Fifth Ave. NEW YORK March 1st 1875

Brigadier General O. O. Howard
Commanding &c. Portland, Oregon

My dear sir,

I hear from Portland that you have delivered publicly a lecture on the Battle of Gettysburgh, 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 this 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 extemporaneously — 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 should constitute part of our country's history. And I likewise beg the privilege of publishing your lecture either in pamphlet form or in the columns of a great newspaper.

Most respectfully and gratefully Yours

Saml. Wilkeson

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Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
March 2d 1875

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 Genl Pope I heard that he referred the matter to the Judge Advocate of the Department (Major Swaim) 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 swayed first one way then the other by what I hear or read on the subject. my conscience telle 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 I remain

Very Respectfully
Your Humble Servant
Charles A. Jackson
late Pvt. Co C. 3d Infantry

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

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Headquarters Department of the Missouri,

Fort Leavenworth, Ks., March 2 1875.

My dear General

I have had the case of Jackson, alias Frenich looked into & I do not feel that I can with justice interfere at this time - I will keep my eye on the matter and at the earliest moment I can do so in justice to the other prisoners I make

than the politicians we are likely to have to have serious fears than this country has ever known.--

I remember with great pleasure as does Mrs Pope an agreeable acquaintance with Mrs Howard & yourself & regret that it could not have been larger & closer

My kind regards

Jno Pope

Genl O O Howard

My place is ready for you when the Summer has gone & been in confinement about three months.

Mount Tamalpais Oregon
Nevada. Shoshone Valley Pleasant
Hill Portland is a very charming
place.

Mrs Howard will take the
keys & pass many happy hours
in the Northern woods. We
been Wanderers in Texas &
will the wheels of the war &
of the people be worth waiting

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Forest Grove March 8th 75

[Gen 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 hope with God's help to be always found fighting against wrong. I find that, I am very weak but I dont intend to stand back on that account

Yours Ever

sign [Sam. R. Scott.]

Saml. R. Stott

Fort Sam
March 4th 1871

Genl Howard
My dear Sir.

Rev Mr Ellis has moved into a comfortable house where he has, I presume, a good room to spare. 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 & my thing is favorable for scholars. I think I can guarantee good instruction & if Mr Ellis would have your boys, unusually cheap & most excellent quarters.

Very truly yrs
S. H. Marsh

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Brig General Howard.-

General.-

Will indorse the inclosed application.-

For your kind invitation to me yesterday please accept my heartfelt 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 you may speak to in regard to my qualifications

I am General
Very Respectfully
Your Ob'dt Serv't
Hugh Macaulay

March 4. 75.

Salem, Mch. 5. 1878

Gen. O. O. Howard
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir

Will you be pleased to pardon the very great liberty which I as a stranger assume in addressing you. The object to be attained must be my apology.

Late last evening I learned that you are expected to be present in this city on Sabbath 14th inst. to address the churches of this city, in a great union meeting, at the Opera House, the service to take place in the forenoon; and at once conceived to write to you to ascertain if it would be convenient to make a visit to the

you at such length. 37

Will you be 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 solicited to address the Sabbath schools of this city but I am sure that will be arranged so that later in the afternoon or in the evening would answer. Christian people are only too ready to sit and feast in the Sanctuary, quite forgetful of the precious souls scattered about and perishing in sin.

In haste, but with unfeigned respect I subscribe myself your humble fellow-worker in Christ, H. W. Thornton.

Penitentiary in the afternoon and hold a meeting of an hour or two with the inmates say from one to three, or about that time. This is true that it is an obscure and neglected part of the Master's vineyard, still it is a part, and by no means an insignificant part. O I wish you would be pleased to spend part of that Sabbath there to speak to the men and also hear some of them speak and pray. He who sees as man sees, looks with infinite compassion upon the precious souls there and commands his disciples to go and labor to have them come in to the marriage supper which infinite mercy has prepared. That is the general one here is, Am I my brother's keeper? There are there men of genius, men of talent, who if converted to God would prove a power for good in the world, instead of for evil. There are there, too, the sons of many prayers, and I now blessed to be an instrument in God's hand in accomplishing an answer to those prayers. But, more than all, there are precious souls for every one of whom salvation full, free, perfect, present has been provided and the command laid upon the church is Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in. There is power in Divine truth to reach the most fallen, when applied by the Holy Spirit, to raise them up and to make them new creatures in Christ Jesus.

But please pardon me I had not thought of addressing

Buffalo Mch 5th 1875

Major Gen O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir

Hoping you will pardon me the liberty I take in addressing you 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 Mar 8 B.

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Fort Leavenworth Kas
March 6 1875

Dear General.

Your welcome letter was received in due time I read to Gen. Gillem but never received a reply. I enclose you my views on army matters you will see that I recorded my protest against the

all things even".

If you will send me a copy of your reply to the military committee I will take pleasure in sending your views.

Mrs Mc Jones joins me in sending kindest regards to Mrs Howard

Hoping this may find you well

I remain Ever Truly,
your friend
Nelson A. Miles
U.S.A.

Ans. by Gen. H. March 25. '76

malademeanor of
Belknap before his
terrible exposure came
out. As you see the
men who have prosecuted
you go down in infamy
I think you must
realize that "the Lord
reigns" I trust we
may have a more
honest and fearless

govt in future. I learned
today for the first time
that Belknap had
presented you with a
civil suit in Oregon
but have not learned
the result I hope it
has been favorable
at any rate never
be discouraged. "Time makes

Office of the Auditor of the Treasury

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For the Post Office Department,

Washington, March 6th, 1875.

Genl O O Howard

My dear General

Enclosed you find a synopsis of my address. I have taken the liberty to make reference to you. Your merit, as a philanthropist and benefactor, I leave for abler hands; but my race must for ever join in singing your praises. Long may you live for the good of your fellow man — I hope your family is well. Mrs Stratton sends her kindest regards. I am struggling along in payments monthly, but sickness, loss and the necessary means of support permit me to do but little — I have almost given up

on

The purchasing my house keeps my "more continually in the grinding stone"
I will do my best help me what you can

Very respectfully Yrs
D. A. Stratton

Printed lecture in scrap book.

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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. Roark, (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 our more

straitened condition does not afford; and besides, I do not know but the privilege of right belongs to him.

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

Yours, fraternally,

Addison Jones.

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J. E. SPRINGER, Manager, For Indiana and Kentucky.

Office of Security Life Ins. Co.
OF NEW YORK.

Indianapolis, Ind. Mch 6 1875

Gen O O Howard
Portland Oregon

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 19th ult rec'd. The Security and several other of the most prominent Companies pay a dividend this year owing to the excessive mortality for the past three years among the insured class. Therefore a full premium is required - I sent your receipt to Washington Second the P. O. card from there - I remain

Yours truly

J E Springer

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Ans per telegram

Salem Oregon March 8th 1875,

Gen, 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 H. Rourke.

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[Mar 8, 1875]

Office General.

I saw Doct. Baily some time ago who told me he needed a messenger and would ask you at once to detail my friend from Vancouver (Pulski) I thought it was all settled but it seems out as the

poor man sends his son to me today (the bearer of this note) to implore my aid. Did Dr. Baily fail to call? The General says his office uses so many he cannot discharge that he cant make any place for him. I dislike very

much to bother you in the matter but dont know how to help him unless with your assistance.

Yours truly

Sallie A. Michler

Monday morng.

"Confidential"

Fort Lapwai Idaho Ty
March 8th, 1875.

General O. 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." As I am not 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 though that I keep no liquor about my quarters and have not kept any for three or four months and have drank but seldom during that time, as I have been trying to quit the use of it. Therefore when I am charged with being "constantly" under the influence of strong drink

I must say that the charge is false and malicious and if I am not very greatly 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 on account of dissatisfaction with my official actions. I will state that I have met only the Agent and Doctor from there once or twice in the last three or four months, and I cannot conceive whence they derive 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. No one knows, but my God, the efforts I have been making to quit their use, and the charge made against me I deem very unjust. My brother officers can testify that I am wrongfully 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 me, my dear General, that

I am sincerely and gratefully Yours

Harry N. Smith.

New York Produce Exchange

New York, Mch 8 1875

General O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

I bought at the sale of Pictures, belonging to the late T. P. Rossiter, a portrait of yourself which you can purchase at a very reasonable figure say about $50.

The picture is painted by "Rossiter" and is in military attire.

Please Address

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Yours Most Respectfully
Peter Brett
New York Produce Exchange
New York

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Rice

JOHN H. COOK,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,

No. 1511½ Pennsylvania Avenue.

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Genl O O Howard,
Portland Oregon

Washington, D. C. March 8th 1875 [87]

Dear General:

Please find enclosed statement for the month of February. On the 24th of Feby I succeeded in discounting the next note of Mr Presbrey due Oct. 1st 1876 and realized (as statement shows) $2415.00. With the proceeds I sent $1080 to Mr Buck, paid $154.41 taxes on Buffalo property and $1093.83 taxes on Washington property. The item "Expense" includes these payments.

To day I paid N. B. Clarke $127.00 in cash, and gave a 6 months note for $82, and loan note for $110; and also a receipt for $73.85 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 know from previous transactions whether the items in this receipt are correct. — To use your own thoughts, 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 N.T. houses are continually out of repair and calling for additional expense.

I wrote you in a previous letter, I think, that the land deed Mr Presbrey will fall short of the number of feet named in your deed. He now notifies me 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 16th street 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 obligation to accept land.

The D. P. Stewart note will be paid, when the next note is discounted by Mr Presbrey. I made them a proposition to sell them (Presbrey & Green) the remaining notes on Meridian 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 the notes ten per cent and allow 1/2 % 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 1/2 % commission. As yet they think they can realize more by using their money in business transactions connected with the R.O. &c.

I thank you for your advice in the matter of my health. This is a critical period in my life. A severe cold would perhaps ruin me. Though no worse, I am by no means well and strong. As soon 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 home I propose to leave this city for some more steady climate.

Sincerely Yours
H. Cook

Rec'd by the Gen'l Mar. 25.

Tuesday
March 9. 75

General

I do not wish to be troublesome but what am I to do? I have not rec'd my check yet - I owe for my board and have not the wherewith 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 rec'd my check. Pardon me Genl but if you could in any way assist me I will return the kindness. I am almost disheartened. God knows I am willing to do any thing to make an honest living

Very Respectfully
Your Ob'dt Servt
Hugh Macaulay

Brig Genl Howard U.S.Army

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RUTHERFURD STUYVESANT, 104 East 16th Street.
D. S. MARTIN, A. M., Rutgers' College.
JAS. NELSON POTTER, N. Y. City.
W. PITT PALMER, Brooklyn, N. Y.
REV. GEO. J. MINGINS, Supt. City Missions.
JOHN B. KETCHUM, Brooklyn, N. Y.
CHARLES H. ISHAM, 91 Gold Street.
JOSEPH G. HARRISON, Of Fletcher, Harrison & Co.

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 reëlected 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

D. S. Martin

Recording Secy.

Gen. O. O. Howard.

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Attorney and Counsellor at Law,
FEDERAL BUILDINGS, LOCK BOX 100.
SEVENTH AND F STREETS.

Washington, D.C. March 9 1875

Genl O. O. Howard.
Portland Oregon.

Dear General,

We slipped up upon the appropriation for your benefit, by reason of the failure of Senator Morrill to keep his promise at the last moment. The arrangement made with Eugene Hale for the House Committee, was to have the appropriation put on by way of amendment by the Senate Committee to the "Sundry &c Bills", and have it settled in Committee of Conference. This Morrill promised, as I understood him, to do and did not do it. I do not know that the Sec'y of War had anything to do with the matter, although he was about the Committee Room while I was there. I think the result was due simply and wholly

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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 matters of your accounts, the War Department are continually taking away at the Treasury, and I suppose will continue to do so to the end of this Administration. They have now got hold of the Returned Bounty accounts, and are scrutinizing them. The Solicitor of the Treasury feels kindly toward you.

Remember me kindly to Mrs Howard, and to the members of your family,

I am dear General

Yours truly

Geo. W. Dyer

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Plattsmouth, Nebraska. March 10 1875.

Genl O. O. Howard
Portland Oregon
Dr Sir

Yours of the 4th containing draft on N.Y. for $45.20 was duly rec'd. I have paid your taxes for 1874 and herewith enclose Receipt, which amts to $44.20
My fee 1.00
$45.20

Yours truly
L. D. Bennett

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By Mail per month.....$ 1 00
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OFFICE OF
Daily and Weekly Oregonian,
S. E. CORNER FRONT AND STARK STREETS,

Portland, Oregon, March 10th 1875

Dear General:

I have succeeded in finding the article concerning which we were ~~talking~~ conversing just prior to your starting for Salem. Not being able to spare the file, I cut out the editorial in question and herewith 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

Gen. O. O. Howard

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He certainly would be no improvement on Kelly. Could not the War Dept forbid sutlers to allow Indians to come to their stores at all? Rum and tobacco are the principal articles of their traffic, and the Indian needs neither.

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

Respectfully & paternally yours

W. J. Monteith

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Lapwai Idaho Territory
March 18th 1875

Gen O. O. Howard
Comdg Dept of Columbia

Respected & Dear Sir

Knowing the interest you feel in efforts to elevate & Christianize the Indians and the power your official position gives you to render efficient aid in this important branch of Christian enterprise, I take the liberty of addressing a few thoughts to you, suggested 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 a threatened Indian outbreak, and in case of proceedings like those of Langford during the past winter. But a garrison in the midst of an Indian Reserve, as is the case here, may become the source of unspeakable evil, unless the officer in command is a man of good principles and in sympathy with efforts to protect the Indian from the influence and example of vile men. Let the commandant of a Post be habitually intemperate and indifferent, if not at heart opposed, to measures

for the elevation of the Indn, is it not almost morally certain that his subordinates will be influenced by his example and sentiments and the settler will be the minister to their appetites. Under these circumstances, intemperance and licentiousness besetting sins of the Indns, instead of being frowned upon and discouraged are encouraged and paid for, and thus a Military Post becomes a source of pollution and crime among the already debased Indians. The display of Drills & parades excites the admiration of the Indian and draws them to witness these exhibitions and then an unprincipled settler improves his opportunity to demoralize and corrupt. I do not know how far it is possible 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 would greatly add to the efficiency of Agents who are striving to improve the Indian. And it seems to me that the Indian Dept in connection with the War Dept, ought to make special effort to place such men in these positions. With men hostile to the present Indn policy in command of Garrisons in or near Indn 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 D. C. Kelly be continued settler at Fort Lapwai. 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 fearful of the result, hence the petition in his behalf. I need hardly say that the signers of this petition will be all the saloon keepers, whiskey drinkers & gamblers in Lewiston. The appointment of a good man as settler at the Fort would curtail the sale of whiskey 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 hailed as a victory over the true friends of the Red man.

It has been intimated that in case of the removal of Kelly an effort will be made to put 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 & Winter, Kelly being absent. Bell has if possible descended to a lower depth of infamy than Kelly. In addition to all the bad qualities of Kelly, Bell is bestial in his conduct with Indian women. The evidence of this came out clearly in the examination of two women, when the Agent was collecting testimony to show the character of the store kept by Kelly. As however it involved the conduct of some of the soldiers, he did not think it advisable to lay it before the commission. One of Bell's half-breed children was in our school nearly a year, but was removed by Bell and sent off to a distance where he will not be known.

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War Department,

Quartermaster General's Office,

Washington, D. C., March 11th, 1875.

To Brig. General O. O. Howard
Portland
Oregon.

Sir:

Your attention is respectfully invited to the accompanying statement of a claim in favor of Henry Adams who resides at or near Hagerstown, Washington Co. Md 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 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 re-open or affect 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,

M. Sunnington

Quartermaster, U. S. A.

Claim No. G. 2186 / 1873.

over

Claim 2186, Book 15/1873

Statement of the claim of Henry Adams

for quartermaster's stores alleged to have been taken from him at or near Hagerstown Washington Co. Md. on or about the 6th to 13th days of July, 1863, by General O. O. Howard

for the use of the U. S. Army, viz.:

ARTICLES.	AMOUNT. Dolls.	AMOUNT. Cts.	REMARKS.
75 Bu. Wheat	94	75	
45 " Wheat in Shock	56	25	
50 Cords Wood	125	00	
12 Tons Timothy Hay	180	00	The Atty. states that Genl. Howard occupied Claimant's House as Head Quarters for several days, & said he would leave his Quartermaster to settle up this Claim as well as others, which was never done. altho the Q.M. was left for that purpose.

Washington D.C. March 12. 1875

Genl O O Howard
U S Army

Dear Sir:

You are doubtless aware that I have been dismissed the service (May 27. 1874) & have been trying to get reinstated on the ground that my case was similar to that of Lieut Fedder (G.C.M. Order No 28. Dept R. 1872) and that my previous conduct was such as to render it highly improbable that I could have intended to defraud any one. I have shown that as a matter of fact no one was defrauded and the whole matter turns on what my intentions might have been

I served under you in the Freedmens Bureau 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 of me as an officer and a gentleman you could hardly believe it possible that in doing what I did I could have intended to have deceived or defrauded any one

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

address me care 1st Comptroller Treasury Dept

Yours truly

Frank A. Page

late 2nd Lieut

Answered by Secretary Mar 31

The Genl. has read your letter and gives a copy of the finding of the court. He is considered juggled over the matter

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Answered by Secretary

New Castle March. 12th 1875

Gen. O. O. Howard.

Portland Oregon

Dear Sir.

Your kind favor of the 25 ult. came duly to hand. For your kindness in looking up the matter of the Mill I am 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 must present many openings for a

young man of energy & capital. I have my trade of milling & Engineering and thoroughly understand both, having served a long apprentiship, could you not take an interest yourself and I will come out and work for the Concern, and if agreable afterwards could take an entrest in the business I have some means, but not sufficient to buy it, I make these sugestions 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 her last eve. Lizzie annie & Carrie are all well. I suppose you know I have one Child a Boy and he is a good Boy every one thinks 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 death, he had always been a kind Father to us 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

I am very truly yours
J. A. Strickland

P.S. remember me to wife and Children whom I never have seen

D.C.

Washington Mch. 19-75

Dear Sir:

I desire very much to be introduced to Mr Smith, Comr of Indian Affrs - 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. Haskell

Gen. O. O. Howard. Ebbitt House
Portland Oregon.

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answered by Ah Gen Apel

San Francisco March 19th 1875

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

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Dear Gen

I arrived on Sunday 14th inst and saw Mr Hammond that night & presented your letter and told him I had petitions from the several churches He is continually on the move and putting papers before him are only consigning them to the waste basket so that I have simply confined myself to attending his meetings and he always sees me and I never let him go without presenting "Portland"

This morning I saw Mr Ladd for the 2nd time about the same subject and he has promised to meet me at the 9 o'clock meeting to morrow morning when I am in hopes to pin Mr Hammond to something definite He seems to be afraid of the sea voyage and I suppose also wants to settle it that he is not to be on his own charges

In coming out of the meeting on Sunday night I was delivered of the envelope containing the signatures 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 rostrum & responded at once as did also Capt Wilkinson who see this is 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 three

days but the noise and confusion are so great
that I doubt the propriety or usefulness the lack
a furniture room with him in which were children
singing. I have seen Mr Bemis about
the Inspectorship of Hulls he will give no de-
-cided 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 very
first hopes of getting the situation Judge Bre
seemed willing to accede to anything Bemis
said and Collector Scott I suppose wants
the former act of the New Post Office Mr H
-ging What I shall do I know not but feel
at my wit's end & dish hope to be able to
make a home a Portland God's will be done
I pray that a path may be opened for me
somewhere down as wife and family are
coming straitened With remembrances of
the dear Mrs meeting

I am yrs Respectly
Natt Ingersoll

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