Seattle W. T.
May 21st 1876

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

My Dear Sir

Mr. R. G. O'Brien late Depy. Col — of Dat. Rev of this Terry. under Major Hayden, is an applicant for appointment as Indian Agent at Tulalip W. T. a vacancy having occurred there caused by the resignation of the Rev. Father Chirouse

Although not a Catholic Mr O'Brien is in full sympathy with their Mission work among the Indians at Tulalip = his appointment has been recommended - not only by all the Federal Officials of this Terry. but also by Father Chirouse - and other Catholic Priests on Puget Sound. Father

Chronicle in recommending Mr. O'Brien to the Catholic Bishop at Vancouver - stated that although a Protestant, the appointment of Mr. O'Brien would be of more benefit to the Indians, than that of a poor Catholic

Previous to Mr. O'Brien making application the Bishop of Vancouver had already recommended for the appointment a Mr. O'Neal of Vancouver - a Catholic. but also - by profession a Saloon Keeper - and an uncompromising Democrat - a man whose appointment could not be regarded other than a calamity to the Indians of that Agency -

Mr. O'Brien is well known throughout this Country as a Christian Gentleman, of unquestionable integrity - and are peculiarly fitted for such a trust; While fully aware of the feeling that exists among Army Officers against meddling with political appointments - I also know the interest you feel in any thing that pertains to the Wards of the Government, when their interests are concerned = a telegram from you to the Hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs at Washington, in Mr. O'Brien's behalf. would I am sure secure his appointment - Should you feel inclined to do so you will confer a great personal favor on

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Geo. D. Hill
Capt. 1 U. S. Army

Personal.

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Fort Walla Walla
May 21. 1875.

My Dear General.

Your kind note of 13th inst. just received, and I thank you for having in mind that I might desire to visit Alaska while serving on this coast. A summer trip on the Pacific in those latitudes can but be most enjoyable, aside from the pleasure of a sight of new regions.

I write to Dr. Poole of a probable delay in his appointment, but that you will remember him when a vacancy occurs.

That check will doubtless

make its appearance in due course of Exchange, as such papers generally do turn up.

Matters very quiet here since the reduction of the garrison by departure of Gen. Wheaton & family and the Colville column.

Sincerely yours

S. G. Whipple.

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Collector's Office, May 21, 1875.

My Dear Sir:

In reply to yours of the 17th Inst. I can only say that before the return of the "Oliver Wolcott," now on a cruise, and a consultation with Capt. Scammon it will be impossible to give you a [redacted] definate answer — By last mail I received orders to dispatch the vessel to Alaska where she will be under the direction of the Collector there —

I suggest that you come to Pt. Townsend in any event — I will be glad to entertain your family & yourself at my house during yr

Custom House, Collector's Office,

PORT TOWNSEND, W. T.,

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Collector.

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stay here –

Yours Truly

H Webster

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Washington DC May 24 1875

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To Genl O O Howard

Offered sixteen hundred acres uninncumbered in westmoreland Co Va assessed at sixteen thousand fronting mile on Potomac half in timber mill and tenement for Equity in M & Ist and thousand Cash

John H Cook

33 paid

DRGnsf

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Washington DC May 24 1875

Sent 10 Hours

Office rules limited are
communicated in contracted &
to accord at rates. Messrs Lyons
Nick or Flower Hall in Sixth
Nick and Tenth for Sixth - Mr
Thomas Cook

John Hoch

33 Park Place

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J. E. SPRINGER, Manager,

For Indiana and Kentucky.

Office of Security Life Ins. Co.

OF NEW YORK.

Indianapolis, Ind. 5/24 1875

May 24

Gen O O Howard
Portland Oregon

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 12th inclosing your policy for change to new fund rec'd. I have forwarded it to Newyork and will send it to you soon as rec'd; in the meantime you are at liberty to travel anywhere

Yoturly

J E Springer

Grand Hotel,

JOHNSON & CO. PROPRIETORS

San Francisco, Cal. May 24 [1875]

General O. O. Howard USA

Dear General

I arrived here last eve en route to Oregon & Alaska. On leaving Boston it was my intention to go from Portland to Alaska on one of the steamers of the Oregon Steamship Co. but at St Louis I heard that you and some other officers of the Army were going to Alaska on a Revenue Cutter. The commander of which I know, Capt White. Can I go with you? and when do you start from Portland and when from Astoria? My present

1871

Acad verbally

intention is to leave here next Saturday for Astoria and Portland on steamers of the Oregon Steamship Co. and if not too late can join you at Astoria or Portland. I am now connected with the Oregon & California R. R. Co. Last February I saw the President, Mr Buxton Secretary of Treasury and Asst Secretary of Interior Mr Cowan on matters relating to Alaska, each of whom expressed a desire that I should go there and report the result of my trip. Therefore I am confident of their approval of your consenting to my going with you in a Government vessel.

Please inform Mr Koehler of the Oregon & California R. R. Co. of your consent to my going and time of departure, and he will inform me by telegraph.

I am

Yours truly
S. Forster Tappan

P.S. Excuse blots. Did not notice it until after writing one page.

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Anna Ill. May 24th 1878

Gen. O. O. Howard
Portland Oregon

Dear Sir,

Yours in behalf of Jesse B. Cheny is received I am sorry to say that I have no recollection what ever of this Soldier,

I was ~~an~~ an Asst. Surg. at the Convalescent Camp, and kept no Copy of the records Surg. Warren Burgess was in Charge. His P. O. Address is Du Quoin Perry Co. Ill. He kept the records and may have a duplicate

Respectfully Yrs

Ford S. Dodds M.D.

and his alleged reason for not
for not attending to his father

The neighbors in two who live
nearest – the little "Ranches" – are
far apart in this Wild region
they say that Moore's place is
"valuable – it could be made
"so as a House of entertainment
"for Summer visitors to Mount
"Hood as the locality is at
"the "foot of the pass", and
"that the Reverend John
"wants his parent to hurry up &
"die"

But for fear you may
doubt me – I give the
names – Mr. O. C. Howell
Wm Strickland: J. H. Kiblins
and other Mr. O. C. Howell came
across the mountains with me to
buy some Horses; and is of

to the Gold mines

Oil Route

May 25, 1875

General

I have the honor to
say that on the 14th inst I sent
a Communication to you by J. H. Kib-
lins Esq: – of Sandy: Multnomah
County Oregon, in reg ard to a very
aged [ninty-eight] man, named
Jeremiah Moore, of the same
Post Office, district: but just
over the line of Multnomah, into
Clackamas County; – the last house
on entering the "Pass"; is the Emigrant
road across the Cascade Mountains
by Mount Hood

On the 20th inst I
left Oil Route to the Gold Mines, through
this Pass, & staid one night there; and
wrote another letter; in pencil; leaving
it to be mailed by the Hunter alluded to who

takes care of the Centenarian; — ie
Mr. Jeremiah Moore — aged
98 — Ninety eight years —

And
now, as doubtless you ask what
prompts me to interest myself in
this matter; I will say that if the
Real Condition, of the poor old
man, was known, the World
would Blush with shame
at allowing a man almost one hund-
red years old, to be so miserable
as this man is

I understand there is
a Son of his, a Baptist Minister
styled the "Reverend" John
Moore; of the same County
"Clackamas" — who knows how
miserable his aged Father
is; and who excuses himself in
the matter by saying "Hell!
"when Father stops cursing — cursing
and instead, begins to pray, I will
"have him treated differently" — !!! —
Oh! — did anyone ever hear of
such a thing? — the false, cruel hearted
Hypocrite! —

The old man, is in his
second childhood, as anyone understands
but if treated kindly, and made comfortable
would pass away in Die, peacefully
and Quietly

But as he now, is:
and it would thrill you, with
disgust and horror to describe
his exact condition =

He is
in the habit, of uttering the word
G — d d — n! — when
used roughly; as he is when
as he is unable to help himself
he is guilty of some trifling + + +
but I think you understand

But to go
back to the Reverend, I am

"

large family of Horsells of "Horse Haven" in
Spring Water P.O. Blackford County Ind.
about 25 m. from Oldman Moore & Western
base of mt. Hood

Bad Luck! -
Yes, all this answer Gen. General
and doubtless you think my eccentric
in minding other people business etc.
but I don't care! - for an
intimated

This is a Case, which
calls for the sympathy of all
men

Mrs. Ann Horsell

And all that is necessary
is to Convert this "Reverend"
Gray - 62 yr. old - to practice
what he preaches

Put away
now; let them be

Yours C. C. Co yr

Ann

for them a a Rod in pickle
for him if next time he
leaves off in the little Home
Haven church he'll get
a salute from a young
Yankee - in such a style
that he will suffer the old
Hypocrite !!!

Write again
to the Johnson claims
etc. for we the men
cannot stay here long
enough to receive it

Yours -

N. C. Johnson

San Francisco
May 25th 1875.

Dear General,

I am in receipt of your much valued letters of May 15th & 19th & note with pleasure their contents,- Being on a Jury for a time I am assured you will make due allowance for brevity.- In regard to money matters betwen us I repeat what I have said from the beginning & that is take your own time & dont let the matter worry you,- do no want do you cramp yourself, when money is plenty with you pay it otherwise wait with patience until it is,- Dont let it trouble you in either mind, body or estate,- I will keep the run of Mr Barstow & on his arrival here will try & see him, This plaguey Jury duty interferes with my every calculation & whatever I do has to be done as it were betwen times,- My many kind remembrances to Mrs Howard & your good self as also to Captains Wilkinson & Slade & believe me to remain your sincere friend,

Wm B Ashworth

To Genl O. O. Howard, Wash. D.C.

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San Francisco

May 26th 1876.

Dear Sister,

I am in receipt of your
usual valued letter of May 19th &
get with it some thin cambric. Having so
many of a kind I am assured you
will have the allowance of liberality.
I do regret to hear nearly letters so
frequent that I have ceased to re- the opinion
that in this you know I don't let
a week pass by - do I not do so
from affection, this time is plenty with
me for it continues most with pleasure
to write it is - but let it travel as
with money, duty or state - I will tell
you I the Doctor & Mr. Mc. arrived here
all well & so - too. The January fog clearly is
here with too very colder & bitter - she is
the one as it was when time - the same kind as
sunshine to the Doctor & I am good enough or also to offer
Mr. Clark & Helen to remain the hospitality
Good bye

Northern Pacific Railroad Company

Hon. GEORGE W. CASS, Receiver.

Office of General Superintendent, Pacific Division.

Kalama, Washington Territory, May 26. 1875

Dear Innuad

I inclose Pass for yourself and Family for the season on Boats of the P.S.S. Co. the Sta. North Pacific is of that line.

Yours Truly
D. W. Spragu

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

P.S. - I believe your Pass for this Road is for yourself & family if I am mistaken please let me know and I will make it so -

D.W.S.

Custom House, District of Puget Sound,

Port Townsend, W. T., May 26th, 1875.

Dear General

Since my last I have consulted Capt Scammon of the "Wolcott" and I am obliged to say that I cannot have the pleasure of offering to bring you & your party from Tacoma to this place. If you & your family will come to my house I will be happy to entertain you during your stay waiting here for the "California" to come round. I think it will be much better for you to come overland than to go over the bar & round Cape Flattery in the "California"

Yrs Truly

H. A. Webster

To
Genl O. O. Howard

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Collector.

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Fort Leavenworth
Kansas
May 26 1875

Dear General

I enclose you a copy of my report or that part of it published in the A & N Journal and I would like your

1st Cavalry. Do you think it would be agreeable to him?

Mrs M joins me in kind regards to Mrs Howard.

I remain
With great respect
Very truly yours
Nelson A. Miles
U.S.A.

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you will see that I
do not believe in the
old army theory of
distroying the whole
race - neither do I
approve or beselute
to denounce the
mismanagement that
in my opinion has
caused most of
the trouble.
I hope you are well
situated and
enjoying your Command.
I would like to
transfer into your
Dept if I could
exchange with Col
Gillem of the

Olympia Wash Terry
May 27th 1875

Genl O. O. Howard.
Portland Ogn.
My Dear Sir.

My friend Major Hayden has informed me in full of your kindly interposition in my behalf for the appointment of Agent to the Tulalip Indians.

In acknowledgment I can only pour the deepest feeling of a grateful heart into these three words that contain more sentiment than any others of the like number in the English language. — I thank you. —

He also informed me that you had asked him what I thought of the Indians. If they had a Soul to save; and there was a way of Salvation for them. In reply. I give you the charge of our Lord and Savior. to his disciples. "Go ye into all the World. and preach

"the Gospel to Every Creature. He that believeth,"
"and is baptised. Shall be saved."

Did the All wise Father create mankind, that part should be saved to himself, and the rest perish? Did He, in His infinite mercy, ordain that one part of his creatures should hear His Word, and receive the blessings which from his mercies flow, and not tell it to his fellow man, that all might rejoice and praise His Name? Ah, He knew the selfishness and fickleness of mans' nature; He knew that their natural instincts would lead them to wander from the fold, and, He sent the Great Shepherd of mankind, His only Son, to gather them in, that all who believed in Him, should have everlasting life.

He invited all, to come to the fountain and drink, making no distinctions, and all who believe in him, and keep his Commandments; shall be saved.

Different religious societies, resort to different modes of bringing the Indians to

a full knowledge of the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ; be that as it may. So that His mercy and grace is held up to them, and they are brought to believe; it matters not by what denomination it is done. If it is done in the true interest of Christ, it will be done well, and the matter as to which is the proper way, must be left with God alone.

We are all travelling toward the same goal. One object in view. One prize to gain, "Life Everlasting". It is our bounden duty, that in our journeying, we should lighten the load of those who may be more heavily laden'd than ourselves. If they have no "Lamp" to light the dark Valley of their way, let us who may be better provided, give them one, even the "Light of the World to come".

Every one of God's Creatures, having human form, has a soul to save; and every Man, Woman, and Child, who knows the blessed promises of the Lord, are His ministers, and should proclaim him to those

who are in darkness. urging them to stand firm in the faith, and fight bravely the good fight.

Father Chiniquy's kindly request that I should succeed him in the business management of the affairs of the Agency, was prompted by some motive known to himself. I hardly think that he would wish it, had he not faith in me, and I feel keenly his preference.

I am not, in religious views, a Roman Catholic, neither am I a bigoted Episcopalian as the Major erroneously had you to believe. I do belong to, and am a Communicant of the Episcopal Church, and try to do my duty in that State of life, into which it may please God to Call me.

I fear I have trespassed upon your time, but I could not refrain writing to thank you for your disinterested Kindness;

and if it should please the powers that be. to favor my appointment. I promise, you shall never feel disappointment in having recommended.

Your humble and
Obedient Servt.
R. G. O'Brien,

OFFICE OF THE

SECURITY LIFE INS. and ANNUITY CO.

Nos. 31 & 33 Pine Street.

ROB'T. L. CASE, Prest
THEO. R. WETMORE, Vice Prest.
ISAAC. H. ALLEN, Secy

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New York May 27th 1870

Dr. J. E. Springer
Indianapolis

Sir:

Having been desirous for several months past of writing to Genl. O. O. Howard, an opportunity has just occurred - You are sending a Policy to the Genl. & will you be kind enough to forward this letter to him - The subject matter of what I have written is as follows: - A Colored Woman named Mrs. Strange who was a nurse in the Howard Asylum for Colored Orphans situated in Dean St Brooklyn, N.Y. gave to the General, her papers when he was on a visit to that Institution a few years ago - the papers were her dec^d husband's discharge &c from the Service of the U. S. (his name David Strange) who was a private in the Rhode Island Heavy Artillery (Colored). I learn further that the Claim was presented to the proper department and in due time passed for payment - and a check was made out but never sent to Mrs Strange - the Genl having been called away suddenly - and since then Mrs. Strange has dec^d. Her Sister requests to know how the case stands & whether she is entitled to the money - or not - The Claim was for bounty & back pay - This is the nearest data I have to the matter & may not avail ~~with~~ to recall to the General's memory the circumstance above related -

Yours Respectfully
Robt L Roberts
Porter of above Co.

JUN 9 1875 O.H.

Fort Colville W.T.
May 27 1875

Gen O. O. Howard
Portland Oregon.

My dead Sir & Bro. I write you at this time in behalf of Mr William M. Dixon (Member of Co E 21st Infty.) the young man I called your attention to while here. Mr Dixon has been an earnest member of our Society since the date of its organization and I feel convinced that he fully intends with "Gods help" to remain true to his pledge.

His term of enlistment Expires, July 18th and my

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great desire now is that he be found some kind of suitable employment. What he would prefer would be to obtain a position in the Quarter Masters Dept. in Portland.

Either of the officers here would give him any testimonials necessary as to him being entirely competent to perform Clerical duty.

Any assistance that you can render me Dear Sir I can assure you will at all times be appreciated and I feel confident that it will not be unworthy bestowed.

With high esteem
I remain your obt Servant

Jacob Stetzel

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To Genl. O. O. Howard.

Portland, Ogn

Direct Lieut W. M. Macomb fourth 4th Arty to report as soon as possible to Genl Meigs in Philadelphia, by order Genl Schofield

J. C. Kelton
a a G

Paid GR JW

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Fort Vancouver W. T.
May 28. /75.

Genl. O. O. Howard,
Portland
Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Mr Hazard accepted your offer, made known to him by Major Sparpin, and in compliance with your message through the Major, I send the horse this morning.

Yours very truly
Thos. R. Van Horne

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Butteville, May. 30th 1875.

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

Dear Sir

The Executive Board of the Oregon Pioneer Association would respectfully ask that yourself & Staff may be pleased to accept an invitation to become guests of the Association on the occasion of the Annual reunion of its members, which will take place on the Fair Grounds of the State agricultural Society near Salem, June the 15th 1875.

Very Respectfully Yours.

J. H. Gibbs
President

W. H. Rees
Sect

arrd. Shore 2

May Jesus Reign.

Portland -

~~American Tract Society, 28 Cornhill, Boston,~~ May 31st 1875

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

Dear Brother - I learned noted a few items respecting the Alaskans from Mrs. Capt. E. Conway, from Beverly Mass, She spent one or two summers with her husband, who had charge of Kahlik, station for the San F. Fur. Co. on the North West shore of Kodiak Is - She became well acquainted with the Indians & Russian Half Breeds. She considered the former at least industrious, honest & generally free from vices, working for 20 cents per day. Taught by the Russians they kept Saturday from Friday night for the Sabbath. Being a Christian lady & seeking their good, she gathered a school of 10 boys & 12 girls, though the Fur Company forbid it. By kindness & hospitality to the Russian Priest - furnishing him a mosquito room, whenever he journeyed that way

way, she won his confidence & favor in this effort with his people.

The children were very untidy at first but learned to be cleanly. She taught them from an English Primer, which they soon learned, giving her much confidence in their teachableness & ability. She continued the school during her stay at that station. She speaks of the climate as mild & pleasant, not much colder than her present residence at Schome, Whatcom Co. Wy.

The grass on Kodiak grows as high as one's head. Berries are abundant. There are no woods on the western part of Kodiak. They get drift-wood from the main land shore about 20 miles across the Strait. - Kodiak harbor on the east is 200 miles by sea from Kahluk, is chiefly inhabited by Russian half breeds. There are some forests, but most of the Island is covered with tall grass good for flaks & hands. Capt. C. experienced but 3 very cold days in the winter of 1871-2. - Besides collecting furs for the Company, he sent 2500 lbs.

of salted Salmon to San F. —

From a fur trader I learn a few weeks ago that the Fur Co - who have leased the seal business from the U.S. Govt - make millions of profits, & that their operations are concealed as much as possible; that vastly greater numbers are killed generally than they agreement allows, & that large amounts of hush money are paid to keep the matter quiet.

Capt. C, on my inquiry confirmed the report.

I have thought it well for you to know these items.

May Jesus Reign.

American Tract Society, 28 Cornhill, Boston, 186

Private

Mrs. Conway is a christian lady, of earnest sympathies. The Capt. has become a christian through her efforts this winter, & has united with the Church at Schenectady.

She thinks a missionary will be welcomed & useful on Kodiak.

Wishing you & yours a good journey

Fraternally

G. T. Bedell Atterson