40 Livingston Street.
Brooklyn.

New York
July 3rd 1875

Gen. O. O. Howard
Portland, Oregon

My dear Friend

Your kind letter (the date I cannot tell as it is at my house) duly reached me We were all very glad to hear from you & your family, & that you were well, since that I notice you are up at Alaska, I wish I was there with you, where it is cool the weather has been very hot here for a week past after a long cold winter & late spring, this is all good for crops, "Seed time and harvest, winter & summer shall not cease."

Well you will see by the papers that the miserable Beecher trial is over, and ends just as most men outside his devoted friends expected, a disagreement of the Jury, I am glad 'tis out of the way. Mr Beecher is like a Ship stranded at high water, the tide has left him & there is no prospect of his getting off it is a little better than going down at Sea, because more of the Crew are saved, but the wreck of a hull in such a position sells very low.

All your notes are paid but one for $1120 due 30 July & 2nd Aug. which I presume will be met at maturity by Mr Cooke

I still hold some of the Pusby notes & the Mortgage for security, do you wish me to surrender these & satisfy the Mortgage to Mr John H. Cooke when this last note of yours is paid? We expect to leave home on Monday the 5th for Buckspot Maine and probably remain away till 15th or 20th Sept, Mr Barnes my partner will be here & will have charge of the note and all the Collaterals.

Mrs B. & our daughter & Miss Spofford are well & with myself would if present send kind regards to Mrs Howard & yourself & should be glad to hear from you at Buckspot — Truly your friend

R. P. Buck

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Leaven July 4th

[1875]

Dear General

I have forwarded through your H'Qrs an application for mileage, believing that your opinion & action thereon would materially influence the favorable action of the Sec'y of War, who is a personal friend of mine, in the matter of the mileage.

I cant for the life of me see how they can twist the plain meaning of the payment of mileage in any other way than paying me and discharging their obligations fairly expressed in said contract.

In the communication sent to me through your H'Qrs

from the Adjt General of the Army

Gen Johnson says that "in order that I may avail myself of mileage I must perform the journey" That no constructive mileage will be paid &c &c "the truth is and every fair man with whom I have conversed (some of them Lawyers) say that I am entitled to the mileage. and that the Dept has manufactured a Constructive journey for me. which the contract in no way contemplates.

Now I am about 4000 miles away from what I consider my home. without the means to return. and I ask your General to make such movement as will at least show the injustice of compelling me to perform a journey without warrant of Law. or relinquishing a sum of money which I stand so much in need of. because of my pecuniary inability to comply with an unjust and arbitrary interpretation of the Dept.

I hope General you would drop me a line and advise me how to act and if the paper which I sent through your H.Qrs is not the thing. to give me the benefit of your counsel

I am as ever
your old friend
& comrade

Wm A. Armstrong
Lt. D

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Fort Klamath Or
July 8th 1873 -

Maj Gen O. O. Howard U. S. A
Comdg Dept of Columbia

General

Captain Jackson 2nd Cavy informs me that you desired me to meet you at Eureka Cal. with transportation for yourself and accompanying staff officers, en route to this Post. I had made arrangements to do so, but Capt J. R. Adams, 1st Cav., wishes to go to Eureka on personal business and I have detailed him to meet you there. I will join you with a detachment of Cavalry men at the "Clear-Beds" Thursday the 15th inst.

I am, General, Very Respy &c
James Jackson
Capt 1st Cav.

Capt. Clement Co. "A"
Fifty fifth Ill.
Vol. Inf.

Maj. Gen. C. C. Washburn U.S.A.
Comdg. Dept. of Mississippi

Memphis

Captain Clement is left injured
on the field. Please send it must be sent
at Memphis. Lieut. Frankenstein
is reported dead. Accompanying list of
killed, wounded & missing at this date.
Have endeavored to do as well for the
Regiment. Future reports will be made
as soon as possible.
Hoping this may reach you safely I am
respectfully
Your obedient servant
Colonel Commdg. 55th Illinois Vol.

San Francisco July 9 1870

J. S. Moore Esq
Dear Sir

As the result of your numerous inquiries in regard to the lease of St. Paul and St. George Islands with the non active members of the "Anti Monopoly Association" and others we hand you the within Memorial signed by a number of the most influential businessmen of San Francisco

Having the utmost confidence in your integrity and sense of justice we request you to submit this paper to the Hon. Sec. of the Treasury and impart to him other information favorable to our cause which you may have gathered

this is signed by

Bernard Bendel
Charles Lugl

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San Francisco July 9 1870

We the undersigned citizens and Merchants of the City of San Francisco. California, make the following assertions & statement:-

That we most positivly maintain that the Act of Congress entitled:-

An act to prevent the extermination of fur bearing animals in Alaska. (Approved July 1 1870) upon which is based the lease of the Fur Seal Island St. Paul & St. George in Alaska Territory to the Alaska Commercial Company, by the Government of the United States, has been a great injury to the general interest of the Pacific Coast.

That owing to this Lease, a state of affairs has been brought about in the Territory of Alaska most unfortunate to the civilized natives of that country and the American citizens who were interested and engaged in enterprise in the same

That it has practically surrendered the resources of that vast country to one firm that hold the Lease.

That it has nearly killed all trade enterprise and development in said Territory of Alaska to such an extent that while formerly Forty or more vessels belonging to nearly as many parties were every year engaged in the trade, between the port of San Francisco and said Territory, not more

than from eight to ten are so now, all of which except one or two small schooners belong to one firm

That we regard the granting of a Monopoly and the lease of said two islands St. George & St. Paul which are inhabited by civilized and christian communities as contrary to the principles of a free and republican government

That we consider it a glaring wrong that the wealth of Alaska for which the government paid $7,200,000. of the peoples money should be surrendered to one firm

That if the Government would adopt a liberal policy encouraging and protecting enterprise in said Territory of Alaska instead of throwing obstacles in its way, there would soon spring up a brisk trade between said country & California and the many resources of that vast region which has an area nearly one fifth (1/5) of that of the whole United States would be rapidly developed by American energy.

We are positively convinced that the only remedy for this state of affairs is the abolishment of the Lease of the Fur seal-islands St. Paul & St. George, now held by the Alaska Commercial Company and that all difficulties can be overcome by regulating the taking of the seals in the following manner.

No more than 100.000 skins pr. year or such a number as might be considered proper should be taken and such rules and regulations for the observation of the natives and other persons present on the islands should be adopted as would be necessary for the preservation of the fur seal fisheries

No furseals should be permitted to be killed except by the native inhabitants of the islands

Every ship having the American flag should be allowed to anchor at said islands and land goods and merchandise and every American citizen should have the right to trade with the inhabitants, sell to them his merchandise and buy of them their furseals

Every native of St Paul & St George Islands should have the right to sell to buy from and work for whomsoever he would please and should have the rights of a citizen of the United States

Responsible Government Officers should be stationed on each island to see that the rules and regulations adopted for the preservation of the fur seal fisheries be carried into execution and they should also be endowed with such authority as to be enabled to enforce the general laws of the United States.

This, also has been signed by Many of the most prominent and influential Merchant of the City.

S.Q. Wagener, R. Pattie

Fort Walla Walla W.T.
July 9th 1875.

To General O.O. Howard

Sir.

I have the honor to send to you, per this day's mail, the manuscript of which Revd. Mr. Grannis was speaking to you, when you were in Walla Walla, and which you said you would kindly read in order to see if it were worth bringing before the American public.

I thank you most sincerely, and I hope my scroll will meet with your approbation.

The Syllabus is intended for the perusal of teachers, and pupils in the higher classes of the Grammar schools, as an auxiliary to any of the standard works on the science.

I wish that a one thousand edition of

Feeling grateful to you for your kindness, and in joyful anticipation of your approval.

I have the honor, Sir. to be
Your obedient Servt.
James M. Delany
Co. "I" 21st. Infty

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Ans'd by Genl
Aug. 9. 1875.

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the Syllabus be printed in [illegible]d type, on good paper, in stiff ornamental covers; and sold at twentyfive cents per copy. Should a second edition be called for, it might consist of two thousand copies similar to the first in every respect. About the time that the second edition would be in the booksellers' hands, I think ~~I might~~ I might have the volumes mentioned in the preface prepared for the publisher.

I purpose donating one-half of any moneys accruing to me from the Syllabus to the M. E. Church at Walla Walla, as a slight acknowledgement of my approval of that church's advocacy of the public school, and in hope that God will accept the gift as a first offerings from my pen, however, I must depend altogether on the publisher as I do not possess money to get the precursor through the press on my own account.

I would be happy to follow your advice on this matter, as well as to offer the manuscript to any publisher whom you may kindly mention to me. I wish it to be understood that, the publisher of the Syllabus shall have a claim to more elaborate works on arithmetic mentioned in the preface.

I hope to be able to place your review, in whole or part, immediately after the preface in the Syllabus.

The manuscript which I send you is ready for the printer; but any suggestions you may kindly offer shall be attended to, either in the sheets which I mail you, or in the proofs which I will correct.

J. E. SPRINGER, Manager,

For Indiana and Kentucky.

Office of Security Life Ins. Co.

OF NEW YORK.

Indianapolis, Ind. July 9th 1875.

Genl O. O. Howard.
Portland Oregon

Dear Sir. Yours 29th ult. rec.
The Army restrictions in your present Policy is more for hard as the old Policy.
I will write the Co to day for their usual "Army Permit" and as soon as it comes to hand will send it to you.

Truly yours
J. E. Springer.

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United States Military Prison
Fort Leavenworth Kansas
July 10th 1875

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

Honored Sir

I hope you will have patience with me as I desire to ask one more favor at your hands. Since I last wrote, the Secretary of War has been pleased, (at the request of Mr Waite and some other gentlemen of Portland) to reduce my sentence to two years, so I have now less than a year to serve (with allowance for good conduct which I think I deserve)

I am in very poor health (dyspepsia and general debility caused by the unusual confinement) and as I feel myself getting weaker every day; I venture to make this last request, which is that you will please write to the Comdg Officer of the Prison (Major & Brevet Brig. Gen. J. M. Robertson 3d Artillery) and request that I may be allowed the liberty of the place or put on parole (which some are allowed) I have no desire to escape but wish to serve my time and be free my sole object is to regain my health so I will be able to get employment when I am discharged next year.

I sincerely hope you will not consider this request either an impudent or importunate one, and I know you would not if you could yourself see the change this confinement has made in me.

Thankful for your previous kindness and hopefull that you will kindly grant the last request I shall ever make

I remain Sir

Very respectfully

Your humble servant

John Fenwick

late private Co. C. 3d U.S. Inf

U.S. Mil. Prison Ft. Leavenworth
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John Fenwick, Prisoner.
Late Co. A. 3rd Infty

Must be allowed liberty of the prison, or out on parole. Please, ill health.

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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, D. C., July 10th, 1875.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 28th ultimo, I have the honor to say that this office is very desirous to have Lieut. W. H. Boyle continue his services as Inspector of Indian goods and supplies at Portland, Oregon, and that he may, in accordance with your suggestion, rent a suitable room for office, and employ Mr. W. B. Cudliff, the gentleman recommended by you, as an assistant in the duties involved, at a reasonable compensation.

Very respectfully,
your obt. servant.
Edw Smith
Commissioner

General O. O. Howard, U.S.A.
Portland, Oregon.

Du Quoin Ill
July 11 1875

J A Sladen A. D. C
Portland Oregon
Sir

Am sorry to say I know nothing of the soldier Jesse B Cheney of whom you speak in your letter of June 14th Prime; would be glad to do any service for him consistent with honor & truthfulness; but it is impossible

Yours truly
W P Bungle

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American Missionary Association:

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ROOMS, 56 READE STREET, NEW YORK.

REV. GEORGE WHIPPLE, N. Y. } Secs.
REV. M. E. STRIEBY, N. Y.

REV. E. M. CRAVATH, *Field Sec.*
W. E. WHITING, ESQ., *Asst. Treas., N. Y.*

New York, July 13th 1875

Gen. O. O. Howard
Portland, Oregon.

Dear General.

Yours of the 8th inst resigning your membership of our Executive Committee is this day received. Were it at all probable that you could meet with us even once or twice in the year, I should beg of you to recall it, but as this by no means probable, I will lay your letter before our Ex. Com. at its next meeting.

Very respectfully
Yours &c
Geo. Whipple
Sec.

Ansd. by Gen. July 29. 1875.

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Brooklyn L. I. July 13th 75

Genl. O. O. Howard

My. Dear. Sir.

I observed in the N.Y. Herald of this morning a letter of yours in which you call for missionaries and teachers to go to Alaska, and wishing some further information upon the subject have concluded to drop you a letter of inquiry, trusting from our former acquaintance that you will not deem me intrusive in so doing, as the inquiries are from no idle curiosity, but motives and feelings of personal interest in the matter, with special reference to the expediency of engaging in such an undertaking myself.

You will probably remember me as the Grand Secretary of the Good Templars Organization in the Dist. Columbia who fought to a successful issue the organization of Lodges for the Colored people in Washington, and formerly member of 1st Congl. Church.

I came to this place last Fall to study for the ministry; having been led on step by step by the marvellous hand of an overruling Providence, and when my studies are finished, wherever His guiding hand shall direct, and open the way, there will be my field of labor.

I wish to inquire 1st as to the climatic influence, as relates

to a sanitary measure? My health being not of the best I have thought a sojourn on the Pacific Coast might have the effect to build my constitution up. and make me stronger.

Can you give me the mean temperature there, in summer & winter? and the general effect (as a sanitary measure) of the climate.

Will you please inform me in relation to their modes of life, occupations, habitations &c. and what is most important for them to be taught? the length of time required to learn their language &c &c.

With such information as you may please to favor me, upon the subject, I may perhaps be able to interest some of my fellow citizens in the work. even if I should not find it advisable or expedient to myself.

Hoping to hear from you at your convenience

I am

Very Respy.

Yours

C. S. Shepherd

No 24 Willow Place

Brooklyn

N.Y.

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Post Office Department,

OFFICE OF THE

Second Assistant Postmaster General,

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Washington, D. C., July 15th, 1875.

Dear General:

You will remember that when you left Washington for your present post of duty I was quite anxious to accompany you, and that you told me that, after entering upon your duties, if you found it possible to give me a position which would yield a support for myself and family, you would give it me.

Because of failing health it has become necessary for me to give up the position which I held in this department, though a pleasant and responsible one, and seek in another climate some work which will necessitate my being much in the open air; and in casting about for the new field, I have thought

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that you might be able to give me such a position. If you have, or can make, such an one for me, I beg you, General, to let me have it, for I have three dear little children who are dependent upon me for their support and education, and for their sake I would retain my health and strength, at least, until they are able to care for themselves. My physician advises me to resign my position at once, but this I cannot do until I secure other work. If it is not in your power to give me work, may I ask you to write me a strong letter to Governor Jewell recommending that he accept my resignation as clerk in the contract office of his department and give me the appointment of special agent

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of the Post Office Department, and assign me to duty either in Minn., California, or Florida; giving him the reason why I desire the change, and telling him how I performed my duties whilst with you. I have rendered faithful service for the three years that I have been employed in this department, as my official superiors will certify, and as my rapid promotion to one of the most responsible positions in this office attests.

This letter I would ask you to enclose to me, and I will present it with my application for the appointment referred to.

By giving the above your attention at your earliest convenience, you will place me under renewed obligations. With the best

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wishes for the welfare and prosperity of you and yours, I remain,

Respectfully yr. obt. servant

T. Taylor Page

Room No. 9, Post Office Department

P.S.

Please present my kindest regards to your aids de Camp, Capts. Sladen and Wilkinson.

T.T.P.

Maj. General O. O. Howard, U.S.A.
Commdg. Dept. of Columbia,
Portland,
Oregon.

P. M. General written
Aug. 9. 1875 by
Asst. P.

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My dear Friend.

You will pardon me, I know for introducing to your attention a matter that may be somewhat painful to you. I assure you that your interest and your reputation are the inducing causes.

I allude to the matter of the Christian Young Mens Association stock. You are aware that the Hampton and Normal Institute holds, I think it is $7,500 of this stock, your gift as Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau. I remember that when there was hope that the stock would be worth 75 cts you generously rendered service for the 25 c reduction and we hoped it would soon be settled satisfactorily, but it hangs. As the stock is now held by Hampton the trustees are often asked, "how did you invest in that stock" looking upon it as a bad investment. "It was given us". "By whom" &c &c causing not only long explanations

but leaving also unpleasant doubts.

Returning from our last meeting, the question was raised by some lady visitors, and remarks were made, that pained some of your best friends.

Then too, you know there are those that your old, arch-enemy, Fernando Wood, will have another bout with you in the next — a democratic — congress. If this is done, the transfer to Hampton of this stock will probably come up.

Now then, the question is simply this, Can you suggest any way, in which this thing can be so arranged as to be removed, without much loss from the assets of the H. N. & A. Institute? If so please give me the benefit of the suggestion.

Yrs in Christian love.

Geo. Whipple.