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328 Washington St Boston Mass. Oct 16<sup>th</sup>

[1875]

FORSTER TAPPAN  
General O. O. Howard U.S.A.

Commanding Department

Portland Oregon

Dear General

I have only just received a letter dated July 28, from Messrs Ford & Houghton in reference to the publication of your war and civil memoirs. I should have received this note while in Portland Oregon and cannot understand why I do not. They say that Mr Howells had written to you in reference to the publication of your work in the Atlantic. Not hearing from Messrs F. & H. and concluding they had no wish for the work I yesterday addressed a letter upon the same subject to J. Leves Harper Esq head of the house of Harper & Co, <sup>New York City</sup> who will doubtless write to you about it. Please inform me what you have done in the matter.

General Sherman writes Oct 6. That he was getting ready to go to Fort Sill in the Wichita County to be absent until about the 1<sup>st</sup> of Nov. He says, "The more I see and hear convinces me that our old commission (Peace Com 1867, 68.) came nearer the truth than <sup>since</sup> any other. Our plan was to collect all the Indians into two tracts - south & north - to give <sup>to</sup> each a military Gov<sup>t</sup> - to be succeeded in due time by a territorial & last if possible a state. I believe if Congress had let Emil Huger alone to organize the south, and Emil Hamy that north, we should have escaped the confusion and scandals that



now fill the air. My own opinion is that time will yet  
force this conclusion. The settlement of the broad terrys  
of Kansas & Nebraska. Extended westward has already  
repented the Sioux from the Kiowa &c. So that now flocks  
and vast herds of cattle are displacing the Indians & Buffalo  
& forming a perfect barrier. The next step must be to  
collect these Indians into the two lodges we originally  
contemplated. If this is not accomplished soon, but  
time will remain for us to Christianize."

I firmly think was the pleasing &  
instructive incidents of our trip to Alaska, and especially  
of dear little Bessie. God bless her, I hope to see her and  
you all at an early day. Please express my kindest regards  
to your family. I am still anticipating another <sup>trip</sup> <sup>up the</sup> <sup>clay</sup>  
trip next year, and do not give up hope that Eve & Shuman  
will go with us.

My regards to all.

I am, Dear Sir,

Forster Tappan

P.S. I arrived here on 21<sup>st</sup> Sept. After seeing you I  
came to San Francisco overland, then south to San  
Diego &c. to Colorado & Kansas, Washington & New York  
and then Boston. Reaching here in good health &  
spirits.



Fort Walla Walla N. T.

Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> 1875

10 A.M. Capt. did not rest quite  
as well last night as the night before.  
Slept well & soundly until 12. Midnight -  
after that was restless. The Doctor  
(Hiden) will rearrange his position this  
morning. The Capt. slightly overdid it  
yesterday evening by sitting up, & eating  
on oxygen skin & smoking a pipe.

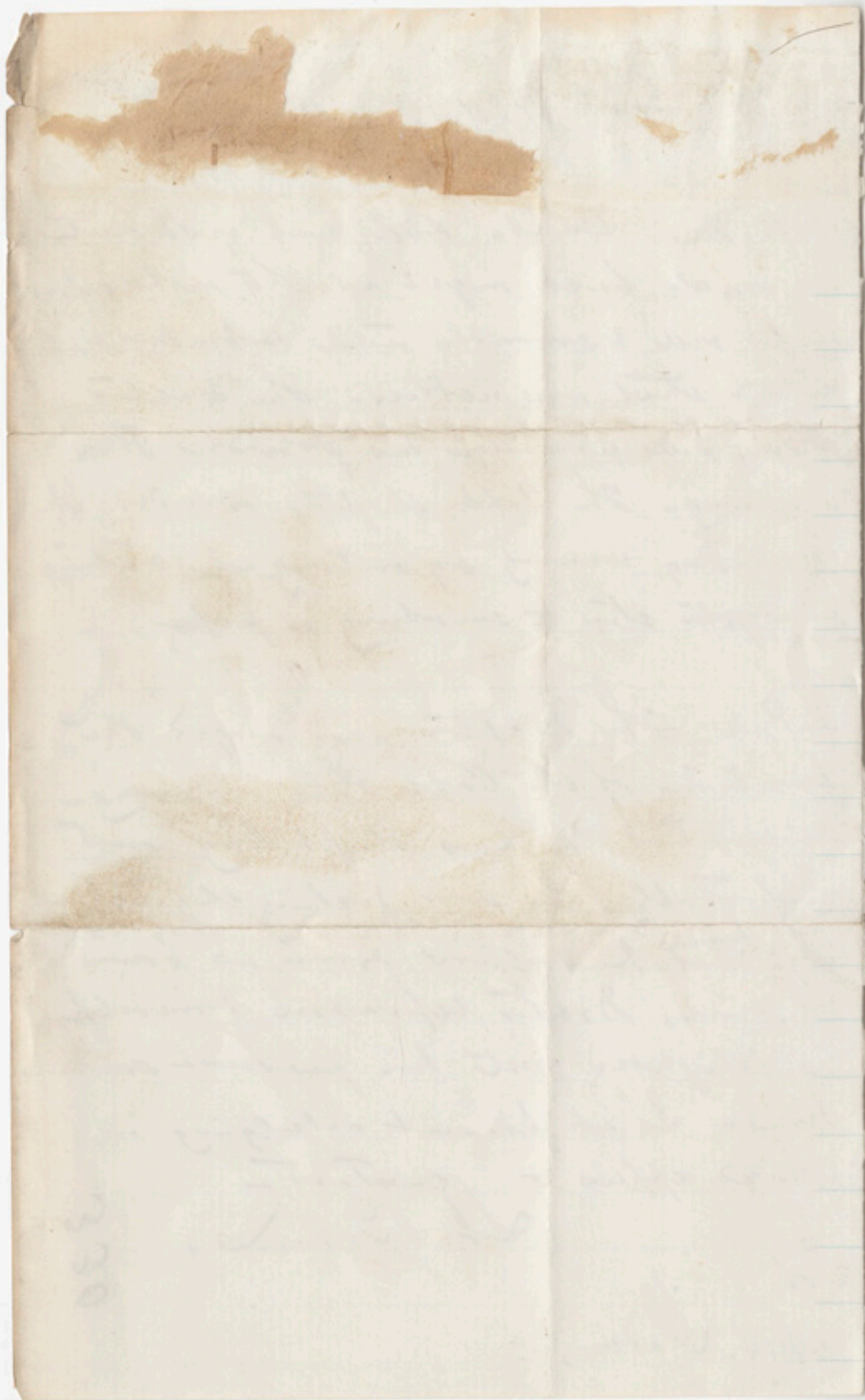
4 P.M. The Doctor rearranged the  
position of the Capt. this morning -  
since that he has slept long and  
comfortably. Is now feeling elegantly -  
says that he suffers from no pain  
whatever. Doctor expresses himself  
as delighted with his present condition -  
Is at present indulging in  
stewed apples & custard -

Yrs

St. Bernard,

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Mrs. Hiden,



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,  
Board of Trustees Howard University,  
Washington, D. C., Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 1875.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir: The next meeting of the Board  
of Trustees of Howard University will be held on  
Wednesday evening 27<sup>th</sup> inst.  
at 6 o'clock, at the University.

By vote of the Board: Exec. Com.

J. B. Johnson  
Secretary.

P. S. The particular item of business  
necessary to be done is important,  
but will occupy the attention of  
the Board a few minutes only.



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
Board of Trustees Howard University

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17, 1877.

Dear Sir: The next meeting of the Board  
of Trustees of Howard University will be held on

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 1877, at 10 o'clock, at the

Office of the Secretary, 1200  
G Street, N.W.

Very respectfully,  
J. D. Johnson  
Secretary



Franklin Square,

New York, *Oct. 21, 1875.*

*Col. S. F. Tappan,*

*Dear Sir,*

*In reply to your  
favor of the 15th inst., addressed  
to our W. J. Abner Harper, we  
beg leave to say that should  
General Howard prepare the  
work you have suggested to  
him we should be pleased  
to examine the MS. on its*



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323 Washington St

Boston Oct 29-75.

completion, with reference to  
undertaking the publication of  
the work.

Dear General

See enclosed

Yours truly

S. F. Tappan

With thanks & respects,

Yours truly,

Harper & Brothers.



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THE GREAT NATIONAL WORK.

# AMERICAN CIVIL WAR.

prompted to let me know of it, after being per-

Before the close of the war, Mr. GEO. L. FRANKENSTEIN, whose ability as an artist is widely known, conceived the idea of visiting all the great battlefields of the country, and, on the spot, from carefully chosen points of view, painting in oils these historic places. *In the present day, the*

Putting his purpose at once into execution, he has since spent three years of unremitting labor in its accomplishment, and has produced a work of inestimable value, and without a parallel. His journeyings extended over all the great battlefields between Gettysburg in the northeast, and Knoxville, Atlanta, and Vicksburg in the southwest, and those comprised in the campaigns of the various Generals commanding, throughout Virginia, to their termination at Appomattox Court House. Visiting these famous scenes before any change in their features had been made, he painted them as the fierce conflict had left them, and now presents to us the

## BATTLEFIELDS OF THE CIVIL WAR.

with every house, and fence, and tree pictured in its proper place and color, as it stood on the memorable day of joint victory and defeat.

Remaining long in each locality, Mr. Frankenstein naturally made the acquaintance of all the residents of the several neighborhoods who were participants in the engagements, or were acquainted with the details and incidents connected with them. This mass of anecdote, incident, and adventure, he has reduced to proper form, and incorporated in the historical record which accompanies and explains each picture. The information thus carefully gathered assisted him greatly also in interpreting the true intent and strategical character of each engagement, and forms a record of absorbing interest.

words revealed its philosophy through its ~~features~~ <sup>2nd</sup> natural features, by means of its facts before ~~any~~ mastered in <sup>see</sup> ~~the~~ text.

This work has never been published, because the intended printer proved unestimated, and at last failed; or went out of business. It has 'slept' since; but of late I have thought to correct & issue it.



*Received Oct 25<sup>th</sup> 1864*

These great battlefields are pictured to us with every detail and accessory strictly true to nature—exactly as they were left by the fiercely contending hosts, and the imagination instantly peoples them with the crowded ranks and throbbing life of the eventful days.

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No pains or expense will be spared by the publishers to make this a representative

### NATIONAL WORK OF ART.

The Battlefields will be published in five quarto volumes, to be issued as rapidly as works involving such great labor of author and artists, can be properly prepared.

EACH VOLUME WILL BE COMPLETE IN ITSELF.

The first is now far advanced towards completion, and will be issued in March. It will illustrate

## GETTYSBURG AND VICKSBURG,

with twelve panoramic views of those places, and descriptive letter press. Including:

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2d. VICKSBURG. Court-House and Presbyterian Church—Cordon of Bluffs extending from the City to Snyder's and Haines' Bluff—Mississippi River—The Peninsula—The Canal Cut—Yazoo Flats—Line of Yazoo River—Scene of Interview between Gens. Grant and Pemberton, with the Monument—The Jackson Road, with Gopher Holes occupied by Families during the Siege, &c. &c.

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## THE VOICE OF THE PRESS.

WHEN the enterprise involved in the production of FRANKENSTEIN'S AMERICAN BATTLEFIELDS was brought to their attention, the leading journals and writers of the country responded to its spirit, and now bear witness to the thorough manner in which the work has been done (as will be seen by the following extracts from some of their articles), in the most generous, hearty, and unqualified language:

[The Cincinnati Commercial.]

These paintings will be chromo-lithographed, preserving not only the outlines, but the colors of the landscape, and published with a carefully prepared textual account of each engagement. The views which we have seen of the Gettysburg battle-ground, and of which we can better judge than of any other field, are minutely exact in detail, and will be instantly recognized by those familiar with it. With such an illustrative aid, the reader of history can arrive at as perfect an understanding of the subject as though he had been a spectator himself.

[The New York Times.]

AMERICAN BATTLEFIELDS. Mr. Geo. L. Frankenstein, after a tour of over two years' duration, has come to New York with a portfolio filled with materials for a work of national and historical interest; namely, sketches, or paintings in oil, of all the prominent battlefields comprised in the "line of war" between Gettysburg and Bull Run, northeast, and Atlanta, Knoxville, and Vicksburg in the southwest. They were painted on the spot; and, as it is designed to publish them of an appropriate size, in book form, with marginal notes, and letter-press description of the battles accompanying, the work must prove very attractive as well as valuable. This is, we believe, the first time landscape views, embracing in completeness the scenes of action extending throughout a whole war, were ever painted, so as to comprise in themselves, as it were, a scenic history. To carry out his idea Mr. Frankenstein traveled over 30,000 miles by all sorts of conveyances, and walking frequently 10 to 30 miles alone, through woods and wilderness. His energy and perseverance deserve success. We look for the publication with much interest.

[Extract Special Washington Correspondence Gazette, Cinn.]

AMERICAN BATTLEFIELDS. Many Officers and Congressmen here have lately had an opportunity of looking over a collection of landscape paintings of the principal fields of the war, executed by Mr. Geo. L. Frankenstein. These are all true to life, and those who have examined them have been deeply interested. They are the result of four years' labor, and in their finished state present an accurate panorama of the war. We have had pictures of battles before, but not landscape paintings wrought with artistic skill. In this view the work is national, besides the sacred interest which our armies have stamped on field and river, on forest, hillside and mountain.

[New York Daily Tribune.]

FINE ARTS. Mr. Geo. L. Frankenstein has undertaken a work, and has nearly brought it to a successful ending, for which his memory is very sure to receive the gratitude of coming generations of Americans. Never was a great war so closely followed by pen and pencil, and the result is that there is scarce an incident of greater or less importance which cannot be found minutely described in some printed book. \* \* \* Honorably and indissolubly associated with the events of that terrible four years will be the name of Mr. Frankenstein. He has undertaken a labor which would have daunted many; very few could have been found even to propose it to themselves. He resolved to visit every famous battlefield of the recent war, and make a sketch of the locality on the spot. This he has accomplished, and the pictures are to be published in chromo-lithography by Richardson & Co. of this City. Mr. Frankenstein has been kind enough to show us the more important of these pictures, and to explain them to us point by point; and we have been as much surprised by the minuteness of his information, the exactness of his memory, and the clearness with which he comprehends the movements of the separate battles, as by the simple truthfulness of the pictures themselves, the delicacy of detail, and the amount of important fact which they are made to contain. Such work should not be overlooked and will not be. Everybody will welcome it. Every American interested in the war (and which of us is not?) will covet the whole series, and secure at least the pictures of certain battles, while the name of the artist will be counted among the most worthy of those who have contributed to secure a truthful record of the greatest war in history.

[Philadelphia Press.]

BATTLEFIELDS OF THE WAR.—Mr. George L. Frankenstein, who has devoted nearly two years to taking sketches of the noted battlefields of the late war, is about reproducing, or rather multiplying, them in chromo-lithography—and appended to these pictures will be descriptive and explanatory letter-press. Having carefully examined several of these pictures, we can speak highly of their artistical merit.

[N. Y. Turf, Field and Farm.]

Mr. George L. Frankenstein proposes to supply a highly important want in the history of our war. He entered upon his work, and the task has proved a herculean one. He traveled from State to State, from battlefield to



Chas. G. F. 8/10/89.5.  
Cushy G. V. K.

battlefield, and under circumstances of the most tedious and trying nature, with commendable patience, has worked incessantly with pencil and brush. He has sketched every prominent battlefield of the war, and now is preparing to give the result of his labors to the public.

[The Cincinnati Volksblatt.]

The celebrated artist, Frankenstein, has made exquisite sketches of all the principal battlefields of the South. They show a master-hand. The enterprise of publishing them promises the most extraordinary success. Every soldier will want the whole work to recall the old battlefields. Every citizen who regards the most memorable epoch of American history will be impelled to get views of those famous places, that he may leave them as heir-looms to his children.

[New York Journal of Commerce.]

SCENES OF THE WAR. We have met with no such views of the battlefields of the late war as those which Mr. Frankenstein has sketched, and which we have had the pleasure of examining in detail, aided by his explanations. He is about to publish them in chromo-lithographic plates, and they will therefore possess special value for historical as well as other purposes. They include views of all the principal fields of the great battles of the war. The Peninsular campaigns, the Pennsylvania scenery around Gettysburg, the far western bluffs and river scenes around Vicksburg, and other memorable points of interest, have been carefully and artistically sketched in oil on each spot by Mr. Frankenstein, who is an artist of thorough appreciation and ability. It is somewhat remarkable that we have as yet had no publications such as this proposes to be, and it is therefore worthy of special note. Richardson & Co. will bring out the work in the course of the next spring.

[New York Observer.]

BATTLEFIELDS OF THE REPUBLIC. Mr. Geo. L. Frankenstein, of this city, an artist of distinction, has undertaken and is now engaged in executing a series of paintings which will add to his own fame, by adding to the historical treasures of the country. It is no less than a comprehensive and faithful reproduction, upon canvas, of the principal battlefields made memorable in our recent national struggle, drawn and painted from nature by the hand of the artist himself. His sketches were carefully made, in oil, on the several fields commemorated. Those which we have seen are elaborate and striking paintings, worthy of preservation in a national gallery. We believe that nothing else of the kind has been undertaken; and it would require a hand of no little skill and a heart of no little courage even to commence a work requiring so much labor. We have examined Mr. Frankenstein's paintings with great satisfaction, and

In addition to the foregoing, and with the same unhesitating commendation, spoke the *New York Evening Express*, *Weekly Review*, *Scottish American Journal*, *New York Demokrat*, *Staats Zeitung*, *Springfield (O.) Republic*, *Columbus (O.) Journal*, *New York Boudoir*, *Banner of Light*, *New York Abend Zeitung*, *New York Citizen* [Miles O'Reilly's paper], and *N. Y. Herald*. But it is impossible, within the limits of a prospectus, to quote them all.

we shall watch their progress with much interest. The volumes are to be published by Richardson & Co. of this city, who have every facility for bringing them out in the best style.

TESTIMONIAL FROM GETTYSBURG.

GETTYSBURG, AUG. 27, 1866.

This is to certify that the undersigned are residents of Gettysburg, and are familiar with the whole ground and the particular points of the battle-field of this place. They learned with pleasure that Mr. G. L. Frankenstein was making sketches of this field, and watched with interest the progress which he made. Now that his work is finished they feel it due to the artist to testify to the life-like accuracy of his sketches and the completeness of the view of the whole field which he affords to the beholder. They are pleased to know that he proposes to have his sketches lithographed, and in this form, with explanatory letter-press, give them to the public.

H. L. BAUGHER, D. D.,

Pres't Penna. College.

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DAVID WILLS, President Soldiers' National Cemetery.  
ROBERT HORNER, M. D.  
S. S. MCCREARY.  
H. AUGHINBAUGH.  
J. M. WALTER, Clerk of Adams County.

[N. Y. Belletristisches Journal.]

An artistic work of exquisite character is in preparation for the public. A highly talented painter, Mr. Geo. L. Frankenstein, undertook the laborious but praiseworthy task of visiting all the great battlefields of the American Civil War, and of painting faithful studies of the same upon the scenes of action; and he has accomplished the work in a truly masterly style. \* \* \* The work will shortly be issued by Messrs. Richardson & Co. of this city, the paintings to be reproduced in chromo-lithography. Through this enterprise a want will be completely filled which has heretofore been but meagerly suggested.

Words revealed its philosophy through its pictures.



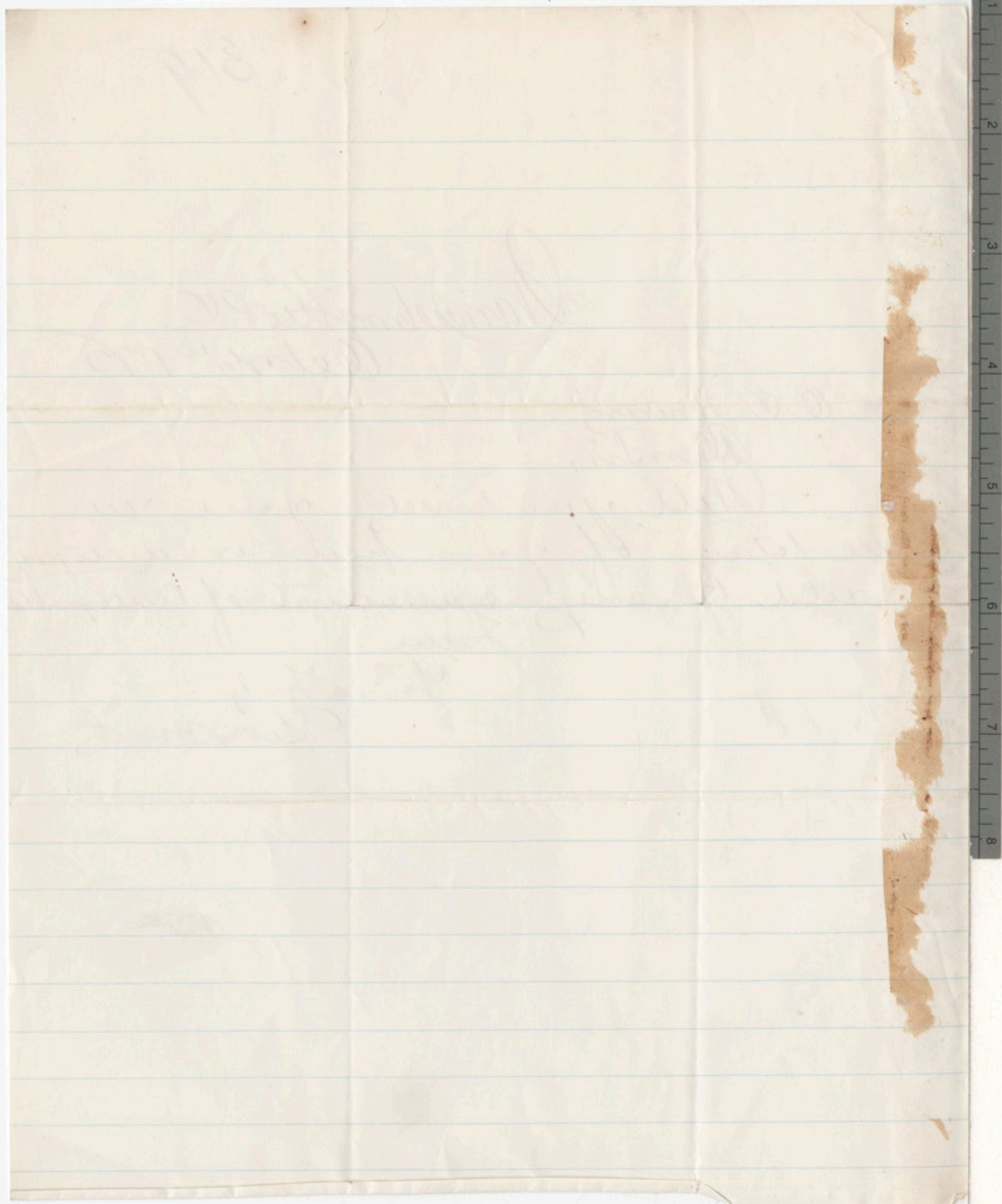
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Washington D.C.  
Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 1875

Genl O. O. Howard  
Albany, N.Y.

Will you kindly give me  
some notion of your pen or autograph  
to add to my collection of Autographs?  
I am

Yours Truly,  
Geo. W. Heath





OFFICE, 401 NINTH STREET.

ADDRESS, LOCK-BOX 52.

A. S. PRATT & SON,

Washington, D. C., Oct. 26 187 *5*

Dear Sir,

Gen. Howard's  
Life Insurance premium  
has been paid by  
Geo. H. Cook of  
this city.

Yours

A. S. Pratt

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WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE - THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Capt. M. C. Wilkinson U.S.A.  
Portland,  
Oregon.



Mother was glad  
to get home; & the  
far all enjoyed it.  
Mother will  
be answer as soon  
as possible —

Glencoe  
Oct 29 1875

Dear Brother

It must be some  
remarkable event which  
will induce me to take  
a few days I get home  
when I have spent the en-  
tire day writing in Chicago.

But we want you and begin  
and Guy & Maria and all  
of your family to know  
that we have a nice little  
baby no 5 and boy no 4.  
He was born yesterday about  
8 a. m. Kitty remarked that  
he came on our morning  
train on which I am ac-  
customed to go to the city.

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Dear Bro's Sister & my dear little  
Niece — I have never seen you,  
strong since you were here in  
Chicago a week. I  
know whether he lives in  
New York I am my own manager. I  
don't know with work — If I see  
I intend to prepare you too  
for the paper & the other and  
last week I have prepared one of them.  
not in hope to send to the J. J. Jones.  
I am in love to you too — I see  
beginning to see — I see beginning  
to see — a little later you see — But  
I am just tired so with you I add my  
best regards to the whole family.



4 You don't tell me what case you were  
to find the mother to but I see you are to write  
some Recollecting of father for Atlantic.  
The story in the past freedom upon me from  
my father like my father's from the meeting  
of the Am. Board & our sister worth in Court  
Boston with it I know not how apt to  
I can't say for you & I fear I cannot do  
to Bethany or any of the women. The fact  
is the. My wife don't like it and I  
remember of the things she has been about  
to make this fall. He had another attack  
last night. He was probably to be disappointed.  
I don't know of anything for him to do. No  
out there. Mr. Locke - a gentleman from  
Andover's sister to you of my wife try to take

The Lord has been very men-  
ciful to us and Kitty seems  
to be unusually strong and  
well. The baby has not been  
weighed but he is exactly  
as large as any of his  
brothers and will rival  
them in early beauty. He  
has already a wonderfully  
well developed nose and his  
ears show that they are not  
to be squeezed at by the  
nose - In these two features  
he is thought to resemble his  
father. - Mother is busy  
enough in caring for the other  
children. One of them, Bert,  
sleeps with her while Nina sleeps  
with me & little Arthur in his  
crib by the side of my bed. Ma  
helps with Mr. Day - My



Oct-29<sup>th</sup> 1847

Astoria  
Oregon

General Sheward Sir  
Please to inform me did  
general Chapman in  
Washington gain the  
Twenty per cent- that- was to  
be passed in Congress that-  
was to be paid to the  
employees that- worked in  
the Government- employment  
that- was to be granted from  
the 30<sup>th</sup> of May<sup>66</sup> till the 30<sup>th</sup>-  
of June<sup>67</sup> - General Please  
to call and see me - When  
in Astoria ) yours truly  
Mrs Mary

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Walla Walla

Gen Howard

Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 1878

Sir

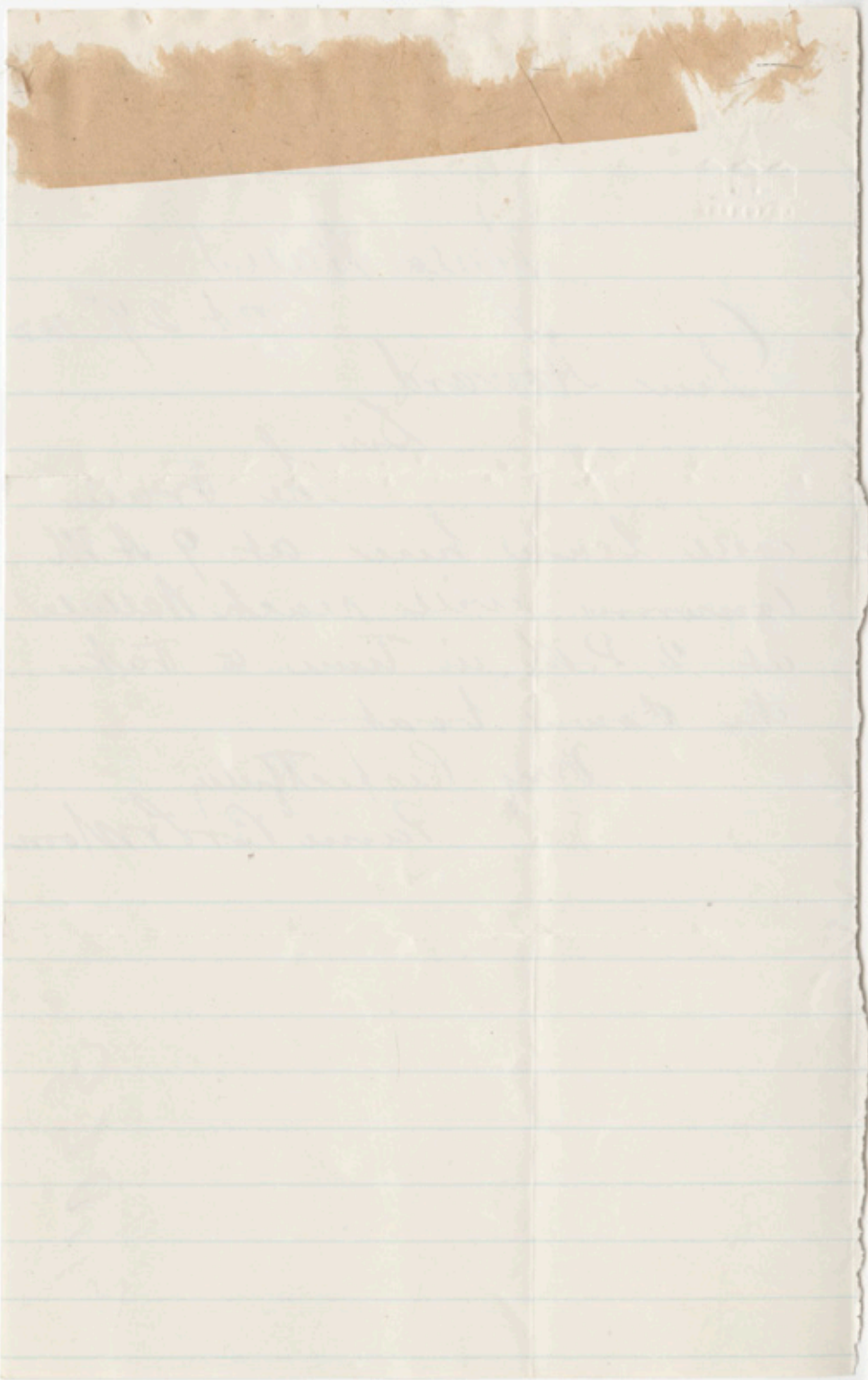
The Train  
will leave here at 9 A.M.  
Tomorrow will reach Wallula  
at 2 P.M. in time to take  
the down boat

Very Respectfully

Paine B. & Moon

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**Office** Paine Bros. & Moore,  
**DEALERS IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE.**

Walla Walla, W. T., Oct-29<sup>th</sup> 1875

Genl Howard.

Dear Sir

We learn by inquiry at the rail road office, that a train will leave at 9. A.M. tomorrow - Saturday - connecting with the O. S. A. Co's boat - which leaves Wallula at 2 P.M. This boat remains at Lematille until Monday morning.

Very Respectfully,  
Miles C. Moore



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Washington City D.C. Oct 29 1875.

General:

Mr. Henry B. Curtis Esq. of Mount Vernon, Ohio, informs me that you are about to publish a work on the prominent battles of the late rebellion, and, as the only surviving brother, he requests that I address you in regard to the battle of Pea Ridge won under the command of my uncle the late Major General Samuel R. Curtis.

You are of course familiar with the general nature of that battle, and can judge whether it should be described in your work.

If however you desire to include in your work a description of Pea Ridge, I think I am as



well prepared as any other person  
can be to give you full information  
as to the facts for the following  
reasons.

I served at the headquarters  
of General Curtis throughout that cam-  
paign as special order clerk, was  
present at the battle, had general charge  
of letters and correspondence in regard  
to it and to the campaign, was after-  
wards charged by the General with  
the labor of obtaining copies of all im-  
portant war papers in which he was  
concerned, for his own use, and with  
preparing his military history for the  
War Department, West Point Academy, (Phreno-  
logical Journal of Nov '67,) &c.

I subsequently served sixteen  
months as Aid De Camp and Judge  
Advocate on the Staff of General Cur-  
tis, and during this time was charged  
by him with the duty of preparing  
for the State Historical Society of  
Iowa a full history of the Pea Ridge



campaign. This I did in an account of more than 250 octavo pages, as published by the society, and which included all the important orders, general and special, correspondence with officers, rebel or union, reports of the battle by union and rebel generals, newspaper comments, movements of the army, sanitary commission, results of the campaign &c. &c.

This work is however buried in the published record of a State Historical Society. The extraordinary modesty of the late General Curtis prevented him from promoting his own fame in the ways which are common, or claiming the laurels which were his due. He is there—



fore comparatively little known  
in connexion with the history of  
the late war, and his last report  
of the campaign in which he,  
assisted by Rosecrans and Price, dur-  
ing two weeks, in the fall of 1864,  
drove the army of Sterling Price from  
Kansas City to the Arkansas River, was  
never even published, until since his death  
the Secretary of War has furnished it at  
my request to the Iowa Historical  
Society. Knowing as I do the nature  
of the contest at Pea Ridge, I feel with  
the General's brother, Henry B. Curtis, that  
justice to the General, and to history  
demands that the facts concerning  
the battle should be more prominently  
placed on record.

During the present administration I  
have been a clerk in the Treasury Department,  
and may be addressed at the internal  
revenue office, or at No. 1417, 10th St. N. W.,  
in this city.

332/ Hoping General that you will excuse the  
boldness of a stranger in thus addressing you  
and that you may find time to reply.

Genl O.O. Howard,

Portland. Oregon.

I remain very truly yours

Saml Prentiss Curtis



# American Missionary Association:

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New York, October 30th, 1875.

Gen. O. O. Howard,  
Portland, Oregon.

My dear Brother.

The officers of the American Missionary Association were not willing to have even a seeming severance of your connection with the Association, which has had so much pleasure in co-operating with you in a work in behalf of the colored men of our country. We could not but recognize the fitness of your resignation as a member of the Ex. Com. requiring your monthly presence here in New York. There is no such reason for your not being a Vice President.

I have, therefore, the honor of informing you, that at our recent Annual Meeting, you were unanimously elected a Vice President of the Am. Miss. Assoc.

Very truly yours.

Geo. Whipple  
Cor. Sec



ROOMS, 58 READE STREET, NEW YORK.

Rev. James Watson, N. Y.  
Rev. M. E. Hays, N. Y.

W. E. Watson, Esq., New York

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My dear Brother

Dear O. O. Watson,  
Portland, Oregon.  
The officers of the American Missionary Association were not willing to have even a seeming severance of your connection with the Association, which has had so much pleasure in co-operating with you in a work in behalf of the colored men of our country. We could not but recognize the fitness of your occupation as a member of the A. M. A. regarding your monthly presence here in New York. There is no such reason for your not being a Vice-President. I have therefore the honor of informing you that at our recent Annual Meeting, you were unanimously elected a Vice-President of the A. M. A.

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However you should decide  
to order me to Portland, I shall  
endeavor to render myself as useful  
as possible. If I remain here,  
I will do so with the assurance that  
your better judgment recommends  
it, and rest perfectly satisfied.  
Content that an All-wise Providence  
watches over us. -

With sincere thanks from myself  
and wife. I am, General  
yours very respectfully  
W. R. Russell  
1st Lt. 1st Cav. Regt.

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Oct. 30. 1845

General O. S. Howard  
Portland, Oregon.

My dear General.

Your very kind  
invitation to address you personally,  
together with your unsolicited kindness  
and interest in my wife's health,  
leaves the expression of mere thanks  
out of place, but I shall always  
remember it with feelings of the deepest  
respect and gratitude.

I thought last night, in speaking of  
Lingens Aldens adverse opinion to my  
wife's going to Portland, that you had  
(to my mind) wrong impressions in the  
matter.



With all due respect to Dr. Aeder's  
opinion. I must decline to accept it  
as final in my wife's case; soon  
after my arrival here from Kansas  
he expressed his opinion, decidedly  
that her case was incurable, and since  
which time his services, or attention  
has been only nominal, excepting  
where a slight attack of asthma  
intervened. During the past six  
or seven weeks we have relied entirely  
on ourselves. and in contradiction  
of the Doctor's opinion Mrs. Sanell  
has certainly improved in every way.

Many surgeons have strong prejudices,  
and therefore I am more inclined to  
seek aid outside - where I am more  
likely to find men with such a variety  
of practice, that cases similar to  
the one in question may have been  
successfully treated by them. I would  
even go so far as to seek aid from  
some well known, and authenticated  
Private Hospital. Securing for her

still that such  
an operation could give.

It would I am afraid be injudicious  
in me to attempt to take my wife to  
Portland at so late a season and be  
again compelled to return here for the  
winter, one journey following another  
so rapidly would injure her rather  
than aid her. my object in going  
at all would be to avoid this climate  
in winter time. more particularly  
owing to the present condition of the  
quarters, last winter was a severe  
trial on her, and another of the kind  
might be fatal. and even if no  
other benefit would be derived from  
it, I think the change would be  
beneficial - but I will leave it entirely  
to your judgment, and trust in  
God for the best. -

I regret my ignorance of German  
and Spanish. I just know enough  
of each to be useless to me. It



October 31, 1875?

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Sunday night, 10 P.M.

Dear General:

I am told that the greatest pleasure of a true Christian is to make his fellow beings happy. This being so I would rob you of that enjoyment were I not to write you to-night. Could you have looked in on our little family reunion today and partook of its enjoyment, I know, in the fulness of your heart, you would <sup>have</sup> felt some ~~of~~ little return for the hardship you endured in the knowledge that you alone secured this enjoyment for us. If the "joy that surpasses all understanding" is richer than this which has filled our souls today, we pray earnestly that our hearts may be early prepared to receive it. Wife & I have had a full, heart-felt reconciliation; and this holy-day has been one of the happiest ~~of~~ our married life. No regrets, no reproaches, no upbraidings, marked our forgiveness of each other, but promises full of hope & happiness have generously been made by both — and I believe in my heart that these promises will never be



broken.

Neither of us know how to thank you, General, for <sup>your</sup> extraordinary services, nor would any sacrifice on our part be considered great enough to prove how full of gratitude our hearts are.

I called on Mrs. H. soon as I got home last night and told her you rather reluctantly took the boat for Walla Walla — that is you were not inclined to go until you received from Dr. Bailey intelligence of Capt. Sladen's really critical condition. Then, I told her, you jumped aboard without a moment's hesitation. She was so glad you went. She and the children are all well. I kissed them all — that is the children. I was so happy that I kissed them for the good their father had done me.

Poor Sladen, poor fellow, how my heart aches for him. Mrs. L joins me in prayer that his life may be spared him yet a little longer.

God bless you, General, with his fullest, richest blessings is the sincere prayer of both Mrs. L and myself.

Most truly yours,  
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Smithsonian Institution,  
Washington, D.C.

Oct. 31, 1875.

Gen O. O. Howard;

Portland;

Oregon.

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Sir:

Your reply to my letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> ult. received: - its contents throw a flood of light upon quite a different subject for I do not in my letter, above referred to, question your purity of character, but I did ask for some reason why you should consider the position of a low anonymous pamphlet in your report upon Alaska necessary to the conscientious discharge of your duty - all men are liable to error, but when they blunder wilfully, it becomes tantamount to crime.

Very resp<sup>l</sup>ly yours  
Henry D. Elliott



