

Wiesbaden, Nov. 1. 1875.



My Dear General,

A few days ago I saw your letter of Sept. 14th, which you appeared in the N. York Herald. — I see from it that a new history of Gettysburg has been written, & that the writer attempts to disprove you of the fair fame you have earned during the war & particularly on the field of Gettysburg. — Not having seen the book, I do not know wherein his criticisms or charges consist, & am therefore not able to contradict them. —

He is surely wrong, if he asserts, that Doubleday at any time held the "chief command" upon the field for upwards of two hours, or I may add for two seconds.



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This fact, if it were true, I certainly would know. - Dr. Bates seems to charge you with the "error of stringing out your command in ^{this} continuous line". - I can fully endorse your reply to this charge. -

It is not at all unlikely, as you suppose, that the author of the book corresponded & conversed with several of the officers, who were present at Gettysburg; - & mistook their views & assertions for historical sources. - Doubleday was probably one of these, & fully improved the opportunity by placing himself in the most favorable light possible. - I have seen him but a few times, & then he impressed me

as a very feeble man. -

I have resided here in this beautiful city for the last 14 months, but am now about to return to the United States.

On my arrival in N. York I will at once procure a copy of Dr. Bates' book, and after a careful perusal, shall write to you more fully on the subject. -

My address in N. Y. will be care of Wilson, Harkle & Co., 28 Bond St. -

I remain, my dear General

always very truly Yrs.
A. von Steinwehr.

made your name & position to
your friends, that I trust you will
excuse the liberty I have taken in
addressing you personally. For a better
personal knowledge of me, and my
position in society I would refer
you to Senators Sherman and Thoma-
s - Genl. Beltramp - Secy
Delane - or any of our public men
from Ohio -

If convenient I would be glad to
receive a note from you in reply.

With high regards I am
Very truly Yours
Henry B. Curtis

Ans. by Genl H -
Nov 18. 75.



Office of Henry B. Curtis.

Mount Vernon, O. Nov. 2, 1875

Genl Howard
Portland Oregon

Dear Sir -

I beg leave to address you
on the subject of your forthcoming book,
giving a history of the important battles
of the late rebellion. I have not the
exact title before me. I wish to append
to you, to place my brother, the late
Maj^r Genl Samuel R. Curtis, who
commanded at the battle of Pea Ridge,
in his true relation before the Country
as the true hero of that battle. His
death in 1866 has prevented a full and
clear vindication against some publica-
tions that have assumed to give the
principal credit to a subordinate
Officer, who never in the General's

life time pursued to claim it.
but on the contrary, in written
communications to my brother
Especially disclaims it.

I also submit that the
victory won at the battle of Pea
Ridge, coming as it did after a
period of gloom and disaster to
our arms, and perhaps, some may
the first important success in the
struggle, distinguishing that battle
as one ⁱⁿ the list of remarkable
ones intended to be embraced in
your History. If not included in
that category by you, I beg to request
your candid and careful considera-
tion on the subject, and aside
from any personal interest I might
feel, would earnestly recommend
that it be so included.

For the purpose of a true and
complete knowledge of all the details

of that battle I would refer you
to Saml. P. Curtis, of Washington
City, a nephew of the General, and
who was with him, in some staff
Capacity through the whole Cam-
paign. He is a man of Education
and honor. And as I understand
has already written to you on the
subject. I recommend him
as a competent writer, who would
give you a clear, lucid, and truth-
ful account of the whole conflict
and all its incidents and circum-
stances, if authorized by you so to do.
I commend him as an honorable
and reliable gentleman.

I have had the pleasure of an
introduction to you, General, at Blum-
berg. But the reception was too brief to
justify me in claiming a personal ac-
quaintance with you. But your
public and honorable services have

St. Helen Hall N. J.
Nov. 2nd 1875.

General O. O. Howard.
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir

Realizing the
kind interest you have taken to
render me a service, in the restoration
of my wifes health. I cannot but
ever feel thankful. I have
been weighing everything carefully
Concerning a change to Portland,
and consider that it would be
wiser for her not to go there at so
late a season. Portland climate
during the winter months is wet.
and constantly damp - which



alone would not be preferable,
and I am afraid she could
not take advantage of any short
journeys up and down the
river; Certain conveniences are
essential, which she could not have
on such trips, as well as the chances
of bad weather, rendering it too
dangerous to experiment with.

An invalid requires (as she does)
many little additions, and attentions
in a culinary point of view. that
could not be obtained by boarding.

I am satisfied that the sea
air would be beneficial, but the
posts on the coast in this Department
~~situated on the coast~~ would be
too cold and bleak for her at
present. her desire was to get
to one of the islands in San Francisco
Harbor, where a warmer temperature
and sea air as well, would be

realized. This being at present
unobtainable, it will perhaps be
better for her to remain here.

My telegram today was sent
so as to avoid the countermanding
of any order that you might
have issued relative to my going
down. I consulted Mr Ward
relative to the winters in Portland,
and concluded that little or no
benefit would be derived from it.

I fear you will think me vacillating,
but I hope and trust not. My whole
and only desire is to render all
possible benefit to my wife, trusting
in God that all things may be
for the best.

I am General,

Yours very respectfully

Wm R. P. Ansell
1st Cavalry

Oregon Steam Navigation Co.'s Telegraph

Walla Walla Nov 2 187⁵
11^a M.
To Genl Howard

Wife thinks better not go to Portland this
winter

W R. Farnell

9 Paid 2.00

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The Tacoma Land Company

Tacoma, W. T., Nov 4th 1875

My Dear General.

Your esteemed favor of the 3^d inst is at hand. Am glad to know of your safe return. I cannot tell you how much we all pity the poor Captain in his misfortune. After you left us the other night, for that first sad ride, we were all very sorry that we got you started off. Mrs Hibbard says she cannot forgive herself that she did not put a note on your going. Most assuredly I agree with you that Reynolds charged you too much, and I shall not pay him that amt. I have bid him \$10, and shall not pay him over \$5 more for I think \$20 a big price, and will not pay him \$25. Am glad to learn that your trip was a success. All with kind regards.

Very truly yours
Geo. B. Hibbard
Saml A. Howard M.S. & Co

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328 Washington St Boston Nov. 4th

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General O. O. Howard U.S.A.

Portland Oregon

Dear General

Yours received, contents noted. Plutarch says
that Socrates with his great wisdom and Hercules with his great
courage did not care a fig for all said against them.
I committed to Miss Campbell and Quincy the courage
of ^{the} one and the wisdom of the other with the philosophy of
both, as a sure protection from all the assaults of the press.
The world and the devil's slander is the most common and
the cheapest (and in fact the most harmless) of marketable
commodities, whether meted or measured out to me by the
nick-yard or acre.

I do not know how Secretary Chandler is or
will be on the Indian question. I rather favor the transfer to
the War Department, until Congress will legislate properly upon
the subject. It is related of Napoleon, that "one day when
surrounded by the dwains of the grand Sheiks, he received
intelligence that some Arabs of the tribes of the Ouadis had
killed a fellow." (a slave of slaves) and carried off some
flocks; he showed great indignation, and in an animated
tone, ordered an officer of his staff immediately to proceed
into Bahrick with 200 dromedaries and 300 horsemen,
to obtain reparation, and punish the culprits.

The Sheik Elmudi, hearing this order, and seeing
the emotion of Napoleon, said to him, with
a smile, "Was this fellow your enemy, that his
death makes you so indignant?" "Yes," replied
Napoleon. "All those whom I command are my
children," said the Sheik, "you speak like
the Prophet." Believing the officers of our army
would be animated by such a spirit, if re-
sponsible for the Government of the Medinas,
I desire the transfer, and believe it will be
made next session of Congress.

I have not informed me of your
other engagements to me.

My kindest remembrances to Mrs
Howard and your family. Capt & Mrs Wilkins

I am,

Yours truly,

Forster Tappan

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236. Superior Street

Cleveland O. Nov 17th 75

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear General.

Will you please
be kind enough to give me your opinion
of my full length portrait of Maj. Gen.
Geo. W. Thomas that you saw at the
meeting of the Society of the Army of the
Tennessee at Solida O. two years ago?

You are probably aware that the last
Congress failed to purchase this painting,
and of some of the causes that led to this
failure. It will be brought up again
this coming winter, and I wish it as strongly
fortified as possible by the endorsements of
those who knew him well, and therefore the
best judges of the likeness.

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Ans. by Gen. H—
Nov. 18. 75



the generous promise you so kindly be-
stowed upon this portrait at Saluda
and your kindly manner towards me
at that time emboldens me to write
you now.

Generals Cox, Stedman,
Swayne, Innes, Stanley, Hancock, Cross
Schuyler Hamilton and many others have sent
me very strong and enthusiastic endorsements
of the portrait and I would be glad to receive
of one from you to place beside them.

Hoping that it will be agreeable
to you to grant me the favor I have
I have made so bold to ask of you.

Very Sincerely Yours
C. L. Plansom

My Gen. C. C. Weaver
Porter Oregon

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151 & 153 FIFTH AVENUE,

Chicago, Nov 3rd/₄ 1875

Dear Bro.

I am doing no sort of justice to you or any of my dearest friends in correspondence of late.

The fact is I have been about as much overwhelmed with work as you ever were, the busiest time of the Bureau, or indeed even as you were on the battle-field.

We had the Amer. Board meeting here, and got out an "Extra" which required work, night and day, especially on account of the extra labor being done without much additional help.

In addition to all our ordinary work, at that time, we published also a "guide-book" for the

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delegates, and were greatly over-
whelmed with visitors who consumed time.

Filly and the new baby are
doing remarkably well. She
sat up most of the day yesterday.
Louisa is with us. She wishes
to be remembered to you, and says
Howard University matters are
going very badly without you.
Says all the colored people want
you to come back, which is but
the simple truth.

Mr Smith writes me, the trustees
urge him to take the presidency.

They could hardly get a
better man, as I think you
will agree. I have only a

few minutes this morning as I
am going out home to spend
the day - for a rarity, to oversee
the starting of the furnace for
the winter.

Mother helps
us take care of our big little
flock. She is always delight-

ed to get even a few lines from
you. Your last, mentioned en-

closure of a document, as to which

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151 & 153 FIFTH AVENUE,

Chicago, _____ 1877

you thought Mr Gilbert had made a mistake, but it was not enclosed back to me, so that I cannot tell what it was, nor what the mistake was. I wrote you a pretty long letter some-time within the month which perhaps was sent to somebody else and somebody else's document sent to you, — But this is only conjecture.

Another thing in which you left me in the dark was in regard to Capt. Sladen's misfortune. You merely mentioned that his wife had gone to him somewhere on account of his broken leg, but did not tell where, how, or where his leg

was broken. Perhaps some little has miscarried. I am talking of opening a branch office, quite extensively in N. York City, and have invited Mr Smith to take charge of it if he leaves the Indian Bureau. Possibly

Rowland may work with him there. Just now Rowland is in Farmington with his family but will return to Norwich Ct. for the 9th of October to attend the Conference — will then go to N. York and remain until our new departure there is fully settled upon.

If we could raise twenty or thirty thousand dollars there we would enlarge the paper and make that office nearly co-ordinate with this.

If we could raise fifty or sixty thousand dollars we would make that the principal office, and this the branch, but these are pretty substantial "ifs" Write us when you can, please. Love to all
Your "Comrade"

Letto Brown

Use by Mr. A. F.
Nov 8/75



Forest Grove Nov 5/75

General Howard:

Dear sir, the ladies attending the Congregational church of Forest Grove wish to replaster and otherwise repair the interior of the church. At our last meeting it was decided to give a course of six lectures; to give one each month during the winter & spring, beginning with the present month.

They also decided to solicit you to give deliver the first

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lecture of the course.

Will you be so kind
as to reply to this note
immediately and state whether
you can comply with their
request or not? That I may
be prepared to state your
answer at our next meeting,
also state your terms. Please
be as generous as possible
as the church is poor.

They would like to
have the lecture delivered
about the 18th of the present
month if convenient.

Written by order of the
Woman's Working Society
of Foust Grove.

M. E. Hooper Secretary

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N. Kietow, J. S.
November 8th 1845.

Trieste, Italy
C. C. Howard
U. S. Army

Portland, Oregon.

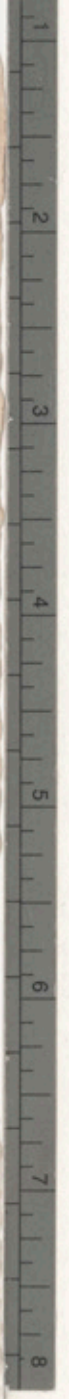
Sir:

Emboldened by your kind promises - while lately visiting this place - I to day take the liberty of addressing you, and respectfully ask for a position, either civil or military. I may mention that I have been in the U. S. Army for over 18 years, and can furnish you with all the necessary papers pertaining thereto, if required. One of the reasons, in fact, the most grave one, for applying to you, Sir, is, that I may be placed in a more settled country in order to enable me to attend Church, which here is impossible. Knowing your kind heart I at least hope for an answer.

Very Respectfully
your humble servant
Isaac Arthur

Ans by the 4th
Mar 26/75

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES,
610 CHESTNUT ST.
PHILADELPHIA.

Nov. 9, 1875.
Dear General:

I was very
glad of your Alaska article.
I enclose herewith a check
for it.

The articles from your
brother - which you thought
he would send to me - did
not make their appearance.

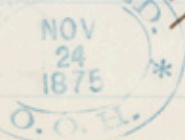
The enclosed lecture is
too long for my purpose,
and I did not well see
how I could use part of

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it. I therefore return it.

Yours sincerely
W. Lloyd Garrison

Ans by Geo H=
Nov. 24. 75



JOHN H. COOK,

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ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,



814 F Street
No. 4511 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE.

Washington, D. C., Nov 9th 1875

DEAR General:

Your letter of the 18th ult reached me by due course of mail. All premiums on your life insurance policies with Messrs Clark, Taylor, and Pratt, have been promptly paid, except the one notice of which was given you by Mr Pratt. The delay in that case was caused by Mr. Pratt's failure to send me notice. It was paid as soon as Mr P. called my attention to it and before your letter reached me. Shall I send you the receipts for these premiums?

I enclose statement showing receipts and expenditures up to Nov. 1st and fully explaining itself.

The house on M Street has, at last, been rented; for a small sum, however, (\$3 1/3 per month). I could not get more for it just now, and refused to rent it at that price for longer period than one month, or rather to make it other than a monthly tenancy.

Am trying hard to sell both S & M St houses for unencumbered property. The mortgages on S. Street houses as well as the interest just at this time are due. The owners of \$5000 note on Lot 140 and \$1000 note on Lot 149, have notified me that I must pay them by the 15th inst. I have not seen other parties except Dr Lindzey who consents to extend his two notes.

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I shall try to raise money on Meridian Hill notes to pay interest and any notes the payment of which is pressed. The best possible thing will be done in each case and you will be duly advised.

I regret exceedingly to hear of the accident to Capt Sladen, and anxiously hope he may recover from its effects without being maimed.

When the Comrs of the F.F.T.C. get ready to foreclose on those mortgages on the cottages, it will be necessary for Capt Sladen to come, unless by bill in Chancery, a trustee is substituted in his place; which will cost less than his fare here. The Commissioners ~~have said~~ nothing lately. I will advise you as to the best course when they finally press the matter. You will be responsible for the Fowler note, beyond the collateral. On the present condition of things, the collateral will not bring the face of the note.

I have not paid anything on the Law Dept note except the £500 of which you have knowledge. Mr Langston has been informed that he will be paid his balance, as soon as I can sell the Presbrey notes or borrow some money on them. It seems impossible to sell them. I shall try to raise money on them if absolutely needed.

Accompanying this letter I send a release handed me by Dr Presbrey for Capt Sladen's signature. He claims a reconveyance

Account of
John H. Cook, Trustee for the months of
July, August September and October.

			\$	cts
		Balance per last statement	70	92
\$ 80 00		Freedmans Savings & Trust Co John A. Pierre	\$ 80 00	
\$ 663 20	(deposits)	Second National Bank, (drafts)	\$ 625 82	
		Rents	\$ 750 16	
\$ 2 476 21		Expense		
		Bills Receivable	\$ 539 20	
		Bills Payable	\$ 128 40	
		Geo. W. Mitchell	\$ 25 00	
	09	Balance.		
\$ 3219 50			\$ 3219 50	

note
The item Expense includes payment of last buck note,
\$200.00 to Mrs. Scholcraft, insurance premium, repairs on
1st & 2nd, interest taxes etc, etc,

The item "Bills Receivable" is money borrowed to pay Buck
note, because I could not sell Presby notes. The item Bills

Receivable includes interest paid on Presby notes and 108.00
collected from Judge Lynch

J. H. Cook

Account of
John H. Cook, Quarter for the month of
July, August September and October.

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Balance for last statement	
Provisions bought 15 out 100	00 00
John Adams	80 00
Provisions (Provisions) 10 out 100	00 00
Buts	20 10
Expenses	21 10
Bills Receivable	20 20
Bills Payable	128 40
Geo. W. Mitchell	25 00
Balance.	00 00
	121 9 20

The above expenses include a payment of last bills and
1000 to the bank, insurance, provisions, etc.
1000 to the bank, interest, taxes, etc.
The item "Bills Receivable" is money received from the bank
not, however, to be used for the above items. The item "Bills
Payable" is money paid to the bank for the above items and 1000
to the bank for the above items.

of the property therein described on account of the payment of ³\$1000⁰⁰
\$1500 and the note of \$2464⁰⁰ due Oct 1st 75 and previously discounted.
As you will observe, Dr Presbey selects the best lots for release. It seems
to me that some of the poor land should be included with the best, but
the Dr objects to my view of the matter, and so it is referred to you
with the request that you do not use my name in any reply
that you make. If the release suits you have Capt Sladen ex-
ecute and return to me. Retain the Deed of Trust for comparisons
with future releases that may be seen.

Enclose also a tax bill handed me by Mrs Eaton.
for taxes on a property sold by you to Col. Eaton. It is claimed
that this tax accrued on the property prior to your sale to Col Eaton.
Your responsibility will depend upon your agreement in the matter.

For the kind and cordial expressions of satisfaction and confi-
dence in your letter, I am very, very thankful. They fully compensate
for the trials overtaking me in the management of your affairs.

My health is good this fall, - thus relieving me of great anxie-
ty lest I might not be able to work for my wife and little ones.

Sincerely Yours
Jno. H. Cook

Will write again in few days.
To send to Howard U.S.A.
Portland Oregon



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