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Gen O. O. Howard,

The Board of Directors
Chinese Mission School will
meet at residence of W. Millons
Friday eve 7:30 o'clock,

D. J. Pierce.

NOV 27 1875
O.O.H.*

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Boston
Dear Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the
23rd inst. in relation to
the matter of the
W. W. Williams



Office of U. S. Indian Agent,

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Olympia, W. T. Nov. 26th 1875

Gen. O. O. Howard

My Dear Sir,

On my return home this P.M. from Thanks giving services at Puyallup Ind. Reservation I found yours of the 20th inst. but post marked the 25th inst. asking for my "report of operations of the Winchester affair in June 1863." In searching among my old papers I found a copy of the report you desire - also a printed letter, explanatory of that "affair" to President Lincoln who reserved to himself the right to decide upon the evidence before the Court of Inquiry that Halleck's Malice made necessary after that "affair."

I also enclose another old paper I happened to find - "Freedom to Slaves" which I see by a note at the bottom - I enclosed to my wife from Winchester Jan. 1863. I think this paper will prove the fact that I was the first Genl. to put the emancipation proclamation in force by a military order.

I nearly send this latter paper to you as a
matter of history in which I have some
pride - Please return these three papers
to me when you are through with them,
as they are the only copies I have preserv-
ed - and they will be interesting to my
children + grand children after I am
mustered out of Earth's life -

With Much Respect,

Yours Truly,

B. A. Mifflin.



Three (3) enclosures
to be returned.

JOHN
ATTORNEY.

814 D. Street
No. 1511 $\frac{1}{2}$ PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE.

Washington, D. C., Nov 24th 1875

Dear General,

I enclose herein a letter from
R. M. Hall, Esq, urging still a trade
of M. St. and 7th Street houses
for the farm of about 1900 acres in
Westmoreland Co. Virginia, ~~which~~
~~was~~ in regard to which I telegraphed
you in the summer. I was not en-
tirely satisfied with the trade, and hence
my telegram without recommendation,
leaving the matter for your own decision
in case you were acquainted with the
locality and value of the land. Col.
Dyer and Mr Smith were not favorable
to an exchange for Virginia land, so the
matter was dropped.

It is said that chills and fever prev

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ough Mr. X. says
reason it seems
...ivation, and is
almost too far from the City (70 or 80 miles) to
realize anything from the cutting and sale
of wood. It is possible that an inspection
of the farm might change opinions for
the better, but hoping & trying for some-
thing that might give promise of more
immediate returns, I have given Mr. X.
no encouragement, but suggested that
he communicate with you. I ought
to have sent this letter a week past,
but neglected to do so. Your fruitful
brain will suggest proper reply.

If several other trades in process of
negotiation are not, some one of them,
consummated, possibly I may inspect
the farm, and make some recommendation
in the matter; but I expect and hope
to be able to send you a deed for authority
to consummate another trade.

Ans by Gen X - Respectfully & sincerely
Geo. W. Cook
814 F. Street

Dec 16. 75

Chicago, Ill.

Nov. 28. 75.

Gen. O. O. Howard U.S.A.
Washington; D.C.

Dear Sir:

Being desirous of
obtaining your autograph for my album,
I take this opportunity of soliciting it.
Hoping & believing that you will not
refuse me this request. I remain, sir.

Your obedt servt.

W. B. Myers.

159 S. Paulina St.

Chicago Ill.

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Chicago

July 21 1891

W. O. Brown M.D.

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter of the 17th

and am glad to hear that you are

interested in the publication of a

series of papers on the subject of

the history of the Republic of

your work.

Yours truly,

W. O. Brown

127 E. Superior St.

Chicago Ill.

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Oregon Steam Navigation Co's Telegraph.

Walla Walla Nov 28 1875

To. Genl A Howard 5 P.M.

Sladen leaves this afternoon
for Ireland - Doing finely

Dr. W. A. Baker

G. C. Allen

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Original Receipt & Receipt of the Receipt

To the Honorable
The Secretary of the
War Department
Washington D.C.

Aladdin Lewis his wife
for Rent - 1000

W. M. Baker

W. M. Baker

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Private)

Ft. Vancouver
Nov. 29 75

Dear Genl

You were speaking
-ing to me some days
ago about changing
stations of some of the
Companies of my Regt
next Spring. Would
it not be a good
move to change "A"
Comp'y now at Harney
with "K" at Boise
A could march to
Boise & K return with
their transportation
Collins Capt of "A"
with the exception of
Capt Perry 1st Lieut. is the
oldest Captain in your
Dept. Perry only number
him a few months

Ans. by Genl A-
Dec 2, 75



Collins for near four
years. has occupied
the most undesirable
post in the Dept. in
a subordinate position
while his junior has
had command of both
Boats in the most de-
sirable post in the
Dept. and has been
occupied for about the
same time by Comby
"K". The Captain of
this Comby. "Dawson",
is now absent on an
years leave, and prob-
ably will not join be-
fore the Spring of 1877
which will leave Keams
the junior 1st Lieut in
your Dept in command
of the most desirable
post in it.

Bridges. Keams, although
a very clever young
gentleman, is young,
& somewhat erratic
I think you would
prefer an older &
more steady head, in
command there.

Yours with the Best

Alf Sully

Canyon City Oregon
November 29th 1875

Brig Gen O. O. Howard USA
Commander of the Department
of the Columbia
Dear Sir

I write you respecting
Mrs Helena Griswoll the
prosecuting Witness who appeared
in the matter of the State
of Oregon against Col Elmer
Otis The Woman in question
is the Wife of Peter Griswoll
a private Soldier Stationed
at Camp Harney Oregon. She
was a Landrep at the post
before her difficulty with the
Col and claims to have been
sent away from there by ^{an} Order
of him. She is now in this place
with her five Children and
in destitute circumstances
her Husbands pay is Inadequate
for their support - She is compelled
by want to apply to you asking
that she may be again
permitted to return to her
Occupation as Landrep at the
post

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I am the Attorney who defended the
Colonel in the Charges she filed
a gainst him in the Courts of the
State of Oregon yet knowing her
Circumstances I do not hesitate
in saying that a Christian Charity
demands that she be allowed to return
if she can Return without derogation
of Military Order

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yours Very Respectfully
M. L. Olmsted
atty at Law

Wm. H. Adams
Dec, 8 1/2 75



JOHN H. COOK,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,

814 ~~D~~ Street.
No. 1511 1/2 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE.

Washington, D. C. Nov 30th 1875

Dear General:

I have agreed to exchange M St, subject to its encumbrance, one T. St. house having \$1000⁰⁰ on it, subject to the same and the two cottages "A" and "B" in Block twenty 22 (the two west of Mr Reeves property) free from incumbrance, for a lot on 7th St south s.w. (25 ft front), located between D. & E. Streets and improved by a two story press brick front building, owned and used as a dry goods store by Messrs Wolford and Shilberg, subject to \$4000⁰⁰ to be placed upon it, (as fully shown by the memorandum of agreement between the parties and myself herein enclosed). I tried hard to put in more T St houses or other property to secure the store without encumbrance, but in vain. The parties asked \$18000⁰⁰ for the store and fixtures. I estimate them as worth about \$14000.

The trade is a good one under the circumstances, even if ^{store is} worth only \$12000⁰⁰. The parties keep the store for 3 months at 125⁰⁰ per month. They assume the interest, now due on M St & the T St house, about \$500, in consideration for which I give them 2 months rent. As you see I get rid of \$7000 in 10% mortgage and the M St elephant. The money due on the T street house having matured last May was called for by the beneficiary.

in more particular also the trade is a relief to me. And
the property traded is the best looking business house south
of the Avenue. I have compared notes with my friends who
consider the trade a good one. I see chance ahead to get some
thing out of the store, but no prospect to get rid of my \$k.
The \$10000⁰⁰ mortgage frightened every one; besides Fitch & Fox
only ask \$15000⁰⁰ for one of the large houses, and the one, same
size as yours and adjacent to it can be bought for \$12500⁰⁰.
It sold at auction under trust for \$11800⁰⁰, and was bought in
by the lady who loaned \$10000 on it. Hence my difficulties.

I enclose deed for your signature consenting to the
trade. Please sign and return at once and the trade will
be consummated. A

I have had considerable trouble in meeting obligations this
fall. Presbrey and Green were unable to carry out their promise
to buy their notes, making it very hard for me. To say that I
awoke several mornings with head ache from wrestling with these mat-
ters is only to tell the truth, but all goes well now.

As you will see from "statements" I was compelled to
borrow money to pay the last note to Mr Buck, being un-
able to sell the collateral note; also money to meet interest
on \$fts this fall. Having made several promises to settle
finally with Mrs Schoolcraft on rent and Mr Langston, I de-
sire to make a loan, covering all these items to run a year
or two years if possible, pledging notes of Presbrey and Green
as collateral, and for that purpose have enclosed blank notes
for your signature. ^{about 2000⁰⁰ needed.} If it is possible to sell this collateral
without ruinous sacrifice, of course I shall do so, in pref-

excuse to borrowing. Indeed much of my trouble has come from continued effort to transact your business without great sacrifice. In this trade, herein mentioned, the only part not acceptable, is the 210% commission which I am compelled to pay a broker simply for bringing the parties Wolford and Shelberg to me, because the whole management and consummation of the trade was my own work.

As Wolford and Shelberg desire to have the title to the property examined, please telegraph ^{me} your consent to the trade in order that they may be ready to exchange deeds by the time the deed herein enclosed is returned.

Do you anticipate a trip eastward soon? I am anxiously hoping that some favorable event will bring you in this direction before long. I feel as if things would take a fresh and favorable start from your coming. — Please make kind mention of me to all interested, and believe me,
Sincerely yours
Geo. H. Cook



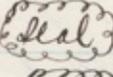
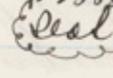
Memorandum of Agreement made this 27th day of
November, A.D. 1875, between John H. Cook (Trustee for O.
O. Howard), party of the first part and Henry Wolford
and Mark Shilburg, trading under the firm name of Wolford
and Shilburg, parties of the second part, all of Washington, D.C.,
witnesseth.

John H. Cook, Trustee, (subject to the consent and
ratification of O. O. Howard), hereby covenants and agrees
to trade, exchange, sell and convey to the parties of the
second part, the following described real estate, situate in
the city and county of Washington, District of Columbia,
to wit: Lot numbered One hundred and forty nine (149) in
square numbered Two hundred and six (206), together with
the improvements thereon, No. 1443 F. Street North-west, subject
to an incumbrance of One thousand dollars, secured by deed
of trust; also lot numbered twenty two (22), in W. H. Brown's
sub-division of square numbered three hundred and sixty eight
(368), No. 905 M. St., North-west, together with the improvements
thereon, subject to an incumbrance of ten thousand dollars thereon
secured by deed of trust, said lots and squares being in the
city of Washington; also the following lots situate in the
county of Washington, to wit: Lots "A" and "B" in block
twenty two (22), in the Howard University subdivision of
the farm of John A. Smith, together with the improvements,
thereon, said lots "A" and "B" to be free from incumbrances.
In consideration for which trade, exchange, sale and conveyance
of real estate, said Wolford and Shilburg, parties of the
second part, hereby covenant and agree to trade, exchange, sell
and convey to said John H. Cook, Trustee, Lot thirty two

(32), in square four hundred and thirty five (435), together with the improvements thereon (the same being their dry goods store, number 42 1/2 Seventh street, south-west) and together with and including all the fixtures, implements and utensils, in and about said store and used in connection with the business therein conducted, subject to an incumbrance of Four thousand dollars to be placed on said lot 32 and premises and to be payable in three years from the date thereof, with interest at ten per cent per annum, said lot 32 to be free from incumbrances except said Four thousand dollars.

It is further covenanted and agreed by and between the parties hereto that the title of the real estate and premises sold and conveyed by each party shall be perfect and satisfactory to the other party, otherwise this contract shall not be binding.

Witness our hands and seals this 30th day of November 1875.

Signed and sealed (29 S.) Jno. H. Cook 
in presence of (29 S.) Henry Walford 
(29 S.) J. F. Krombly (29 S.) Marks Shilberg 

Memorandum: The following articles are accepted from the fixtures, implements and utensils in and about store, to wit: Two signs in front of said building or store containing the names of said firm; also the glass counter show cases; also two under tables, one mirror, one stove and one galvanized show rack.

(29 S.) Jno. H. Cook, Trustee.
(29 S.) Henry Walford.
(29 S.) Marks Shilberg



Office of
Bowdoin Orient.

Brunswick, Me., Nov. 30, '75.

Dear Sir:

Your subscription to the "Orient" is due for Vol. V., and we should be pleased to receive the amount (\$2.00), as soon as possible.

We are desirous of paying our bills, but it will be impossible for us to do so unless your immediate attention is given to the matter.

Yours, Respectfully,

W. H. G. ROWE,

Managing Editor.

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Office of
Boston Orient.

Dear Sir:
Your subscription to the "Orient"
is due for Vol. V, and we should be pleased
to receive the amount (\$2.00), as soon as
possible.
We are desirous of paying our bills, but it
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your immediate attention is given to the
matter.

Ans by Geo. H.
Dec 15. 75

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DEC 15 1875
H. O. O.

will be indicted here today for
being implicated with the Whiskey
Ring, but you will hear of it
long before this reaches you - do
not suppose the President had the
least connection with it: but that
Belmont used his influence to secure
the ring, and shame the people.

Gen Logan, former Genl. Manager
of Chicago, Supervisor there is also
said to be implicated, and the
air is full of scandal - this
may occupy their time & give
them enough to do at home -

I don't think the President will need
you for this, or any cause - but I
advise you to bear the burden
with all the patience possible.

Very yr friend,

W. P. Sherman

(Confidential)

Headquarters Army of the United States,

St. Louis, Mo. Nov - 30 1875

Genl O O Howard,

Comd Dept. Portland, Ore -
Dear Howard,

I was extremely sorry
to learn from your letter of
Nov-15, that the W. V.
Officials were still after
you about that irregular
Bounty Fund. I thought
the Treasury Office had
given you an acquittance
in full, and I don't see

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what the law Dept has to do
with it. Still I hope
you can answer such a
suit in Oregon, by the
production of the testimony
my Embroid in the
volume of your trial by
that Court in Washington.
The motion dates back to
that old assignment of
yours to the Army of the
Emperor - when vengeance
on both of us was resolved
on, and will never let up
as long as we live. The same

agent Rogers is used in both
cases, and this writer will
tell the tale. You will
be assailed in the Courts
and I in Congress. This
of course is strict Confes-
sion - The President is made
to feel that we are not his
Sanctus Fund, and he will
not say a word, but let
others do their work.
I have no doubt his Surrender
Days have been corrupt for years,
and things are now at a Crisis.
All say that Gen Bebever

Camp Harney Oregon
November 31st 1875

Major Gen O. O. Howard
Comdy Department of the Columbia
Portland Oregon

General

I have the honor most respectfully to address this private communication to you, As you were an old friend of my Uncle Gen John Buford & regarded him highly, my father Gen N. B. Buford (late Brig Gen Vols) of Chicago Ills informs me that knowing you to have a kind regard for our family, He has addressed you a communication in my behalf, I would most respectfully ask you General if in your power, that if I could be ordered on detached service to your Hd Quarters at Portland as your orderly or messenger, I think you would not regret doing me



Recd by Gen. O. O. Howard
Dec 11 1875

this favor as I could make myself
very useful to you & it would
give me the chance to be under
your good religious influence & I
would hope by strict attention when
you know me better & know my
Army history, it would cause you to
use your influence to secure me
my promotion to my old commission
in the Cavalry which, I think by
right I ought to have again if the
proper course was taken. I should like
very much to be on duty at your
old quarters as your orderly as it
would give you a chance to see what
manner of man I am. I am from
one of the best families & have received
a good education & am deserving of
a better position in the Army than
I now hold & as there is no chance
for my rising here, I would be
very thankful to you if I could be
ordered on duty under you

Please consider this as a private confidential
communication & if possible please
do me the favor to have me detached
from my company and ordered to
Portland on duty under you & I
am sure you will not regret it,
Please excuse me for making so
bold as to address you & consider
this strictly confidential.

I remain General
with highest respect & esteem

Very respectfully your
most humble & Obedt Serv't

Simple Buford
Private Co K, 1st Cavalry
Camp Harney
Oregon