Sir: I have the honor to record the receipt of your letter, addressed to Columbia River, Oregon.

Sincerely,

Although a comparative stranger to you, I take the liberty of writing and asking if you can do anything for me in the way of procuring employment immediately under yourself or otherwise in Oregon. Oregon will observe by the letter of this. I am at present in Canada, where I have for the last ten months been engaged in farming with very little success. I wish to return to Washington should offer me the best for Oregon, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, or the farther west, having no further use for it and receiving from my line of business in the U.S.I find something for me to do in that country. I found it in Canada amongst some of my friends, but the climate here is so peculiarly cold and the land of timber I am sure I would do. I am also sure some people would take me more to some warmer climates.

I am therefore, in the hope of finding some suitable and steady employment. I am respectfully your servant, (Signed)
I am the third of twelve children, some certificate of character and a copy of letters of the State of the Province, advising for a transportation. I am skilled in getting. I need you to help me give a synopsis of my past history, which may enable you to judge of what I am capable of doing.

I may ask that I am unmarried, have a mother and three younger brothers depending on me.

Wishing that I may have the honor of hearing from you soon.

Yours, indeed,
Respectfully,

[Signature]

My address:
Fagun, B.
Ontario,
Canada.
Dec 11th 1875

Dear General,

I am in receipt of your esteemed favor of Dec 30th with enclosure of $125.00 currency through letter to Maj. Hopper, who being more well desires me to write in his stead.

Some has been credit on your note. You will please accept many thanks. Maj. Hopper is able to be out again, and desires me to express his regards to yourself, and his friends.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

James M. Barney

Portland, Oregon
Portland, Dec. 14/75, Oregon.

Gen. Howard,

Dear Sir;

I have been canvassing for the Hebrew class among the leading merchants of the town I have heard and seen the most and have procured two scholars and a clerk and one an expressman. I am satisfied I can procure the number you wished by Jan. 1st. I wish to see those over again whom I have spoken to about it. I expect to give time to it and see all the Hebrew I can find once or twice.
I present it as a class to study the Old Testament with you as a leader and for all to mutually express their views.

I will give you full information in due time.

Yours in Christian work,

A. Matteson.
Isen. O. V. Howard
lh. b. in Meetings & Lectures.

Portland, Oregon
Dec. 15, 1873

Dear Sir,

The Society meeting at its regular monthly held Dec. 15, ordered that the Association have a course of lectures and that you instruct in making the necessary arrangements as soon as possible and report.

Upon considering the subject informally, it was thought by some that from five to eight lectures might be given before the 1st of March or that instead of some of the lectures, concerts or entertainments might be substituted. However all arrangements as to time and selection should be left with the Board. The only object in leaving the course closely the 1st of March was to give time for the present officers, to report at the annual meeting.

Respectfully yours,

[Signature]

Secy. Y.M.C.A.
Dear Bro,

Col. Beebe writes me the enclosed postal which will explain itself. He seems to make a failure of all sorts of business and you know he has a real taste for the military, and perhaps is better fitted for usefulness there than anywhere.

If there is likely to be any vacancy, or you can probably secure his details, and would like to do so please write me or him, that he may take the steps proposed.

I do not want you to do it as a matter of humanity to him, and yet I think perhaps it would be a means of great good.
You are in account of his intention.

Lethbridge
Dec 28, 1875

[Signature]
Fort Walla Walla, Jan.
December 16, 1875

Dear Sir,

I have made an estimate for trees, as you asked, when you came here, but before forwarding the estimate or doing anything further in it, I thought it better to give you the result, so that you might strike each section of it as you can fit. The trees will cost as follows at the lowest estimate I can possibly get them:

For the parade ground, one

Tree of Ponderosa Pine entire, $25.00

Four trees $12.50

Total for parade ground $37.50
For what trees between the years greater I thought that fruit trees would be the best as they would make a shade & be useful also. This will take 60 apple trees $80.25
18 peach trees $4.50
18 pear trees $6.60
12 plum & 12 cherry trees $10.50
50 grape vines for fences $6.25
Total $157.57

On side of the parsonage on the West End running from the hospital to South bank for the purpose of breaking the prevailing wind from all sides:

875 Prune trees $12.75
375 pear trees $3.50
Total as break wind $16.25

I would recommend that only the parsonage ground be allowed to this acreage which will be for shade & fruit trees $11.50
Say $3.00 the balance to be paid on any trees that might die.

This is the best I can possibly do and I submit it to your privately to sustain your further ideas in the matter before proceeding further.

Most Respectfully yours,

[Signature]

P.S. how is Brother improving. Please secure for me to him & give him my best wishes.
Hanson, Ackerson & Co.

Manuacturers and Dealers in

Lumber and General Merchandise.

Tacoma, Wsh. T. Dec 17th, 1875.

Dear General,

I send by Northern Pacific Railroad a box containing kindling to use this cold weather or any other time, it is addressed to Howard, Portland and will reach Portland by O.S.M. & Steamer, so please look out for it in the house all are busy now making beautiful Christmas flowers.

Miss A joins me in regards to you all.

Yours Truly,

John W. Ackerson.
Dear General:

Before this reaches you, you will probably have received from my friend, your brother, a letter requesting if it may be possible for me to obtain a position on your staff.

To secure such an appointment has long been my earnest hope. But I have refrained from expressing it to make any effort toward realizing it until I should have felt that I was again master of myself. I have seen too truly that I was compelled to leave the service when I did. For while the Mess. had fully, sometimes of hope, I have been led to an life of a rude, bitter light—have discovered that pleasure, self-indulgence are not the only ends desirable.

The time has arrived when I must make an effort to establish myself in some semblance of quiet and nothing broods itself in my mind.
To send you with the fact that the only cause which has hindered me in the way of my success is the humble, no longer effects and that no one who has assisted me will ever have cause through fault of mine & regret that the aid given in assisting me & the only calling for which my taste, education & experience necessarily qualify me -

I shall take the liberty to make remarks obtaining an appointment until I see what you views may be - I will make the effort to obtain an appointment and wish your assistance I think I shall be able to succeed. Our Representative Mr. Monroe has expressed a desire & asks me in accepting I may suggest - Mr. Garfield's influence can be brought to bear in my behalf. A letter from you & Mr. Monroe would have much influenced with the appointing power.

Endeavor especially dear General

I received a Postal Cord from your brother informing me of your brother unfortunate accident. I am truly sorry & should be thankful if you would express to him my sincere sympathy. My brother, Brother dear & to themeasurement of-

Riley D. Webster
Saline Oregon
December 16th, 1875.

Gent. O.C. Howard,
Portland Oregon.

Dear Sir,

Time for pleading was extended until the 20th inst, and this morning we sent down by the hand of Mr. Melky a demurrer to be filed to day. This being filed the case will not be more in progress until after we shall see you. Please enquire on Monday, of the Clerk, whether it has been filed. We expect to arrive next Wednesday.

Very Respectfully,
W.M. Upton & Co.
Friye 18 Decr. 1875

My dear General:

Permit me to introduce to you personally Rev. T. Collins, chaplain U.S.A., who is ordered to
this department. Mr. Collins is the father-in-

law of one of my brothers, and I feel on that
account some warm interest in his welfare.

It also enables me to commend him to you as
a gentleman of character and cultivation whom
I believe you will be glad to know more inti-

mately than mere official relations would

suggest.

With many pleasant recollections

of our old association both in the army

at Washington,

I remain,

Sincerely Yours,

[Signature]

[Signatures]

[Address]
POSTAL CARD.

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

Gen A. P. Howard
City

O.C.H.
1875

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MINN.
DEC. 24
1875
Dear Brother,

The regular monthly meeting of the Directors of Chineke School occurs the evening at 8 o'clock at Josiah Gardiner's house. It has been suggested that the meeting will probably adjourn one week. J. J. Beasley

Monday Dec. 28, 1879

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