Wm. Y. Gen
Hudson
Jan. 19-76

Hudson O
January 9th 1876

Dear General:

I have thought that perhaps I did not express myself as fully as I ought in my last letter to you, on a subject which would be of great weight in your consideration of the propriety of again recommending me for appointment to the Army and concluded to write again at the risk of being thought importunate. I refer of course to my former habits.

Had I any doubts of my ability to withstand temptation or had my family any doubts on the subject, I would not for a moment have thought of asking you to receive me as a member of your military family or to recommend me for any position - civil or military, nor would they have consented that I should do so. I have longed - even since being dropped from the Army - for a position near you but have waited until I should become sure of

my reformation before making any effort to obtain it. ~~xxx~~ I have learned by bitter experience & humiliation the evils of my past course & now that I have overcome the habit & conquered the appetite I feel confident of my position.

Placed as I was after leaving you on the staff with men who were all "social-drinkers" (not excepting the commanding General) and having acquired a fixed appetite for stimulants the habit grew upon me unawares until finally while I yet thought it under my control it became ungovernable.

There have been times during the past four years when I have relapsed briefly into my former habits but these occasions have been more & less frequent until now I feel all the confidence in myself that man can feel in his own unaided powers. I feel this confidence not only on account of a firm, fixed determination never to taste stimulants under any circumstances, but because the desire to do so has gone from me.

I have written thus freely dear General knowing that you value frankness in all things & because I felt it due myself that you should know how I stand in this important matter. whatever might be your action upon my application. I have no desire to conceal my past faults from you or to endeavor to make excuses for them & I do desire a position where by conscientious devotion to duty I might regain my lost standing in the profession I love & in the estimation of those whose good opinion I value. My views of life have undergone a radical change during the five years that I have been at home & should I succeed in obtaining the hoped for position. I feel certain that I can render myself a more efficient & in all respects a more useful officer than I ever was in the past.

Trusting that you will receive this not as an appeal to your sympathy, but as it is intended – a plain statement upon which you can base your judgement in considering my application

I remain. with respect
Your obt Servant
W. M. Burke Jr.

328 Washington Street,

Boston, Mass. January 10th 1876

Genl O. O. Howard U.S.A.

Portland Oregon

Dear Genl

I enclose a letter from Mr Elliott for your perusal, after which please return to me. You see he has a plan for governing Alaska, which strikes me as very good, what do you think of it?

Please ask Captain Wilkinson if my "wild sheep skins" were ever discovered, if they can be found utilize them as seemeth best. I mention them simply because I happen to think of them, they are not worth any trouble to look them up. Do you ever hear of Rev Mr Cross? Greeting you all with the compliments of the season. I am

Yours truly S. Foster Tappan

Ans. by Gen. H. Jan 26, 76

Forest Grove, Or.
Jan 10, 1876.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Our Kind Good Friend –

By the Daily Bee of the 5th inst. I see that subjects of our lecture are in order. Here is mine:

Catching A Tartar.

I will not indicate beforehand my trend of that. If any care to know what is said they will needs be present. Don't that a winning stratagem?

By the by since seeing that my appointment is the 22d of Feb. the memory of the nation's first great hero has been stirred & I

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were a kind of wise father to whom I wish talk about my own course. To preach under such a strain is killing to my heart & blood. The trouble is not personal, as yet, to any extent, but it is utterly destructive of my ministry here.

My mind is made up; & still I shall not feel fully at liberty to act without taking counsel with one who so deservedly enjoys the confidence of our churches as yourself.

I may be in P. before the time of my lecture & if you're at home, she'd be glad to know your mind in the matter.

Very sincerely your younger friend,

J. F. Ellis.

P.S. Please do not announce my lecture as a humorous one – it may be drier than Oregon in a

wonderful whether or no some part of a "Centennial" will be well. But doubtless there will be enough of that style of remark during the year, & I will forgive my first – Course.

But why wd it not be an excellent idea for Rev. Tore to take advantage of this hundredth year to awaken an interest among the people – the young people more particularly – in American History by a course of Wednesday evening lectures? I believe I did at least it had I the time & an adequate library at hand.

Dear General, there is a great trouble here standing square in the way of my advance. I feel as if you

Ft. Vancouver W. T.
Jan 11th 1876

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My dear General.

I send you my attempt which I have had ready for three days but have been intending to come and read it to you myself as it is hastily written, almost illegible and what little humour there is in it depends on the elocution. However Duncan only returned last night so I have had no opportunity to go to Portland.

I noticed that your "Prof." has accepted, so you will not require this and I merely send it now to see if it pleases you.

My kindest regards to all the family.

Very respectfully Yours
C. E. Wood

P.S. The Chaplains' maps have come.

P.S.S. I ought to mention that I made no attempt at any broad humour or

burlesque except twice and I tried to cover under a smile many points that are worth while thinking of seriously; for I wouldn't waste my time in trying to make people sm and only smile.

E. G. W.

Washington. D.C. Jany 13/76

Gen. Howard,

Dear Bro.

I ought to have written you some time since, & acknowledged your last, & the letters you sent — but I cannot tell you how busy I have been — I trust you & yours are well — I fear from what was said to me the other day that our Secy of war is still troubling you about the old Freedmen's affairs — Well, we shall have to endure him I suppose, till March '77 — fourteen months; & I hope he will not be an annoyance during all that time — Still I hope he is not pressing you as I heard in regard to those old accounts for wh. this Comm (Gen. Sherman's) said you were not responsible.

are now working, nor with more promise of good for the future, & I trust we shall live, though, of course, I cannot go on this way. We shall see what comes this spring — But I will not write more in this way. I know your heart & your prayers are with us.

We have had more religious interest in the city than is usual, though the signs are not quite as hopeful as in the Autumn —

We are all well — Remember me very kindly to Mrs. Howard. Am always glad to hear from you —

As ever Yours

Lorenzo Westcott

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I have not much faith in him, or in his straightforwardness unless he is pressed to it. But enough. I often think of you & pray you may be guided & kept.

Your letters were so complimentary, personally, that I could do nothing with them. I am entirely too modest to use such letters myself. I showed them to Dr. Butler, & he could suggest nothing. He thought (as I did also) that letters like those, only urging the cause more distinctly, direct from you, to liberal men would avail for us, in the direction of our need — money for current expenses. But we could do nothing with them. I trust I do not need endorsement to any one who knows me & I could send them, or any letters, only to those who know me, with any hope of money. I have not received a dollar salary for my work since last summer, but I intend the Theo. Department shall live a few months longer at any rate. The Board, by its Committee, told Dr. Butler & me, in sept, it must die, if we let go. & so we work on, not for the Board, but for the cause, for colored men, & we trust, for our Master. We have twenty five in the Theo. Dep. to-day. When we began last Sept. it was wholly demoralized & no one of the eight or ten students knew what to do. & whether they or any of us could or would stay. The whole dep. seemed ready to die & prove to save it.

I have secured pledges amounting to nearly $2000 from all sources to aid students for this year, but I can't raise my own salary. Such work is not in me. I never worked harder than I

KIRKWOOD NOMINATED FOR U. S. SENATOR FROM IOWA.—The general assembly of Iowa convened yesterday morning to nominate a candidate for U. S. Senator. A communication from Mr. Harlan was read withdrawing from the United States Senatorial candidacy, for reasons which he hoped would be satisfactory to his friends. After this the following ballots were had:—On the informal ballot Kirkwood received 53, Price 24, McCrary 15, Belknap 13. There were two blank ballots. On the first formal ballot Kirkwood had 56, Price 27, McCrary 14, Belknap 13. Hon. J. Kirkwood, having received a majority of the votes, was declared the republican nominee for the United States Senate.

[illegible], answers to name "BEAUTY." The above reward will be paid and no questions asked if returned. DER & HOWARD, corner 7th and L west.

LOST—January 12th, on F street bitt House and 9th street, or near F and 9th street a POCKETBOOK cont. a package of horse car tickets, a card and piece of paper with an address. A suitable reward will be given if left at either address, or at Miss I. G. ARTHUR'S, 941 H street northwest. jan13-3t*

$40 REWARD—Lost, on the 11th instant, Morocco POCKET-BOOK containing $130—six $20 and two $5 bills—and papers of value only to the owner. The above reward paid if the finder leaves the Pocket-Book at the Star office. jan12-3t*

LOST—At the concert of Theodore Thomas, a GOLD CHAIN, with a Spanish fan attached

T. M. Baker,
President.

G. W. Balloch,
Cashier.

People's Savings Bank

Washington. D. C. Jan. 14 1876.

Dear General.

In your suit now pending if I can be of the least service to you, dont fail to let me know as I shall feel it not only a duty, but a privilege to come. Mr Cauldwell of the 3rd Auditors office, says the same. Time, which usually blunts all animosities, seems to make the hatred of the War-Department to me (and you too I suppose) more intense. Thus far I have foiled them at every point. The Secretary of the Treasury has finally got his back up. and he wrote the War Dept a letter the other day. that was

a scorcher. (so them) The
Enclosed slip will no doubt
gratify you as much as it does
me. Belknap will find his
level yet. I will take time in
a few days. and write you a long
letter of general information. We
were all very sorry to hear of Stadens
accident. Kind remembrances
to family & friends

Yours truly

G. W. Pallech

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HOWARD UNIVERSITY,

Department,

Jno. O. O. Howard

Washington, D. C., Jany 14 1876

My Dear Jno.

The first non business letter written at the old table & before the pen rack & inkstand & paper weight which used to serve in rotation for a night cap to Jno. Howard shall be to him, my very dear, I almost said, best friend —

The Trustees put me here by unanimous vote before the Christmas vacation, I took a trip, over to dedication of Jubilee Hall at Nashville on New Years & then to Chattanooga & Atlanta to look at the old places of first thing in the F. B. & A. M. E. work

It is worth going a long way to see the immanent manifest on every side — Yr White school boy in Atlanta who was confident that the people were rising was not mistaken — He is hereafter an example in point — He has fought his way steadily through until he is in the Senior class in Atlanta — a bright true Boy man about 23 yrs old — He wants to come to Howard to study law next fall — I got great encouragement by a trip through the South — not for what

marked changes in the prevailing sentiment of the people
I think Bishop Haven is about right on that – No. I think
he is mistaken as to the cure – My hope is in the inev-
itable "rising as a people" – They do come up in spite of all
difficulties & will keep coming and after awhile take the
proper place – I believe the political cure is coming pre-
soon after we get over the next election – Which way
it goes – If the "Johnnies" come into power at the White Ho
as they are in Representative Hall, there will be no more
of the negro vote in the South & their aspiring office seeker
~~Dist~~ Northern man, will lie for his vote & pledge him fair treat
So much for the Southern view – The papers keep up posted
Blaine & Ben Hill & other S. Cabs – That was a fearful
peeling wh. B. gave H. It looks as if Blaine was coming
the surface as candidate for Presidency – For my sake & the country
I hope he may get it – I have not heard anything about
$716,000 – Have you fair it yet? Of course you have given up
the idea of reimbursement for costs of defense against my friend
Babcock knows how it is himself now to be put on trial
He is having a fearful time & will be convicted I think
not necessarily because he is guilty but because of the fearful
malicious spirit wh. pervades the St. Louis air – It costs Shaw
home & the President. Nothing has troubled him so much before.

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Department,

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"What am I going to do?" Who knows? I wish you would tell me — I had made up my mind & put — the rest ten years of a declining life, with the wh. "Decision of Character" I have left, into this University and perhaps I will yet, but just as I had said so the A. M. A. comes in and asks me to consider the question of going to Africa to explore for a mission field until next October. There is really not much work for me to do here just now. The teaching is already laid out & provided for pretty much — to beg for funds in these times is absolutely futile — So it looks now as if I might get a leave from Howard without pay & go for A. M. A. with payment of expenses — I will give the year's work for the travel & the cause — So if you see that I have gone you will know what is the matter & if you see that I don't come back from Africa you will believe that it is not because I was running away from duty but because I wanted to find some way by which the Col. people of the South could be bound more closely in their idea of duty & sacrifice to their fatherland & its disciplined millions.

Mr Smith is still in Boston getting well — Sorry at Vassar

homesick for Grace — Minnie is Clerk to J. Q. Smith
new Comte — but not knowing Wht a day may bring forth.
Galpin for Walker's confidential clerk is Chief Clerk — Eby
Smoot, Indemnity & it some are out & are menan
about to see what lies can be manufactured about m
for the benefit of an investigating Comte —

Genl. Whitney & wife are keeping in Clover where this winter —
investments will always furnish good friends — It is incumbent
to be poor — But a man who is able to be sued for 116,000
does not know anything about that —

I have Johnnie's nice long letter — It was well done —
I hope will be repeated. This ought to have been written the
instead of this father — Do not that so, Johnnie — Never mind
yr turn shall come — What do yr say to a young Chimpanzee
from Africa?

Mr. Alvord holds on about as usual — no work — no income
rather blue, but still cheerful under the circumstances —

Please remember me kindly to Mrs. H. & the boys & girls — I wish Reggie
was in the other direction so I could make a call on my
way East if I go — But whether I go or stay & especially if I go write yr
write me & always believe that I am —

Very truly yrs

Edd. P. Smith.

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La Grande, Oregon
January 14th 1876

Gen O. O. Howard
Portland
Oregon

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 6th inst has been duly received and I thank you for the kindness manifested in behalf of myself and family and write you again in regard to the disposal of my dwelling house and out buildings at Fort Lapwai to the Government for Officers Quarters (they are now occupied by Lieut E. R. Theller as such) I will dispose of them for Six hundred dollars ($600.00) Currency. If the Government will purchase please inform me and advise me in regard to the necessary steps to be taken in regard to the matter.

Very respectfully
I am
Your obt Servant
David C. Kelley

ans by Gen. H—
Jan 24.76

Fort Scott Jan 15
1871

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Dear Sir

In 1853. I came to Fort Scott reaching here the 16th of June. I found an Academy with from 30 to 50 pupils mostly from the country five or six miles around under an excellent teacher J. M. Kuler since Major a Capt in the National service & Provost Marshal of Ks after the close of the war.

There were no classical students in the school & my coming to commence the Collegiate depart. was very generally deemed premature. There was then here as Y.G. a shell of a building with the latter. Only great forbearance patience & ~~reticence~~ forbearings at times has enabled me to save the College from shipwreck again & again. The standard of scholarship has been constantly raised in the College course until within the last two or three years. not so much by increasing the amount of work as the thoroughness with which the work was done. (Others differ with me as to the advance during the past few years.)

In the Academy we have generally had efficient teaching Rev Robb. now the Principal of the Academy is a most efficient teacher & with Mrs Spiller as assistant is giving the school a well deserved reputation.

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ceiling reach in one room for
two small balloon-frame dwelling
houses & one or two
log houses & a log church scat-
tered over different parts of a tract
of 640 acres.

Sanguine of the future more
than the present I was for an advance
step & a charter for Pacific University
in the winter of 53-54. & I was
inaugurated under the roof of a new-
ly imbarked store building - the people
standing on the ground or sitting up-
on planks fixed as temporary seats -
I read my address standing on a
box with a box for a desk - The ad-
dress was published - I will send
you a copy. In the fall
of 1853 I had one student who
[illegible] a lady teacher.
from that time on there have
been an increasing number of
those who wished to get a higher
education. I early marked out
a College course & in 1863
(Harry Scott Esq.) our student
graduated. Since then there
have been one or more graduates
almost every year & the insti-
tution has grown in public fa-
vor. There has always been a
difficulty incident to my work,
that the professional teachers
would perhaps be more clearly
visible there to the public, but
which the public at length so-
It was to harmonize the work of
the Academy with that of the Col-
lege while the former had no
recognized subordination - but
stood upon an independent

New England ones of educating
men for the great intellectual
struggles against error in be-
half of truth. But we have
aimed to utilize our resources
~~for~~ in the public service in my
way possible. We have opened the
doors of the college to young women
have marked out a special
course for ladies - also a sci-
entific course for such as pre-
fer this to the regular - & have
always encouraged any one
who could not take a full course
of any kind, to seek an irregu-
lar course as was practicable
for him or her.

But this universality
of aim is temporary unless we
have young men and wo-
men. Our special aim
must be to train young think-
ers & active workers for the Lord
~~great~~ great work - the world.

We have now about 25-
& here
on our different courses - there
are about 45 studying the an-
cient languages. & a very promi-
sing class of young men preparing
for College -

The situation of other e-
ducational enterprises in the state
at this time gives us a decided
advantage - We have a fund
of $5000 - securely invested & in
the hands of one of our best busi-
ness men - we are free of debt
We are thus able to move along
with a security & confidence
that wealthy institutions can
not do - In addition to this

endowment we have in prospect & with a good degree of certainty $25000 at least from the estate of the late Sidney E Morse.

I hope to get at least $10000 for a building at the East. This, with what we may hope to raise here will give us a respectable building - something that as yet we have not had.

I could write a volume of detail perhaps this general sketch will be all that you will care for. The denominational relations of the College you are familiar with.

Very sincerely yours &c
C. H. Mark

He recognizes the proper relations of College & Academy & is heartily coworking with me to make the Institution in all its departments a success. In the Academy at different times we have had as teachers Capt Kuhn, Jno Q & Ed Shattuck E. A. Tanner now of Illinois College. Prof J. W. Mark - Prof J. L. Powell of Willamette Univ & A. J. Anderson Esq of Portland public schools.

In the College, Profs Dyman Jno Mark Collier & Howden are now engaged in different departments -

The original & ~~paramount~~ & preeminent ~~work~~ design of

My Dear Sir

I have been occupying a good deal of your time of late with my troubles - just as if you had not a heavy burden of your own to carry -

I hope you will not think me either thoughtless or unintentio - I wish I could show my appreciation of your assists in any way other than by empty sentiments -

very sincerely yrs
S H. M -

Jan. ~~20~~ 15/76

Denver City
Colorado Terr. Jan 15th.
1876.

General Howard Sir
from William Gowan
a member of the 14th corps
and private of the 15th Mis.
regiment Dear Sir i wish
you to send me a weekly
newspaper from Olympia
Washington Terr. or a
weekly Oregonian as i
want to know particularly
about that country as i
think about moving out
to Washington Terr.
next Summer or to Oregon
and as i have lost my
leg in the war i would
like to know if there is
an artificial leg maker

out there and a Pension
Office please let me
know and send me
a good weekly paper
and you will oblige
a Soldier very much
yours respectfully
William Gowan
Denver City
Colorado Terr.

San Juan Is. W.T.

Jany 15th 1876.

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General,

Bear with me once more, and I promise not to trouble you again.

I thank you for kindly expressed regrets, in being unable to relieve the heavy burden now resting upon me financially.

General, I do not lay any particular claim - for remuneration - but as I served (by request) for so many years - without any remuneration - and then after the Soldiers left, having charge of the Camps; (not for the consideration of "House Rent", as, I left my own private dwelling, to occupy the Govt. Quarters) I did hope, that you - dear Sir - might be able to "relieve" me (a little) of the cost paid for my present home.

When Major Bateholder first instructed me, to take charge of Camps, he stated, in writing, that, charge was given me, in consideration of my having acted as chaplain, Your influence might yet assist me.

I am,

General,

Obdtly Yours,

T. J. Weekes,

Ans by Eu H. June 24.76