Dear General,

The privacies of the past few weeks (so enjoyable to me) have often brought you to mind. Scanning your address from#reprint of my wife Col. Sam Hagar, I do some feel constrained to write you. You may have followed my wanderings in Colorado in the change of 84. In 1855, I remained five years until my health failed me. The second or third year in front of Petersburg brought me much trouble. I retired from the business in 1870 and returning to Tennessee found a home pleasant in all its mundane features but very deficient in those social and religious privileges that make our lives valuable to posterity and others. I hereby withdraw from the South exchanging all my miscreants there for a map of Lots in Cleveland.
Ohio. Mr. Somnutt, two children remain with 
the Society until it is safe for them to travel 
themselves here. I am now unemployed but life 
I hope enjoy in some temporary employment. 
Leaving Farm in June, I rented my brother 
at Pulaski Co. Cdt. be working all fall. I came 
to my native home and got in the work before, I can 
also the pleasure of finding in the S.S. left 25 years before the first meeting and 
all the opportunities for drawing fresh and pleasant 
grace. I remain longer than I anticipated, and 
it was whilst that engaged you so often came to 
mind on memory recalled me such pleasant hours 
since our little S.S. and formal meetings at P.R. 
I write you what is known to you with 
all your trouble, you did not find time to write it 
I hope repeated you would. If you find time 
and have not all your troubles but all can 
please me much, I would love to hear from you. 
Write me a letter of your family and yourself. 
I have followed you as one needs to thank for your 
and therefore feel obliged from all else he does 
very near to you. Circumstances may lead.
Dear Gen. Howard—

Mrs. Ellis is so well that I wish very much to have her accompanying me to Potter next week. Will it be wholly convenient for Mrs. Howard to entertain both of us? You open your door to me & with unfurled pleasure I accept your hospitality— & propose to bring along my other self: you invite me & I invite another! Is that an imposition?— I shall return here 

& expect to spend the week with Mr. Jas. Stiel.

If without too much effort on your part & you can provide music & I should be glad to have the lecture flanked with it. It just now occurs to me that perhaps Mrs. Ellis would consent to perform one piece.
I knew she was some firet humorus songe that would
relive such an occasion.
I suggest her only in case you
have nothing ready to your hand
then.
If all is well we shall be
in on the train next Tuesday A.M.

Yours faithfully,
J. T. Ellis.

Since writing the above I
see by the Oregonian that music
is provided. All right.
Besides Mrs E— was almost
offended at my suggestion, so
protested that she'd do no such
thing.

"When a woman will, she will;
And when she won't, she won't."
Personal.

Camp Harvey Oregon
Feb 21st 1876

Genl O.O. Howard,
Portland Oregon

My Dear General,

Again I must ask you to kindly forgive me for addressing you in a private note. I solicit your aid in securing some information which is of great importance in my case. It is a full report on the chapel and its attending circumstances, from 1st Lieut W.R. Parke and 1st Cavalry, on whose semi-official letter to me on the subject, I based a great deal of my report, especially about the public expense, the binder used and the condition of the building as also the greatest attendance at any one time. He expresses his willingness...
to call on Lieut. Curnell as he has had time enough on the same question, but he expresses himself ready to bear me out in my report.

Again I have failed to receive information from the important sources, why I cannot tell. I am afraid to risk much here for things are so secretly done. The receipt of yours and Lieut. Schefeld's endorsement, you kindly furnished me, was the first intimation I had that the above question was under investigation. It was

kept a profound secret from me, though one officer, of Catholic persuasion, was admitted to the secret.

I send my report to Post Headquarters on the 26th, so it can leave here on the 29th Inst.

If you consider it consistent with the best interests of the Service, I desire
La Grande, Oregon
Feb 24th 1875

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir,

Judge Upton drew up a petition, asking for the right of way for a Wagon Road, through the Public Land over the Blue Mountains on the Old Meacham route. It is sent to the Senate and House of Representatives this present Congress.

I have circulated the petition through the Walla Walla, Weston and Pendleton counties on the Umatilla side of the Mountains, and through Oroville and La Grande on this side.
of the Mountains. Some several hundred. Signers. In fact every one I have talked to about it says it ought to be granted. If it will not be asking too much from you, will ask you for your endorsement to Senator J.H. Mitchell. If you will write Mitchell a letter giving the facts of the case also the necessity and justice, you will confer a great favor on your friend.

Very Respectfully,
Your Friend
F. A. Foster
Portland, Oregon, Feb 24th 1876

To the Hon. Adjutant General
Department of the Columbia
Portland, Oregon

Sir,

To the question of the Committee on
Military Affairs of the House of Representa-
tives, I have the honor to reply as follows.

Q. To question 1. Not any.

... to question 6. The forage ration recom-
duced to pounds each on hay + grain would be sufficient
for public animals at Port. when only or during any
light and, but not sufficient for them when
marching or making journeys.

To question 8. It is not reasonable to

suppose that a man can perform the duties
pertaining to the three departments in justice
to them. In time of peace, officers would have it
be recognized especially, if one or the other of the
states, which would be equivalent to the
Questions for the ink of 1826

1st name
2nd name
3rd name
4th yes
5th no I don't know
6th no
7th no opinion
8th no
9th a good idea
10th think so
11th yes
12th think not
13th don't think any more

Feb. 24, 76

Reply

[Signature]
For Libr. J. H. A. Strzyz & 8/16/15

For titles for book by persons engaged in making plaster furniture. When Mr. T. Day he was expected two. Rev. Mr. A. Rice by Rev. Howes, to stand with promise of lay when the furniture was all sold.

From J. R. Foster, Bel. dec 8/14/63

"John W. Eaton"

Mr. Thomas will be glad to hear from you, if you can help him in this matter. I have written for them, at their request, to send the book to communicate these facts to you. They seemed hardly to know how to get about it, so I could give them no other help.

I have done this portion. Please accept for Mrs. Howes. P. S. I am going out.

Washington, Feb. 27th, 1876.

Joseph Thomas

I write you at the request of Mrs. Thomas, the mother of Mr. Henry Thomas, who formerly had charge of the boarding hall at Howard University. Mrs. Thomas wishes one to represent to you their needy condition, so to remind you that there is still quite a large sum of money due them, from loans of students of the University, which they cannot collect, as you promised, in some instances, it be responsible for the management, they hope you may be able to assist them in obtaining what is due them, or for which they are really due by you, Feb. 16th, 1876.
Mr. Thomas, after leaving the University, bought a lot at the corner of 1st & Princeton Sts., on which he built a small store, and commenced the grocery, provision business, with a prospect of doing well. Soon, however, as payments upon his house & lot became due, & he was unable to meet them, wholly, he worried over this, & the injustice done him, (as he claims) by the University Committee, in not paying him eleven thousand dollars, or more, due him from them, till after overwork, & anxiety, his mind became so unsettled, that he was taken to the asylum for the Insane, where he remained. I think for three months, or longer. His business, suffered great loss, & he has never been able to

It started again, had been obliged to sell his horse, & now sells a few Cakes & Candies, or which furnished him little like a comfortable support. In addition this, for some time the sickness of his wife. She has been struggling with a severe cough all Winter, & I think they fear she has consumption. I think they are really quite desolate. Mr. Thomas seems discouraged, is in bad health, & considered himself ill-used, but still is deficient about speaking for himself.

Mrs. J. bought the three board bills, explaining simply, being for school. When you received them to send, & saying you would be detestable, she wished me to give you the names of the amounts due.

One's for board of Dr. Howard Alexander $36.43
" " J. M. Jones $33.66
Dear Gen Howard,

I write to ask you to find my husband & use your influence - not as Gen Howard, but because I believe you have Christian charity, not in names but to work for good & comfort a grief that you can see what you receive. I will learn the needy things to look after the stranger & hurt. I really give all hellenic hands. Gen Howard finds both better& talk to him. As you would have your own brother called & told: he has faith in you. & I believe he needs money. Feeling he had acted in such a manner as to lose the respect of every body & himself for not having courage to face his own deed & delete. Although I know he would be helped: only poor human nature is so weak
The man in the right direction. Last Saturday he signed a pledge for eighteen months, but like the rummy old saying, "the sun gives a height of nine miles, then killed it over. After drinking for so long, it subsides as suddenly. He had come under the name. Was it truly mentally? As much that he has not acted in a rational manner. I told him I could not believe in his reformation until I saw him act differently. As he had failed once hundred and ninety-nine times, but I was not sure if rapid, or scolding. I am too helpless, weak for either. Meaner might, he acted in the most insane manner. To forgive me. Made an attempt to take his life, but did not succeed enough.

I began to hate him. I called for assistance of the affair. Was turned into ridicule. It was for some intended for my benefit. He must have been part of an artful man to profit me. But I have told you enough. I am going to feel...
The Dallas File
Feb 26th 1876

To General O.O. Howard

Dear Sir,

I hope you will pardon me for again addressing you on this subject, but the frequent inquiries made to me by the friends of Mr. Wrenninski in regard to the Petition sent through you to the President, has tempted me to ask if it reached you safely also of it was forwarded.

Any information you may condicend to give me will be thankfully received

I am

Very Respectfully,
Your O.Sr. Bvr. E. H. Willis

The Dallas Water Co.
Oregon.
Hong Kong, China,
February 28, 1876.

General Howard:

I take the greatest pleasure in writing upon a few lines.

We arrived at Honolulu on the 31st of October, all safe on board. Thank God, I have my life (and I pray that he will) to return safely to Portland. I will never go to sea again. A sailor's life is a hard life. How many times have I thought of the Christian people of Portland! I have had hard times since I left there. I have been abused and knocked about like a dog. I will tell you what happened to me on the ship Garibaldi since we left Portland.

When we arrived at Honolulu the mate and the second mate had a
fight. That was on the 31st of October. From that date I have had hard times. On Nov. 11, 70, Mr. Wagner struck me in the face without any provocation on my part. Liquor was the cause of it. That was the commencement of my persecution. The next trouble came on the 3 of December, which came about in this way: the second mate told me to halve light the topsail brace; as I went to execute this order there were a number of Chinese in the way. I told them to make way for me, which they failed to do as promptly as I wished them to, so I pushed one of them aside, causing him to spill some rice. This created the disturbance. The Captain came on deck and asked the second mate what the trouble was, and when being informed he struck me in the face. But I did not return the blow. The second mate explained to him that I was not at fault.

On the 6th of December 70, my third trouble occurred in this way. The events
mate told me to let go the fo'c'sle and at the same time ordered me to get a-stretch block. I did as I was told to do. He was out of mind and commenced to get cold, which brought on some words between us, when he struck me and I struck him back. It wasn't more than two minutes before he struck me again, and then had me placed in irons and took me oft and threatened to hang me up by the neck.

General if there is any law to protect me I would like to get the benefit of it. Will you be kind enough to inform me if anything can be done with the parties at whose hands I have suffered such abuse? Have written to the Cable about it, will you ask them if he has received my letter?

How you should enjoy the privilege.
you have of going to church. Now I can go to church but once a month, but still I am striving to lead a Christian life. O, how hard it is sometimes; it seems as though I shall have to give up my hold, but thank God I am holding on to the chain - mean the Golden Chain. May God guard and protect us until we meet again. Write you please ask the Christians that meet at the noon-day Prayer meetings to pray for me that I may be kept faithful to the end? Send your prayers. Please give Captain Wilkinson my best respects and let him to pray for me. I have heard that Mr. Hammond has been in Portland; I hope he had good meetings while there. It would have pleased me to have been there. I shall have to close this and bid you goodbye. Please excuse poor writing as I have to use my fingers for a desk. Farewell, I hope...
the phone, and I called the police. They came to my apartment all of a sudden and they asked me what was going on. I told them about the drains and water每月的 rental was due, so I had to pay it. The police officers asked me if I had any problem with the water. I told them that I had, but it was nothing serious. They left and I called the landlord again. He said that he would come to my place soon. I waited for him for an hour, and then I called him again. He said that he would come soon, but he never showed up. I got so angry and I screamed at him. Finally, the landlord arrived. He brought me a bottle of water and some snacks. He said that he was sorry and that he would do better in the future. I was still unhappy, but I had to accept the situation.
We shall meet again; if not on earth in the other world.

Your Friend

James Cooper

A True Colby
McWilkinson
Blighsmouth, Neb., July 25, 1876

Sirs: O. V. Stewart,
Portland, Oregon

For $2,000, paid you taxes of 1875 and received your receipt for same.

It will try and sell your land this spring; as we must get your former letter, are unable to get increased $20 per acre for it.

Grass hopes, cases and hard times have made bad in this section since dull sale.

Yours truly,
D. H. Wheeler

[Signature]
HEAD-QUARTERS:
U. S. MILITARY POST LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,
58 BROADWAY, N. Y. CITY.

New York, February 29th, 1876.

Dear Sir,

It becomes my duty to inform you that, at the Annual Meeting of this Association, held in this City January 25th, 1876, you were unanimously re-elected as one of its Vice Presidents for the year 1876.

This notice has been delayed by the fact that we have waited until the Annual Report should be printed, in order that you might receive a copy at the same time with this letter.

Permit me to say that the Association
still needs, and it is hoped will receive, the continued cooperation and sympathy of all the friends whose aid has been so valuable to it in the past.

Very respectfully yours,

P. S. Martin,

Ret. Secretary.

To

Gen. O. H. Howard, U.S.A.

Portland, O.