Belle Under bay

I beg of you not to forget me in the "Rooms" I sometimes think I feel stronger when I think I am remembered in the prayers of those who pray.

Yours

Collins

P.S. The health of Mrs C. is poor, this climate does not agree with her as yet. — I have a letter from Int Hay stating that my School there is growing & prospering. — I do hope Mr Van Horn will leave the Lesson.

Ans by Gen. H.
Mch. 6th "76

Aklan March 1876

Gen O O Howard

Dear Bro. & Friend,

Your kind note is received & in return permit me to give an unofficial report of my doings. When I arrived here, I found religious desolation. The chapel was so much out of repair as to be unfit for use & we had our first service in the School House. Major C. offered the material to repair the chapel, if the citizens would pay for the labor. This they did & I considered a point gained, when the citizens were willing to give money for religious purposes. The next step, was a choir, in this I have partially succeeded. Last sabbath, the third of my being here, I began operations for a S. S.

Twenty children came, the b.d.of.h. of four ladies, the hope to do better yet.

I have given notice that I purpose to give a series of talks on Bible History Sunday Evenings & lectures on the History of the Constitution of the United States, on Wednesday Evenings. So you can percieve that I do not purpose being idle & also, I try to have system to my work.

I have married one white man & the dear squaw — the first but not the last.

So far as the Indians are concerned, I will say I have not got at them yet. The weather has been very cold & I have had a great deal to do with the whites, I have however spoken to Maja Campbell twice that I should like to talk to them, she says after the weather gets pleasanter. As he is their Agent, I think it wise to give heed to him.

The garrison is remarkably pleasant, I have some suspicions that the outcry against the Maja is caused, mainly, by his opposition to whiskey. He will keep it down & obey orders. I think he is very popular with the officers.

It is sad about the Sec. of War. But it is a healthy public opinion that drives him from his office. Yet I do not expect, than is meek & the purest being that ever lived in this world had more sympathy for the fallen than any other, if they were penitent. Who knows that a Wise Providence did not lead him on because of his course towards you? I could preach on this subject.

I am both ashamed & sorry to say that I have not been well since I have been here, but the Lord help me for a year or until my work is

JOHN H. COOK,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,

No. ~~1511½ Pennsylvania Avenue.~~ no 12 Le Droit Building

Washington, D. C. March 1 1876

Dear General:

Your telegram just received. The debt of $400 to F. & M. Co. was paid some weeks past. The deed from Capt Sladen is herewith returned. By not following my directions, I am still delayed. This deed must be acknowledged by Capt S. before a notary public or justice of the peace, and the clerk of the Court must certify to the genuineness of the signature of the notary or justice. I have been so unfortunate as to be compelled to return the deed to Mr Ballard in Florida (necessary in the

settlement of this same transaction) because of a like mistake on his marks.

The Revised Statutes of the District of Columbia, do not provide for the taking of acknowledgements by clerks directly.

Yours truly

Jno H Cook

To
Genl O. O. Howard
Portland Oregon
Ans. by Gen H.
Mch. 22. 76

[CB-March 1, 1876]

Dear General.

Here's a description of the detail of a battle. A sort of microscopical view in which the minutiae are made visible to the exclusion of the vast and important objects.

It may possibly be of some service to you tho' I think not.

I would like to have it again if you will kindly keep it for me.

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My very kindest
regards to everyone at
home not forgetting
my love to Bess.

Yours sincerely
C. E. W.

Fort Klamath, Oregon
March 16th, 1876.

Dear General,

After the kindness received at your hands, while under your command in this department, I would only like to leave without a word of earnest thanks.

I start to-morrow for San Francisco, to report to Major Gen. Schofield, President of the Retiring Board.

I was impelled ans. by Gen. H. Mar 18. 76

have consisted very materially with the organ & violins & accordingly mas. Eastern would seem by a long.

The appearance upon the men has been very marked. Enlisted men are quick to recognize the support of their officers in any praiseworthy undertaking & show their appreciation in improved conduct.

I shall always recollect, General, our trip to Chicago with pleasure, and that your kindness by an indebted for the opportunity of going. Please pre-

Copy sent Gen. Pleasonton, & Gen. Sheridan, Chicago, Ill. Mar 18 1876

to his courage, by the advice of the Surgeon at this post and in whom I have great confidence.

As health, with me, is paramount to all other considerations, I felt that it was my duty to apply for retirement & acted accordingly.

The winters at Fort Klamath are very trying to persons with lung troubles. The weather is so changeable & inclement.

With this exception, the present winter has been more enjoyable than previous winters.

The Klamath Lodge of Good Templars have given a series of literary & musical entertainments, assisted by the officers of the garrison.

Each officer pledged himself to deliver an address before the society & this pledge has been kept.

Verily, Eternal vigilance

[ca-March 1, 1876]

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OFFICE INDIANA DEPARTMENT

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J. E. SPRINGER,

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(OVER.)

Ans. by
H. Hunt
Receipt in
Insurance
Mch. 14. 76

MAR 14 1876 O.B.

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(OVER.)

Washington
Mar. 3. 1876

Dear General

I don't owe you a letter, but the sad event of yesterday moves me to write a line. You will learn before this reaches you of the terrible end of Belknap's official career. All the time that he was pursuing you & Ballock with such righteous vengeance because some vouchers had been lost, his own hands were filled with bribes - about $20 000 for the sale of the post sutlership at Ft. Sill, & nobody knows what or how many others. Both wives shared with him and his pralls!!

Of course every body pities them in their disgrace: but

pity)
Grant not & should not interrupt the course of justice.

I pity Grant more: he has just got relieved of Babcock's case, & now comes this worst blow of all. His personal friend, raised by the partiality of friendship to a position too high for his abilities & too responsible for his character, has disgraced the whole Country. Well, it will open some eyes. It will dispel the delusion that the War Dept. is the only pure spot in Washington.

Cowan too is rotten. After killing off (officially) Delano & E.P. Smith; he has gone out, and when the truth comes to light, as it will, he will be found as corrupt as Belknap. He has exacted toll from every Contractor for five years. But Enough.

Hammond has been here 4 weeks. Much good has resulted, but many hang off. My family are well. Give my regards to Mrs. H. & the children. Write to the Wilkinson's & Sloders. Yours truly C. Whittlesey

Ans by Gen H. Mch 23, 76

Sincerely
Your very humble friend
J. F. Ellis

Gen O. O. Howard

Forest Grove,
March 4, 1876.

Dear Gen Howard –

It paine me that a man should be wicked but since it is so I rejoice that his wickedness is so speedily uncovered. In this extremity of Sec'y Belknap you see that the mills of the gods (wh Capt S- quotes) are grinding.

I think of you first thing & cannot help writing to express my joy that your persecutor is so soon caught in the net of judgment. I c'd not but feel that the good Father w'd come to the rescue erelong. I'm so glad – glad for you & your household & for all Christian hearts wh have bled when you were pierced. May the end be now & you have peace henceforth.

Faithfully
your very humble friend,
J. F. Ellis.

Office of City Board
School Commissioners
Charleston March 7. 1876

Genl O. O. Howard
Washington City.

Dear Sir

This Board desire to establish a School for the colored children in the lower part of this City. Some of its members have been informed that the Trustees of the Franklin Street School would probably surrender to us the School Building for this purpose, in the same manner as has already been done by the Shaw Memorial School. As I am also informed that you are the proper person to address, I would respectfully ask from you information on the subject, and whether upon any and what terms the Building could be secured.

Respectfully
Your obt Svt
O Gelsenninger,
Chairman of Board.

Wesley Chapel
March 22 76

Portland March. 7 - 1876

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

Dear Brother — I spoke to you of taking my appointment at Olympia on the 3d or 4th Sabbath of March, to which you gave some encouragement.

Please inform me by note tomorrow or Thursday which Sabbath you will choose.

Will you also deliver a lecture there on one of the evenings say on Monday following the Sab.

Yours fraternally
J. H. Atkinson

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Chicago, Mch 8 1876

Gen'l O. O. Howard
Portland
Oregon

Dear Bro.

We were very much gratified to get your letters, by the hand of Grace, to mother last night at Glencoe. I have also received a copy of the letter to Mr French which I was glad to have, but you do not give me any hint that we could publish it, or that you thought I had better do so; perhaps I had better not unless the matter gets into the papers again. I may lacking in information, but it seemed to me that you were throwing away words on Mr French, that he

has no discretion, but follows the interpretation of the law, that happens to be given by the law officer, However, I shall be glad if it proves to be otherwise, and he can act on the grounds you give.

I have never supposed that Genl Grant was unfriendly to you, but if so, now that Belknap has so sadly fallen, it would seem that you would have a more administration above you. I know nothing of Judge Taft, and have no reason to think he would have special sympathy with you in this.

Relief ought to have been given by Congress, and if some wise friend had attended to it last session, I think it could have been done, but of course you would have no hope with this Congress.

If it can ever be brought before a Court of Equity, I have no doubt you will be relieved.

Who do you have for law counsel in the matter. It strikes

me, that a good lawyer would find out how you could resist the payment, and bring the case before a Court of Equity and there have it thoroughly tried on its merits. Have you ever asked Mr Ketchum about it?

We see now, with Belknap's democratic antecedents and his family connection with Secession ladies how little sympathy he must have had with the Freedmans' Bureau, or any act of yours, and how easily he would fall in with any malicious proposition from the Boynton source, or any other. Indeed I think he must have been an ally of Fernando Wood, and of leading democrats at all times, from the manner they are conducting just now. I suppose you are in jest about an editors' place. I am not able by the closest

can command, to save enough to pay my ordinary family expenses out of the proceeds of my entire investment as salary for my labor, so of course I cannot see how that you, with much greater family expenses, could think of taking a paper like this, especially as you have no thirty-two thousand dollars to put into it, as we have put in here, and the editor of one of the great political papers of the country, does not have a place adapted to your tastes or genius.

But I have no doubt you were joking in the matter.

I have snatched a few moments for this but cannot write more.

All our children, except the baby have the whooping cough, and we have been without a cook for some time, so that I go home at noon to day to take home a girl for housework. With love to the children & Lizzie

Affectionately yours
E. W. Howard
per G.

P.S.

I have just published an old letter from Oregon. For this, and one other of your articles you will remember I allowed you $5.00 each, and sent the check some time last year. Perhaps you could get more for them elsewhere. Indeed generally I mean to pay you $10.00, but this five seemed a fair price as I was paying other parties, especially as I paid so long before using.

I hope this is satisfactory, and that you will not fail to send me all that you think is available

Ever Yours
Ellis.
per G.

Ans. by Gen H—
Mch 23. 76

Gilroy Cal March 8th 1876

General. Howard dear Sir My Son Edward. Loney left home last April to work in Nappa Valley and not being able to obtain work there he went to Sacramento and being again disappointed he Enlisted in the army he wrote me that he got in company with two of his Comrades one night and they went out for a walk and they got lost and was unable to find their way back to Camp until after morning roll Call and not knowing much about the rules of the army he was afraid to go back he Sayed the other boys

wanted to desert they told him that if he went back they would try him for desertion any way and that he had better go with them and not knowing what to do he went with them and they were arrested and took back He is now in prison at Fort Klamath Oregon He is my only support and has been a good son to me since his father died six years ago and I dont think he meant to do any thing wrong I Earnestly beg you to pardon him if it is in your power to do so for it almost breaks my heart to think my only son should be in prison and I need him at home

Sir if you will grant me this favor you shall be remembered in my prayers

Very respectfully Yours

Mary J. Loney

The facts in regard to this man's desertion show that the act was deliberately planned several days previous. and that Loney was rather a leader than a victim.

James Jackson
Capt 1st Cav