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To Gen. O. O. Howard
Comd. Dept. Portland Or.

Under existing circumstances am unwilling to give the order asked for cannot you get a summons to Washington to give testimony.

W. T. Sherman
General

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Portland March 9th 1876

To General O. O. Howard
Respected Sir

The Committee of Ladies for the
Leap Year Festival
Solicit the Pleasure
of your Company on
Wednesday Evening March
15th 1876

Susan Brown President
Allen Flowers Secretary
Forest Grove, March 11, 1875.

Gen. W. O. Howard,

Dear Friend & Brother,

If I understood you rightly you freely offered to write to someone or someone in my behalf. I wish to avail myself of your kindness—at least once—and get you to write an address for me a letter to the Congr. Church in Port Huron, Mich. Please say a good word for Mrs. Ellie as well as for myself.

And further say that I am too far away to candidately in orthodox Congr. fashion, but with your testimonial propose this: That I serve them a year on trial & if at the end of that
time I fail to put assure them that I am in that case an evil easy to be rid of.

May I request you to write them at your earliest leisure since I am at such a distance that no time is to be lost by delay, & greatly favor your humble friend,

J. T. Eller.

P.S. Herein find an open letter of Prof Condon wh I value as coming from my constant hearer. Please enclose it yours.

James S. Hoyt, the present pastor at Port Huron, is to leave in June, if not earlier.

J. T. E.
Dear Mr. [Name],

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my gratitude for your kindness and assistance in matters [specific details].

Please accept my sincere thanks for your generosity and understanding. I assure you, your support has been invaluable to me.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to assist you. I would be honored to reciprocate your kindness.

Best regards,

[Your Name]
Olympia, March 12th, 1876.

To Gen'l Howard,
Commanding Dept' of the Columbia,
Dear Sir,

Knowing that you have received through Dr. and Mrs. Atkinson, a request from the little church of Olympia, to officiate for them in one Sabbath's services, and also, to give a lecture on Gettysburg or any other topic you may prefer, I now write, in behalf of the Executive Committee of our church, to say, that we are gratified to learn from Dr. Atkinson, that you have consented to hold services for us on next Sabbath, the 19th inst. and also to "talk about Gettysburg".

In order to secure a hall, and
have the matter properly advertised, we would like to
hear from you more definitely, and as soon as convenient, a
reply on certain points—viz., would you be able to lecture on
Saturday evening, after your arrival? or, could you come
as early as Friday? or, would you prefer to remain over all day,
and lecture on Monday night? We could probably get the hall
for Saturday or Monday, if we
had time to negotiate with parties
who have regular engagements
on those evenings, and our church
building is not large enough for
a taxable audience.

May we advertise it, as a lecture
or, in what other way? and one
more question—will you preach
twice, or on Sunday?
I hope to have the pleasure of entertaining you at my house, during your stay in Olympia, and Dr. Steele most cordially joins with me in sending the invitation, not only to yourself, but also to Mrs. Howard, if she does not object to the land journey.

I think we have reason to hope that the heavy rains will cease before that time, and then the stage ride will not be so disagreeable.

Through my sister, allis Blackler, and Dr. Atkinson, we have become somewhat acquainted with you, and hope you will not feel toward us, as “strangers,” but as members of the same household of faith, in Christ, our Head.

yours very respectfully,
Mrs. A. H. Steele.
Ans. by telegraph Nov. 4 76
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D.C.F.
Washington, D.C., March 13th, 1871.

General, O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir: I take the liberty of writing you a few lines, in regard to business in your section of the country. The business in Washington is very dull, and work comes at very low prices. As I have no family, if I could learn here, with any prospect of getting work in some new country, at my business as carpenter, or any thing else, I would gladly leave Washington at once, and start a new, to make a living. I hope you will have the goodness of answering my letter, and give me your idea of business in your country; for if there is any chance I would come at once.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedient Servt.,

G. Lecombe,

Residence, No. 1314, 7th. A. M.
carpenter, 8th. and Pomeroy, street.
East Orange, N.J.
Mar 13 1876

Gentlemen,

I am a stranger to you, but not to your good brother A.B. who is now our pastor & who has been the means under God of much blessing to our little Church &c. Since he has come among us we have added a small congregation but there have been many added lately & the work still goes on. There has been especial interest in our Sunday School. A number of conversions. I have an interesting class of boys or young men youth.
and I am thankful to stay for I believe they are now all of them trusting in Christ — our motto now is "The Advance Column for Christ."

I trust these boys will all grow up to be strong soldiers for their Master and now for our encouragement won't you please write a letter & give us a kind word or two —

Your Brother with his dear family are living 3 doors from your correspondent and in a very pleasant neighborhood. I live near the Church — I take the Advance...
Fort Vancouver
March 13, '76

Dear Jane,

We have an Old Supt of County "A" to a Judge, of the County Court at Harney. Here also a man of Co K, now at Boise. All three of these men are united with their Companions. Is it still your intention to change the Comps. at Harney and Boise? If so the Supt. could take the other two men to Harney. The K Co. man remaining, then take his Company out there.

Yours truly,

Cly Sully
St. Vancouver B.C.
March 15th 1866

My dear General

I have in the course of conversation elicited these facts from the Chaplain. He has no suspicion whatever that I was pumping him or caring at all for the knowledge I got. I thought it best that way for at least it could do no harm.

He does not know whether Judge Taft and Gen. Boynton are friends. His impression is they are. He thinks Deacon Smith and Judge Taft are personal friends and knows that Smith and Boynton are. He himself
does not know Judge Taft personally in fact he has never met any one of the gentlemen and it is evident to me that he knows nothing about their relations or probable influence on each other. He can merely survive. He praises Judge Taft as an honorable, just man. He thinks that Gen. Vincent will probably continue his influence. My impression is that he will too. He controlled the former Sec. and has power in the Dept. and a new incumbent coming into the office for a short time only would be apt to yield to his views unless measures were promptly taken to place things in their proper light and counteract Gen. Taft's influence.

I found out all I could in the matter Gen. but believe me the Capitlains were more or less ignorant of any value. Yours ever fondly C. B.
Seattle, Washington, Standing March 15th 1886

General Howard, Dear Sir,

Can you come to the City of Seattle and give us a lecture on the Battle of Gettysburg for the benefit of the Sabbath School. We need absolutely need a library for the children and teachers but we have no means to purchase one. We are a small united band of Christians and we feel that your lecture, presence and influence among us would help us very much. I told the children and teachers last Sabbath that I would write to you to comply with your pressing me-

[Signature]
...shall be the church...and encourage; but if you fail to come, then we shall have no hopes of raising means to purchase a library for our Sabbath School. Do not say, that you cannot come. Remember, you are a struggling condition and the request your please.

S.S. and the earnest of the Church and Congregation.
Or black, infinite are this afternoon that all the people in Seattle would be glad to see and hear you. And one favorable answer. To haste.

from yours truly,

James Hall
Pastor of the Plymouth Congregational Church.

Seattle, Washington Territory
Newburgh, N. Y. Nov 15 1876.

Brig Gen O O Howard

As I am preparing my collection of Autographs for binding, I take the liberty of sending you this, as a request for yours.

An acknowledgment in the form of an Autograph letter would oblige

Respectfully yours,

Thos. J. Balfe.

Lock Box 140.
Vancouver Wash. Ter.
March 15th, 1876

Hon. S. J. Frost
Secretary of War
Washington D.C.

Sir:

The undersigned, most respectfully, take this opportunity to call the attention of the War Department to certain Bills, now before Congress, favoring Missions, especially the Catholic Mission of St. James, who lay claim to the Town of Vancouver and also to the U.S. Military Reserve, Fort Vancouver, W.T. one of the finest locations on the Columbia River.

The Town Authorities are doing all they possibly can to defeat these measures,

[Signature]
but considering the powerful influence which the above named institution may exercise, the undersigned would ask your interferance before the respective Committees in Congress as this is entirely a matter for the Courts to decide.

If you should not have full information of the circumstances regarding the pretentions of the saidMission I would take liberty to refer you to Messrs. Britton Gray & Drummond of Washington City, who were the Attorneys for the Town, also to Genl. Rufus Ingalls, Capt. Henry M. Jones, A. E. M., Baltimore and to Senator Mitchell from Oregon and Delegate Jacobs of West Texas.

I have in behalf of our town, written to these two last named Gentleman and our people do not doubt that they will assist.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) Louis Sophus
Mayor of City Tacoma.