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Received at Portland, Or.,

March 9 1876 11:30 A.M.

To Gen O. O. Howard

Comdg Dept Portland &c

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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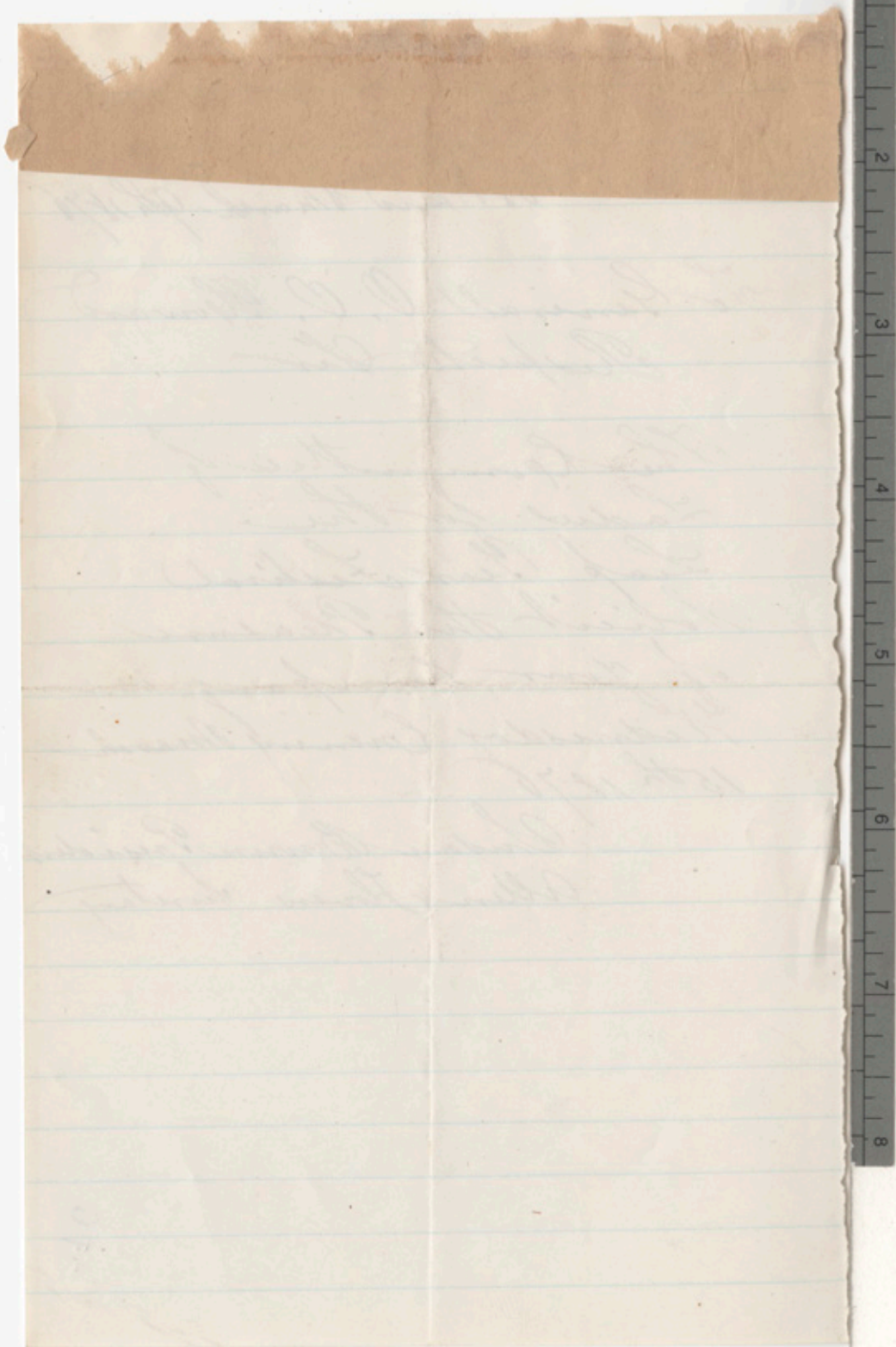
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Portland March 9th 1876

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, 1876.

Gen. W. C. Howard -

Dear Friend ^{and} Brother -

If I understood you rightly you freely offered to write to persons or churches in my behalf. I wish to avail myself of your kindness - at least once - & get you to ~~write~~ address for me a letter to the Congl church in Port Huron, Mich. - Please say a good word for Mrs Ellis as well as for myself.

And further say that I am too far away to candidate in orthodox Congl fashion, but with your testimonial propose this: That I serve them a year ^{or} on trial & if at the end of that

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time I fail to suit 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. F. Ellis.

P.S. Herein find an Open Letter
of Prof Condon wh I value
as coming from my constant
hearers. Please enclose it ^{with}
yours.

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

J. F. E.

Ans. by Gen. H. —



Olympia, March 12th,
1876.

To Gen'l Howard,
Commanding Dep't 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. A—,
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, and⁵⁰

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 Monday,
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, 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 hard 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, Miss
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,
Chas. A. H. Steele.

Ans. by telegram No. 1476
a " letter " " "
Ross



Washington, D.C. March, 13th 1876.
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 done~~ at very low prices,
as I have no family. if I could leave 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 chances, I would come at once.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedient Servt,
G. Lacombe.

Residence, No. 1314, 7th, N. W.
Carpenter, Shop, 7th and Tomeray, Street

Wm. by H. Williams
Oct. 3. 76



East Orange N. J.
Mar 13 1876 -

Gen O. O. Howard
Dear Sir -

I am a stranger to you, but
not to your good brother
R. B. - who is now our pastor
& who has been the means
under God of much blessing
to our little Church & S. S.
Since he has come among
us - we have rather 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 rather

Ans. by Am. H.
Mch. 29. 76



and I am thankful to state
I believe they are now all
of them trusting in Christ —
our motto now is

"The Advance Column
for Christ" —

and I trust these boys will
all grow up & be strong
soldiers for their master —

and now for our encouragement
would you please write
us a letter & give us
a kind word or two —

Your Brother with his
dear family are living
3 doors from your correspondence
and in a very pleasant
neighborhood & right near
the Church —

I take the Advance &

occasionally see a letter
from you —

I append the names of
my boys your nephew is one
of them —

Yours in the faith &
love of Our Lord Jesus Christ

E. R. E. Corwell

Box 91

East Orange

N. J.

Grove St. Congregational S. S.

William Wallace

William Ward

F. B. Van Tuyl

Harry Roys

Joe Riker

David Howard

M. Tomkins

Allie Petersen

Chas. Runyon

Robt. Treppenberg

E. R. E. Corwell,
Teacher

Fork Vancouver
March. 13. 76

Dear Genl

We have an
old Supt of Comby "A"
& a Interpreter. of the Comby
Camp. at Hurney. here
also a man of C^o K. now
at Boise. all three
of them men are wanted
with their Companies.
Is it still your inter-
-tion to change the Camp
-ains at Hurney & Boise
If so the Supt could
take the other two men
to Hurney. The K C^o man
remaining, then till
his Comby get there

I am truly
Aly Pulley

Ans by Gen H.
Mar 16, 76

St. Vancouver B.C.
March 15th 1876

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 cared 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 surmise. 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. V.'s influence.

I found out all I could in the matter Gen. but believe me the ^{Asst} Chaplain knows nothing of any value. Yours very fondly C. E. Brown

Ans by tel &
otherwise

Seattle Washington Territory.
March 15th 1876.

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 our
Sabbath School. We need ~~an~~
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, ^{and} urge you to
comply with our pressing in-
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invitation. If you come we
shall be very much cheered
and encouraged. 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 ~~our~~ ^{your} ~~public~~ ^{public} struggling
condition, and the request ^{pleasure} of our
S.S. and the earnest of the
church and congregation.
On Wed. afternoon we this
afternoon that all the people
in Seattle would be glad to
see and hear you. Send me
a favorable answer. In haste

Yours Truly

James Hall
Pastor of the Plymouth Congre-
gational Church.

Seattle
Washington Territory

Newburgh, N. Y. *Nov 15* 1878.

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 acknowledgement in the form of an
Autograph letter would oblige

Respectfully yours,

Thos. J. Balfe.

Lock Box 148.

Ans. by Gen. A
Apr. 3. 76

Vancouver Wash. Terr.
March 15th 1876

Hon. A. Taft
Secretary of War
Washington D. C.

Sir:

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The undersigned, most respectfully takes liberty to call the attention of the War Department to certain Bills, now before Congress, favoring Missions, especially the Catholic Mission of St. James, who lays 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 those measures,

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but considering the powerful influence which the above named institution may exercise, the undersigned would ask your interference before the respective committees in Congress as this is entirely a matter for the courts to decide.

If you should ~~have~~ not have full information of the circumstances regarding the pretensions of the said Mission 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 W. Jones, A. L. M., Baltimore and to Senator Mitchell from Oregon and Delegate Jacobs of Wash. Terr.

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

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
(Signed) Louis Lohus
Mayor of City Vancouver