General:

I have the honor to acknowledge your kind letter of the 21st ult., in which is stated your intention to grant me a centennial leave of absence, unrestricted, as regards extension, the inquiry, "Will not this do?"

In reply I beg to acknowledge my sincere thanks and accept with much gratitude what is offered. I do not apprehend any difficulty in obtaining an extension, with your implied permission, until at least my eyes are fully restored.

May I add that him is of the utmost value to men and the receipt of my leave at the earliest possible moment will be hailed with unspeakable delight?

By dint of going home is influenced by weighty considerations than that of
simply wishing the Centennial Exhibition
my respectfully
E. B. Abbene
1st Lt. A.F. Navy

ann. officially June 276
(Dr. O'lena)
June 3, 1876.

Dear Sir:

Your letter in question has come to hand and will be printed in August. It was
very apt, and should have been cut down at 24 pages. I should
be very glad to have so much of your writing, if I could
finish soon for it carefully.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Mrs. by Geo. H.
read it with interest. I shall be pleased to receive the 3d.

paper by the last of July, and will send it in with
the September copy.

Yours truly,

W. Howells.

June 15.

[Postmark: Jun 16 1876]
Dear Sir

From note of day 29th is quite incorrect. The order is not out yet, at least two must reach one, but will not reach in a few days. It is to take effect July 1st. I may start East a few days before that time. As to my personal stuff, where and when do go with one to West Point. O'Sullivan has already gone.
to my work with any family and in the event orders there. He will probably join his regiment in the fall and await the consolidation of the two departments. At least I would not advise it. As earlier, I presume if his success there are especially important. But I would like to give him the benefit of the amount of service. O'Brien is an excellent officer and I would retain him in any staff if there were any thing for him to do at West Point.
Portland Oregon
June 6th 1876

Maj Gen. C. C. Howard
General

I herewith submit
for your inspection plans and
specifications of a Projectile for
the protection of Valclai, Docks
&c., against all Torpedo Boats which
may be used and directed by means
of an Electric Battery, with wire paid
out from point of Battery.

The accompanying drawing is meant
to show four knives, capstrel, and
of a great length as possible, with a
view to accurate Shooting. The
sockets for knives to be made in
the shaft of wood, with metallic brake,
made of sufficient length and size
to fill the piece. The point of arrow,
to be of such a length and shape
as will guide with most accuracy
after striking the water, Projectile
Point, the wire between the Battery and Torpedo Boat, General.

If after due examination you
find this invention practical, and of
sufficient service to our Government
as to gain recognition from the proper
authorities, I shall be most happy
to place it in the hands of the Engineer
Corps and make the Government the
exclusive owner without further publicity, I think all inventions for offensive or defensive war, beneficial to his Government, and inventions of an American Citizen, should be placed in the hands of the proper departments, and not in the Patent Office. Individual fame should be devoted to the Nation welfare and safety.

Respectfully submitted.

A.W. Ford

Capt. 1st H, 2nd Mt., Vol.

Sen. O. O. Howard

Commanding

Dept. Columbia

Portland, Oregon

[Note: The text is handwritten and slightly faded, but the content is legible.]
Board of Commissioners for School Lands
And Common School Fund.

Salem, Oregon, June 6th, 1876

Gen. O. C. Howard

Dear Sir: M'Ri:

we are the Com-
mittee of the N. E. Church, Salem, to sup-
ply the church with public service in the
absence at present of a regular pastor.

we now desire your services for next sab-
bath, June 11th next, and hereby extend to
you an invitation to occupy our pulpit
next Sunday morning and evening. If you
can comply with our request we will
feel under many obligations. An early
answer is requested so we may be able
to meet the expenses of fore-

Yours with great respect,

Channing H. Patrick

T. H. Cann, Clerk
Dear Sir,

I am addressing you to express my appreciation of your assistance. Your kind help and guidance have been invaluable to me.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

[Date] 5/27/71
Editorial Rooms of
THE ADVANCE:
151 & 153 Fifth Avenue.

Chicago, June 8, 76

Geo. W. W. Howard
Portland, Oregon

I enclose herewith $5.00 in payment for your article entitled "Of Young Muds' Ch. Association Revived" printed in the ADVANCE. A copy of which is mailed to you today.

Yours,

For the Editor.
The United States Centennial Commission and the Centennial Board of Finance respectfully invite you to be present at the exercises in honor of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Declaration of the Independence of the United States, July 4th, 1876.

Independence Square, Philadelphia.

To Dear Maj. Gen.

O.O. Howard

and Staff

Philadelphia, June 10th, 1876.
Dr. J. Thomas.
Fort Leavenworth
June 11, 1876

Dear General,

I desire to introduce to your favorable consideration my friend Dr. J. Thomas, M.D. of Philadelphia, an eminent scholar and writer who is making a tour of observation to Oregon and Alaska. When you know the
Dr., I am sure that you will be glad to give him every facility he may desire with regard to the different points in Fair Dept. which he proposes to visit. Yours very truly,

Rufus Farley

[Signature]

Gen. C. C. Howard

[Signature]

Portland Oregon
Portland, Oregon, Jan. 12, 1876.

Mrs. W. B. Budlipp

To Curtis C. Strong, M. D., Dr.

FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED

In attendance on wife
Rec'd Paymt.

Settled at 50/-
Satisfaction to Doctor Strong.

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H.O.O.
Sir, V. A. Howard, W. A.
Portland Oregon.

Dear Sir,

I am, in Feb last, you told me to make out to you Mr. Budliffe's bill, I have waited, and would not now trouble you, only it would be of some assistance to me at this time. Hoping this will be satisfactory to you.

I remain Respectfully Yours,

D. B. Strong

Portland Oregon

June 23rd 1876.