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ATTORNEYS AT LAW.

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202 FIFTEENTH STREET.

Denver, Colo. July 3rd 1876

My dear O. C. Howard—

My dear Genl.

A. U. S. Judi-

cial Dist. has been created for Colorado, and President Grant has trouble the appointment of the incumbent. I now ask, if it be compatible with your position and your inclination, that you write to the President your opinion of my military record, and request— all other things being equal—that I be appointed. I feel something is due in such matters to an irreproachable Army record, over applicants who were accumulating fortunes while you and myself were ~~at the front~~. No one knows my Army record better than yourself, and I am willing to accept your representation of it. The avenues to the president are few, and there being many applicants, all will of course have their friends. I am confident that such request by you would have

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BOSTON, MASS.

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much weight with the President, — I have
never asked or received anything before
but this I greatly desire —

Mrs Powers still is afflicted with
asthma even in Oct —

May I anticipate with hope in this
matter?

I have the honor to be
Yours

Harrington

Edt Powers

P.S. And

This appointment will doubtless
be made soon —

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San Francisco, Cal., July 8th

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Dear General:

After a very hot night, thru which Mrs. C. & I talked the whole time, we got off at 8 a.m. and were much benefited by the pleasant trip down the Columbia. Say at Astoria till 7 a.m. Saturday, July 1st, and steamed into San Francisco this morning about the same hour—making the trip in 8 hours! Mrs. C. & Susie were sick the whole trip—neither one having left the stateroom from the time we crossed the bar till we arrived here. Got here a little too late for the overland train. Start East-to-morrow morning with a basket full of bread & meat; and hearts full of joy & happiness. Never felt better. All I need now is employment & that peace that passeth understanding. Went to Headquarters, but every one was absent. A sight of this city is worth coming a long way to see. Millions of flags are thrown to the breeze, and men even are passing back & forth with flags stuck in their hats. I never saw such a galy-day. Susie enjoys the sight hugely. Love to all. God bless you
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John
J. M.
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Fort Walla Walla July 5. 1876.

Dear General.

Mr. Burnell, of Mess. Knapp & Burnell, has been instructed - or soon will be - by Mess. Small Brothers to look at your carriage, with a view to purchase - should you still desire to sell. They would prefer a lower priced vehicle, but if Mr. B. does not think yours too light the price will not probably stand in the way.

Sincerely yours

J. G. Whipple

Gen. Howard

Portland

Oregon.



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To Walla Walla

July 5th 1856

Dear Sir,

From super-

mation which I have
from Washington I
am promoted to the
1st Cavalry stationed
in New Mexico and
will probably go to
Fort Union soon.

I would not like to
go until you make
an inspection of the
post & see what has
been done since you
were here. Therefore
if possible I would
much like you ^{to}₂₃ to
make a visit to the

just before I leave
say within the next
two or three weeks
Should you come
and feel like accept-
ing my hospitality,
I would be glad
to have you ~~to~~ come
to my house.

Respectfully yours
William W. Dyer
W. W. D.

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Aug. 2nd 76
A.A.H.

date also was present - It is not
my custom, however, to broach
official business when citizens,
soldiers, are present - and I had
not thought of an occurrence from
that moment until the receipt of
your note.

Of all the officers on duty at
Headquarters, I am the
last, General, against whom you
should or can bring truthfully,
any allegation of neglect of duty.
I not only feel this, but know
it to be true. I challenge Headquarters
to show the contrary. I do not
reach my office at an early hour: *
but once there, I am there for the day;

Headquarters Department of the Columbia,

Portland, Ogn., July 8th 1876.

Brigadier General O.O. Howard.
Commanding.

Sir:

With much surprise, I dare
the honor to acknowledge the
receipt of your communication
of this date.

You will, "Today in the pres-
ence of several officers you in-
formed me of your acts of or-
der that you had issued with-
out my previous sanction."

I infer you misunderstood
me, as I gave you no such in-
formation. I demanded that
Court-Martial were required (or
wanted) at Fort Lapwai, Colville,
and WallaWalla; that you ^{had} ~~had~~
had already authorized the
Court at WallaWalla; that Capt.
Orr's would like to go on that

Court, and that, in your absence, upon the recommendation of Captain Becker, I had authorized the employment of a person to stack hay at Calville, Ainsjy (80) days at \$2.50 a day, amounting to some \$90⁰⁰, and offered some further demands about their preventing future loss of hay at that Port. This, I think, is the exact language. Certainly it is substantially the language used by me.

No letter of an Continental order has been issued, nor have instructions been given, by me, even for their preparation. You directed the issue of the Special order for the Court at Ballarat, as Leader will remember, but it is not yet in print, but is in abeyance until the date for its assembling is fixed. The

communication from Captain Becker was received while I was in my office, and while you were absent from your office, and he personally requested that it have immediate action, (as it would require some little time to pass through my office and his). An officer closing at 1.30 P.M. - that Mr. Oppenheimer was clear Monday morning, might in person take the authority to Calville. I directed some few minor, and reluctantly gave directions for approval, and informed you immediately, as you state. I will gladly be relieved of such responsibility, in future.

These transactions were regarded by me in the light of ordinary business matter, and took place without thought or care on my

Headquarters Department of the Columbia,

Portland, Ogn.,

1870

and work necessary to be done
any day, is done before I leave
an office. I am generally the last
officer to leave the Building. I
was there today until 4 o'clock,
long after every other officer had
left. It is a common remark
to me, that I can be found in
my room when no one else
can be found in the building.

My office is a pattern of
industry, neatness, and good-
order, from the messenger to
its chief.

Knowing, better than you,
how much I have endeavored
to assist you, and of how much
work, worry, and details, I dare
believe you - a good portion of
which strictly belongs to you -
Your criticism strikes me as un-

just and uncalled-for; and I
believe your own mind will
come to the same conclusion
as you do in this letter, since
you seem to have written your
note under an entire misap-
prehension of the facts.

I am at a loss to conceive
what impression the interview
in my office, to which you
refer, made upon your mind.
Evidently an impression that
is erroneous.

Taking my cue from your
expression, I have written fully,
and the facts, frankly stating
the impression your note
has given me.

I am Sir. Very Respectfully.
Your obedient servant.

A. Clay Wood.
Assistant Adjutant General.

* the amount of work does not de-
termine it necessary;

GEO. W. DYER,
Attorney and Counsellor at Law,

519 Seventh Street,

Lock Box 100.

Washington, D. C., July 8 - 1876

Genl O. S. Howard.

Portland, Oregon. I have of you letter of the 23^d ult. Senator Morrill took the oath as Secretary yesterday afternoon. Genl Lewall & chief of detectives - John H. Rice is Mr (Bancroft) said to be a new assistant Secy. There is to be a new man in place of Mr Blewford Wilson, and it is understood that it will not be the present assistant for Robinson. It is understood among you friends here, that as soon as the organization is completed, that a movement is to be made, to have of you Counsel and the District Attorney permitted to agree upon facts in the suit against you.

With much regard to yourself and family.

I am of yours truly
Geo. W. Dyer

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THE ILLUSTRATED CHRISTIAN WEEKLY.

LYMAN ABBOTT, Editor.
S. E. WIRNER, Associate Editor.

150 NASSAU STREET.

New York, 11 July 1876

My Dear General.

When you say is
complete, if you have not
already disposed of it, send
it on to me. We can judge
better of its availability for
our columns after seeing
it. If we buy it at all
we should probably
want to buy it complete,
& publish it afterwards
in a book form ourselves.

would have been satisfy
by you?

Kind regards to you
Sister - What a terrible
penalty time & God has
brought on Bellmore -

Yours /
~~Speculations~~

Gen C. C. Howard -

Patterson
Oregon -

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SAN FRANCISCO.

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WILLIAM ORTON, President, } NEW YORK.
A. R. BREWER, Secretary,

Washn^s July 12 1876
Portland July 12th 1876 5¹⁰ p.m.
Received at
To Gen O.O. Howard
Portland Oregon
Your Son is appointed
I will in time advise
you of the regiment

WJ Sherman
Gen

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From the Woburn Journal, of Feb. 19, 1870.

Died.

In Woburn, Feb. 12th, 1870, George O. Dalton,
aged 37 years.

Dr. George Osgood Dalton, of this town, committed suicide on Friday last by taking an overdose of morphine, and expired at his father's residence on Canal street on Saturday. No cause can be assigned for the melancholy act other than depression of mind from causes over which he had no control. The funeral services over his remains were held in the Baptist Church on Tuesday afternoon, where the following sketch of his life was read by Dr Ephraim Cutter, of Woburn :

Dr. George Osgood Dalton was born in this town, Jan. 10th, 1832. He was educated in the public schools, and fitted for College at Warren Academy. He graduated at Harvard College in 1853, and then studied medicine in the same university ; and also at the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, where he took his degree of M. D., in the spring of 1855. From thence he went into active practice at Summit Hill, Carbon County, Pennsylvania. Here he remained for some time, and then returned home. He taught in Saratoga, at Temple Grove Seminary, 1856-7 ; afterwards took a position as principal in Andover, N. H., New England Christian Institute, then at Orford, and other places in New Hampshire ; then took a boy's boarding school in Stamford, Conn. In 1861, as he was not a practising physician, he was drafted on military duty, till examined. He was rejected as not being an able bodied man. Afterwards he applied for and received an appointment as assistant surgeon in the same regiment, the 23d Conn., and went out Dec 13th, 1862, under Gen. Banks, and returned with the regiment. He went back again as Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. A., Corps D'Afrique. At this time he had a very extensive practice in the U. S. General Hospital at New Orleans, having under his charge some three thousand cases of small pox alone. In this medical service he showed great moral courage, in freely going to and engaging in pro-

fessional duties which had cost several surgeons their lives, so numerous were the patients and so arduous the tasks imposed. He was in New Orleans hospital about three years. When the war closed he again returned home, but soon after went into the service of the Freedmen's Bureau at Georgia Station No. 11, Central Railroad, as Contract Surgeon, under Medical Director Dr. DeHanne, U. S. A. He relinquished the position in the Freedmen's Bureau because of its isolation and exposure to life, as during the time he was there murders were frequent. Returning to his native town, he endeavored to establish himself in private practice, for which his experience and acquaintance with medicine admirably fitted him. He did not meet with encouragement, and became thoroughly disheartened by his want of success. Receiving an offer to return to the Freedmen's Bureau, he accepted it at once, and went to Albany, Georgia, where, under the same director he remained until the bureau was broken up. He was in the army about five years. His subsequent history was one of attempts to find something to do, and of repeated failures. A new and promising business was secured in the city, under the assurance that the lease could be had for a term of years if desired. After the transfer was made, it was found that the building in which the business was carried on was to be torn down in one month. This proved to be the damaging blow to all his prospects for time and eternity. The old habits were renewed. In the bitterness of the cup the mad resolve was taken and carried out with the terrible success which is testified to us today by the dead remains before us. Naturally of a timid, self-abnegating, woman's nature, he was not well fitted to fight the world's rude, competitive battles. He always remembered a kindness, and, when himself, had a love of truth and a respect for the good opinion of his professional contemporaries. Only a day or two before his untimely end he refused an offer to engage in the practice of medicine with an irregular practitioner, saying, "I cannot dishonor my professional standing."

Dr. George O. Dyer Boston Mass.

July 18th 1876
Dear Dr. Dyer

From the Journal written on 189. 10. 1876

of Potassium Hydroxide July 18th 1876
Gen. A. F. Howard, M. D.

Dear Sir

I presume you will readily
find by the advice of Mr.
John Daniels & H. Koch who is
now the General Agent in
Boston, a widow
of Dr. George J. Dalton whom
you were acquainted with
via Alvaro G. Lincoln.
Send - an account of his
death, and will say that
he left no wife. His family
entirely overlooked for.

I have applied to Langdon,
Dale and Mr. Koch for
information. There is no provision

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made - by which I could
be best fitted - my object in
writing to you is to beg
your assistance in securing
of some means either at
Washington or elsewhere by
which I may send my child
as right - be provided for even
as others are. Begging your
personal visit - in this matter
and asking an early reply.
I remain

Respectfully Yours.
Louisa M. Dalton -
Penman Place
Boston,

Please direct your reply to
Boston Mass. Deince Grise
care of Mrs George E. Bell
as I am to be there for no
short time - and as I
will be

L. Dalton

Did you get a postal card from me at Omaha in relation to writing to Sec. Morrill in my behalf?

Please ascertain if the freight clerk, Mr. H. J. Haven, of the "Ajax" had my two boxes sent forward from San Francisco. He promised to ship them on the 6th. inst.

If the office of Inspector of Indian Supplies is continued please hold my place for me, for should I fail here in getting employment I will return to Portland alone in order to furnish means of existence for my family. It will be my only hope.

Love to all. God bless you

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Please, General, don't put this letter on file.

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Washington D.C.,
July 15th 1876.

Dear Genl:

We arrived here on the night of the 11th inst.

Quietness of mind, fatigue of the journey and the intense heat so completely prostrated me that I lay unconscious all day Tuesday & part of Wednesday. By the best of care & the free use of ice to my head I am now pretty well recovered, but still afraid to venture out in the hot sun. The thermometer has ranged from 100 to 106 each day since our arrival.

I have not been able to do a single thing as yet. Will commence on Monday next.

My anxiety concerning my future prospects is only one remove from insanity. With no hope for the present, and less for the future salvation of my soul, I suffer the torments of hell.

Mrs. Gudliff shares my troubles, and, like myself, regrets leaving Portland and the only friend we had on earth.

Our little darling - our only comfort, stood the journey like a soldier, and is now in excellent health.

We found our folks in health & poverty. All glad to see us and to share their mite; but none of them had room to put us. Was therefore compelled to pay \$12 in advance for

a furnished room - leaving us with \$80 to live on until I find employment. When this amount is expended, God alone knows what will become of us.

Do not fear, General, that I will take to drink for I will not - I dare not. Liquor under my present-state of mind would drive me mad. I know it & shun it. Pray that God may sustain me. Pray also for my wife & little one; and I will pray that your prayers may be answered.

Have sent to the post office every day for the promised memorandum of Indian matters, but received nothing as yet. Cannot see the Com. missioner until I get it.

Room No.

Department of the Interior,

U. S. PATENT OFFICE.

Washington, D. C., July 1st, 1876.

Dear General:

I wrote you on Saturday last in very low spirits. I am yet wretchedly dispondent. My prospect here looks dark indeed. I find but few familiar faces in this office - all having been removed since the reductions commenced. Those that are still left are in dreadful fear of losing their places. Our mutual friend, or rather my friend, Jack Thompson, was removed some months ago, and John Stiles, Esq. of Wash. appointed, appointment clerk in his place. So, General, we will not have Mr. Thompson against us.

I have not yet called on the Commissioner - am waiting for the Mem.

As I have such little hopes here, General, please keep the old place for me, and I will return alone. Dont forget me now in my great need. df

the office of inspector is continued and
you are willing for me to return will
you please telegraph me? I am
so confident that I will be unable
to get work here under the present
state of affairs, that I make the
above proposition in time for you to
consider over what is best for us.

Should you telegraph, direct to Room #
Federal Building.

Please tell Capts. Gladden & Wilkinson
that I will write them when my
mind becomes a little more settled.

Mrs. C. & Susie are well.

I shall call on Senator Mitchell
this afternoon—also on F. H. Smith. Will
send you the result of my interview to
morrow.

Weather still dreadfully hot. Love
⁸ to all. Went to the Cong. Church with
Mrs. C. yesterday. Dr. Rankin was out
of the city. Don't forget us, General,
in your prayers.

Gudlipp

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D.G.H.

Seattle, W. T.,
July 17, 1876.
Dear Gen Howard -

I have read your article in July Atlantic. I do like it - so plainly & unfeetingly told. In thinking over some of the passages & incidents I forget for the moment but what they came from you in conversation at your table or in your office.

But what I write for especially is to express my satisfaction with the manner of your explanation of your part in the Battle & of your supercedence on the field. It is nothing less than justice that the

Send Hayes' letter hand on Grant? I do think the press & the public are un-
just to him. Was it not for my fault in the President's solid sense I should
fear that our course w'd embitter him hopelessly & drive him to some vindictive
measures before his term expire.

Hayes' letter is most a noble one with the exception named - if it be an exception.

explanation be given; & I am glad that modesty did not withhold it.

We are here & just settled. We expect to like our field & succeed.

Our thoughts are often of you & the friends there, but we ~~too~~ hear little from over the river. This place is so self-sufficient that it asks scarcely for the news from other points.

We send our regards to all your good family. Here's a tip of the hat to Capt. W.
Very faithfully,

J. T. Ellis.

memorandum.

The weather here is still oppressively hot.

Saw Genl. Balloch in Mr. Smith's establishment. He seemed pleased to see me & asked a hundred questions about you all. Said he had read your article in the "Atlantic" with a great deal of pleasure; and had heard a certain celebrated article (forget the name) pronounce it one of the finest articles on the subject he had ever read. The Gent. said he would write you last night.

We send much love to you all & hope it may not be long before we shall again be with you—to receive your good council & religious example.

Truly yours, Gudlipp

Wash. D. C.
July 18th 46.

Dear General:

I called on Mr. J. H. Smith yesterday and presented your letter. He received me very kindly, but said I had come to the worst possible place in the world to get work—that the force had been reduced in every department and a further reduction of 600 would take place, by an Act of Congress, shortly, besides a reduction in salaries of all grades. I left him almost heartbroken.

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I did not see Senator Mitchell when I called yesterday; will try again to day. I am so disheartened that

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I can neither sleep nor eat. Mrs. C. is pretty much in the same state of mind. She now sees the folly of coming back among our folks, who are all too poor to give us a bed or even a meal. She says if she was only back in Portland she would be the happiest woman on earth. Can you not, Genl., contrive some plan by which we can all return? I must be near you; my very salvation depends upon you. If you desert me now I am lost indeed. My friends here are powerless to assist us; and in a short time we shall be homeless & penniless. I write you in all candor; to no one else could I unbur-

den myself so freely. I know you are my true friend and will relieve my sorrow. I pray God that you may never suffer in mind as I now suffer.

If you can make any opening for us, in case the Indian Bureau goes over to the War Dept., telegraph me and we will return on the emigrant train.

Called again at the office for the promised memorandum but failed to receive it. A clause in your letter to the Indian Commr. hints at a plan of consolidation which I cannot explain should he question me concerning it. Hence my objection to calling on him before receiving the