Union Co D.T. Aug. 1st 1876

Brig. Genl. O. O. Howard U.S.A.
Portland Oregon

Dear Genl.:- There are a great many things that I would like to write to you about: But the most necessary thing just now is to find out some things in regards to the climate & productiveness of that State & if those following agriculture for a living are generally rewarded for there labor we know that it is pictured in glowing terms by many but sometimes it is done for gain or selfish motives. & both myself & wife would esteem a few lines from you very highly. I sold my place in Minnesota next winter after you were out & I met you. my intention was then to go to Oregon or Washington Ter. but I came out to Dakota to make a visit to my eldest Bro. I thought so much of the appearance of this country that we concluded to make our home here it seems that this country has always been infested with Grasshoppers & we have no assurance that it will not be so in the future I have spent about Five Thousand Dollars in trying to get started & have no confidence that we will ever succeed in making such a home as we desire to have I do not think we will ever be able to raise fruit

I think the most of the people will try to leave as soon as they can the most of them are only waiting untill they obtain a title to their land from the Gov. Generally they are an industrious hard working Christian set of People & would be a great acquisition to any country. Two Years ago the Hoppers took the crops but they struggled through hoping for the best & now just on the eve of a bountiful harvest everything is gone again they must have taken over three Thousand Bus of Grain from me but I am able to loose it without feeling it very much my family is small & able to take care of themselves but it looks hard for those who have large families of helpless children if we were to leave this place the most of the people in the neighborhood would try to go along with us. But I will not write any more at this time when I hear from you we may be better able to decide what is for the best. Genl Sherman in his Memoirs does me some injustice that I wanted to write to you about but I will let it go till another time

Hoping this may reach you & that you may be so situated that you can throw some light on the subject I remain

Yours Very Truly

Hm Duncan

Sunnyside P.O.

Via Vancouver

Clark Co

Washington Ter

My Dear General

I have just read Mrs Endicotts letter to you. Had I known exactly how our folks were situated and the utter impossibility of William getting work here I never would have been so anxious to leave Portland. Although I would like to live here if William could get work, still I am willing to return with him to Portland. I believe I could be fully satisfied to live any place now that I have been home and seen my people. I regret very much that William did not consent for me to come home alone with Susie, for I believe I would now be on my way back to Portland.

Give my love to all the ladies.

Yours Truly

Mrs Endicott

Address 913 – 7th St. N.W.

Washington D.C.,
August 2nd 1876

Dear General:

Our two boxes reached here yesterday and as it was necessary to take them away at once to save storage I was forced to pay nearly every dollar I had as charges. We are now left with only five dollars—about enough to keep us from want—a few days longer. Night after night I lie awake devising means for ~~our~~ the unhappy situation a near future is so sure to bring till my very brain seems to be on fire. But one plan offers itself to my mind, and this can be accomplished by you alone. Extend my leave one month (for September) and remit me the salary with which to return to Portland. I am fully convinced, Genl., that my chances here for work are per-

fectly hopeless. I do hope, Genl, you will realize our condition and extend a helping hand. If not for our sake, do so for the sake of Him from whom you receive so much and from whom you so fully expect so much more. As you lift up your voice in prayer to Christ in your dark hours, so do I appeal to you in my extremity. And as you do receive comfort and consolation from Him, so will I expect aid & comfort from you. This is my only consolation.

To show you, General, the folly of expecting the slightest aid from our relatives here I will frankly give you their present condition:— Eldest sister with four children & worthless husband, and the care of father, living on an income of $40 per month! Another sister (a widow), with two children living in one room depends on needle work for a living. Youngest sister, husband & five children living on what little work the husband can get to do—about two days work a week. Mrs. Cudlipp's mother with two children living in one room depending on her needle alone for a living. These are all the relatives we have, and to take a part of their little mite, no matter how willingly shared, would be little less than robbery. Friends we have none.

I received your letter dated July 12th, with subjects for conversation in my interview with the Comr., just one day after I had called on him. I was dreadfully annoyed at the long delay of the promised memoranda, and, as I told you, concluded to call on him without it. The result of my interview I wrote you.

I have seen Senator Mitchell several times but he does not give me much encouragement. He has received several letters from Portland in my behalf. I got a letter from Major Boyle this A.M.

Mrs C. joins me in love to all.

Yours truly, Cudlipp

Statement of account of John M. Cook Trustee for the Months of November and December 1895

Debits			Cr's	
		Balance per last statement		09
100	00	F. S. and T. Co.		
		John A. Pierro	100	00
775	77	Expense		
169	76	Deposits 2nd National drafts	180	57
		Rents	280	83
		Bills Payable	464	05
		Mrs Wallace	25	00
5	01	Balance		
1050	54		1050	54

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Statement of Account of

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John H Cook Trustee from Janu 1st 1876 to July 31st 1876

Debits			Cr's	
		Balance per December Statement	$ 5	01
$ 563	56	Freedmans Savings and Trust Co		
		John A. Pierre	" 50	00
3555	66	Expense		
2749	35	(Deposits) Second National (Drafts)	" 2778	52
		Rents	" 616	42
		Bills Receivable (realized from notes and int)	4752	23
2836	59	(Amt paid back) Bills Payable (Amt borrowed)	1722	98
		Geo W Mitchell	50	00
		Discount	30	00
10005	16		10005	16

Note: The item expense is made up of final payment to Mrs Schoolcraft; also final payment on 2nd National note shifted to T. T. Stewart, final settlement with Mr Langston; Repayment of 2200.00 to Bishop Brown paid to Mrs Howard but not paid by her to F. & F. Co.; Expense of trade with Wolford & Shelberg; together with interest on Pfts and life insurance etc. etc

J. H. C.

JOHN H. COOK,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,

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ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,

Le Droit Building

~~No. 451 Pennsylvania Ave.~~

Washington, D. C. August 2nd 1876

Dear General:

I enclose statements of account up to July 31st. I have delayed for some time hoping to be able to report a most favorable trade of the 7th & the 7th St Store, with no success however up to this moment. Five of the 7th & the Store have not been rented for months. Half of the 7th Block, ten or fifteen house are without tenants. As per your suggestion, I deeded one of the 7th. to Col. Dyer in full settlement of all your indebtedness to him up to that date.

To day I am trying to raise the money to pay the note held by Mr Marche. It belongs to an Estate which must be settled. If you could possibly make me a visit about the 1st of Sept or Oct. or earlier if convenient, I think I could so shift your matters as to be able eventually to pay your debts and leave

JOHN H. COOK,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
No. 451½ Pennsylvania Avenue.

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you a fair margin. Can you not come?

As you will see from my statements, I have settled in full the balances due Mrs Schoolcraft; Mr Langston; on the 2nd National note, (which was temporarily placed with D. D. Stewart); including a repayment of $220 to Bishop Brown, which amount was paid by him to Mrs Howard, but was not turned over to the bank. Your life insurance policies also have been promptly renewed, not without considerable effort however. I have frequently borrowed money from friends temporarily to pay them.

Mr Lindsly notifies me that he will need $1000.00 on his notes next October. — Times have been very tough with me during the last year in consequence of the fall in property and difficulty in renting; and prospects are not brilliant. but I am confident of success in the end.

I hope that the appointment of Mr Morrill

will result in favor to you as anticipated.

By mere accident, I stumbled upon Mr Lindlipp a day or two since. He was about to take a train for Phila. He promises to see me on his return.

Mr J. B. Johnson has just given me a description of 160 acres of land belonging to him near the City of Lincoln Nebraska within 1½ miles of the City limits, for which he thinks he ought to receive $50 per acre; and for which he might accept in trade T. & H. houses. He gives me the name of Prof. S. R. Thompson (Principal State Normal School at Peru, Nebraska) who owns adjoining and to whom I could write. Would you like to trade for land in Neb.?

I will endeavor to write often hereafter.

With great respect,

Genl O. O. Howard U.S.A.
Portland Oregon

Jno. H. Cook

The Dalles, O. August 5th '76.

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To Brig. General O. O. Howard,
Comdg etc. . Portland, O.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find a letter introducing us to you from Gen. Kellon of San Francisco. We are unfortunate in not seeing you at Portland, & fearing a similar occurrence on our return to that city, we concluded to forward our letter to you. We have made a long trip from Newyork and Balt. with the intention of seeing the U.S. before assuming professional duties, & would solicit from you letters of introduction to some forts in the vicinity of Puget Sound where we could have good hunting (deer etc) and upon the two or three remaining weeks of our stay, to the best advantage. We leave the selection entirely with you as you know all the points of interest.

Hoping to meet you in Portland next week and appreciating fully any trouble you may take in this matter, we remain yrs., very Respectfully,

F. A. Marquand W. A. Butler Jr.
H. R. Buller Robt. W. Johnson.
Clarendon Hotel
Portland O.

Head quarters Military Division Pacific
S.F. July 2nd 1876

General O. O. Howard
Comdg Dept Columbia

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My dear General

A letter from General Schofield introduces Mr Wm Butler, a personal friend of Professor Bartlett.

Mr Butler and three collegiate friends are en route to Portland. I beg to present them to you and solicit for them your kind attentions, and such facilities and advice as will secure for them a successful hunting & fishing tour north of the Columbia

Columbia River, in the vicinity
of Mt St Helena or Mt Rainier.

With kind regards
Yrs truly Yours
I. C. Kelton

Fort Boise, I.T.,
August 5th, 1876.

Brt Major General O. O. Howard, U.S.A.,
Comd'g. Dept. of the Columbia,
Portland, Oregon.

General:

Your great kindness for me since you are at the head of this Department makes me take the liberty of writing you privately – if it is against military rules, I beg to be excused.

I did send over a month ago an application for an extension of 30 days to the leave granted to me on the 8th of May last, but no answer to that effect. I am not very anxious to obtain that extension but as I have so little to do at this Post and as I am not detailed for any extensive work in the Department I would consider it as a great benefit to the Government to be detailed to go without delay to the field of operations in the Sioux Country.

Now, General, if you approve of my

suggestion in the matter, please let me know, and I will put in my application thro' the proper channel

I have the honor to be General
Your Obedient Servant
Toussaint L'Ouverture
Post Chaplain U.S. Army

Ans by Capt. S.

404 Mt Vernon Place.
Washington. Aug. 6th 76.

Dear Gen'l Howard.

I hope you have not quite forgotten Mrs Wattenville! Although no longer one of your army ladies. I still cherish many bright recollections. of the life & friends I loved so dearly. & I want to write & tell you a little of my new life - & to thank you again. for your kindness. The "bread cast upon the water after many days returns again": & your own life has had sorrow enough to teach you the luxury of feeling others woes, & the joy: a kind action brings:

When I started out alone (but not friendless) after two years sorrow & mourning feeling the necessity. so painful & yet so

necessary of providing for myself & assisting my mother. Your very kind letter was my "help in time of need". I went to Gen Town & but he could not ~~help~~ assist me.

My old friend & Doctor Morris in his kindness of heart took your letter & that & his own influence procured me a counter place in the Treasury: & if it is not all that I desire it supplies my wants & enables me to help my mother: & I am doing my duty & trying to be brave & true, learning peace if not happiness.

I felt as if I must write & tell you how much I thank you, feeling assured that you are never happier than when you feel you are aiding the unfortunate:

Please remember me to your wife & my friends & limiting, if ever you come to W. you will find me out: & that you will bear me in kindly remembrance. I am Gen Howard.

Your grateful friend.
Mrs Jane Hetterville.

P.S. Gen I could not permit them to deport me. Say W ai' but I guess some of your friends! have concluded that "honesty is the best policy" after all. W

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Seattle Aug 7 1876

Received at Olympia Aug 7 1876 1:50 P.M.

To Gen O. O Howard

Will you or Dr Webb lecture tomorrow evening? So desired

J F Ellis

10 Prief

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Pay Department, U. S. Army,

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San Francisco, Cal., Aug 8 1876

Dear General,

I arrived in this city from my pay-trip on Friday evening last. The journey was quite enjoyable, and my health improved by it. My visit in Portland, I shall always look back upon with pleasure and satisfaction. By this time I suppose Guy has information as to his assignment? I saw quite a complimentary and just notice of Guy, in connection with the appt, in one of the Portland papers. We are expecting the arrival of Gen McDowell this evening, and his reception promises to be quite an imposing affair. I do not expect to leave for the East for some little time yet, as soon as the time is fixed, I will at once inform you, so as to give Miss Grace ample time to arrive here before my departure. Please present my kindest regards to Mrs Howard, Miss Grace and Guy. With most cordial respect and esteem, and with thanks for your kindness, I am very sincerely your attached friend.

Maj Gen O. O. Howard
Portland Oreg

J. S. Brotherton
USA

Personal

Washington 2033 G Street N.W.
Aug 8th 1876.

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My Dear General Howard

As perhaps you may remember, I spoke once to you of a plan I had of going to one of the Territories. My attention has been directed to Washington Territory, within your Command. What do you think of its future, and of it as a place in which to make a home? It has occurred to me, that somewhere on Puget Sound there must be some day quite a large city. but I confess I am somewhat startled at the grand array of mountains on the map - & unable to come to any conclusion as to the fertility of the vast plains of the Columbia, and of the Sketch of the Territory West of the Mountain Chain. If any you must be familiar with the character of the whole Territory either from personal observation or from conversation with those who know it, and if not asking too much, could I request the favor for reply the line of inquiry shadowed out in this note? — I do not particularize because I dont want so much answer to any questions which I might ask in my blindness. Ask

rather your general opinion of the future of resources of the Territory.

With kindest regards – & begging you to accept in advance my thanks for any letter you may take of this letter, I am

Sincerely yours

M. Woodhull

Major Genl O O Howard
USArmy

O. O. H. IN PRINT.—A correspondent writes to the New York Herald in reply to General O. O. Howard's article in the Atlantic, that there never was such a thing as a 12-pound Parrot gun, and that "sabots" were used only with spherical ammunition. Our correspondent was in the ordnance before, during, and after the Gettysburg fight, of which General Howard speaks.

DEATH OF A PET.—A little pet deer belonging to B. Goldsmith, which was highly prized by his children, sickened and died yesterday, and the little ones are inconsolable.

Daily Evening Stand-
ard Aug 5. 76.
Portland. Oregon.

the name of a responsible person at each post office who will use his influence in extending the circulation of the paper. Postmasters are requested to act as agents.

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My dear Rosen:

Please read and return, giving me information on this subject, as soon as the General, being an Ordnance officer, may not know. I doubt

Yours truly.

W. Ray Wood

Vancouver Arsenal, W. T., August 9th

CHIEF ORDNANCE OFFICER,

DEPARTMENT OF THE COLUMBIA,

Vancouver Arsenal, W. T., August 9th 1876

Dear Colonel

I do not think any 12 Pdr Parrott guns have ever been made - We have 3 inch (10 Pdrs), 20 Pdr, 30 Pdr, 100 Pdr, 200 Pdr & 300 Pdr Parrott rifles - Those at the battle of Gettysburgh were undoubtedly 10 Pdrs (their calibre at that time was $2\frac{9}{10}$ inches) - The only large rifled guns with the army was a battery of 4, $4\frac{1}{2}$ inch guns, called Rodman guns.

Wooden Sabots are used only with spherical ammunition - but all projectiles for rifled cannon in our service, have a ring of ~~soft~~ metal, softer than that of which the body of the projectile is composed, fastened to their bases, which ring or Sabot is expanded into the grooves of the bore by the action of the powder gas, thus causing the projectile to take up the rifled motion - The Schenkl projectile has a Sabot of Papier Maché - the Hotchkiss a lead band or ring - the Dyer of lead - the Parrott of brass - &c. They are commonly and officially called

"Sabots" and many of them strip ~~off~~ from the projectile when fired from the gun, greatly endangering troops posted in front and near the guns — this is especially the case with lead and papier mache Sabots.

Very truly Yours
John A. Kress
Capt of Ord

Col H. C. Wood
U. S. A.

A. S. PRATT,
PROPRIETOR.

Rock Enon Springs,

Situated on the Western Slope of the Great North Mountain, near Winchester, Frederick Co., Va.

Augt 10 1876

Genl. O O Howard

My dear Friend and Brother

Your letter of June 12th was only received by me a few days since it came to the office in Washington and some one neglected to send it to me — About the Y M C A Stock I am sorry I cannot give you any very encouraging account. The bill has passed Congress authorizing the loan to Freedmans Bank which makes that all right and we are now trying to raise the amount by obtaining the money from those who have to lend; — there has not been a dollar of principal paid yet and there is a large amt. of int. due also. The Board of Trustees recently acceded to a request from the Y M C A to release it from payt. of $4,000 over due rent and a Stockholders meeting ratified the action of the Board. The rents for Hall fell off very materially last winter and

the building is needing constant repairs - painting &c I think however we have passed the worst of it and that now we will begin to lessen the $33.000 debt - but there is no enquiry or sale for the stock although it is offered freely at 20 ¢ As soon as I return to Ct - I will see if anything can be done to sell yours or part of it I will write you - Most of us have some kind of an Elephant to carry & I am not without one - perhaps I could Swop! The one I am shewing here, called Rock Eaon, for yours - he is a very handsome but costs too much money - time, labor & vexation of spirit to make him an agreeable investment - yours lies quiet and grows fat while he don't Eat - mine Eats vociferously & keeps their o's a rail -

We are all well thank God and happy His love & each others - Calleott is pegging away in Colorado trying to preach the glad tidings but it seems like using Soft iron to drill flint - it is wearing him & he does not seem to make the impression - but we cannot judge what influence a pure life & Earnest work may have in the end

With much love to you Mrs Howard all the family & Capt H & family

Ever yrs Ashbel