General A.A. Howard

Dear General:

Very light Dept mail to night with nothing of any importance. No circulars from S.D.

A. A. has simply routine.

Lieu. Boyle comes on same pleasure with this.

Mr. Chatterton returned and led the meeting at the rooms to night. I did not feel able to go a little on the lines order. You see I know nothing of a relative for you to night.

Capt. Harper returned from Fort Downend says Col. Wood will not reach here until Saturday night.

Respectfully,

M.C. Wilkinson
Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for the honor of being chosen as your Secretary of the Interior. It is a position of great responsibility and privilege, and I am committed to serving with the utmost dedication and integrity.

I have been deep in thought about the duties and expectations of this role, and I believe that the Interior Department has a crucial role to play in preserving and protecting our nation's natural resources. My goal is to ensure that we manage these resources responsibly, while also providing for the needs of our citizens.

I am particularly interested in the development of renewable energy sources, and I believe that this is an area where the Interior Department can lead the way. I am committed to working with all stakeholders to develop policies that promote sustainable energy solutions.

I also believe that we must work to address the ongoing challenges of climate change, and I am committed to supporting initiatives that will help reduce our carbon footprint.

Please let me know if there is any additional information that you require, or if there are any concerns that you would like me to address.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Vancouver, B. C.,
Aug. 24, 1876.

Dear General:

In conversation with Elon Haynes of this place, he informs me that Col. J. Boyle is to transfer him to Ellaj Bell, with the Indian office as its clerk. As far as appears to be no doubt, but Ellaj Boyle has given Elon J. the position, and that as the thing now stands it need not expect employment from that quarter. It only remains for me to put it elsewhere. Hence this note to ask you if you will be
Kind enough to ask Colonel Kelho to admit me into the General Service at Oir. Hapo, if nothing better offers.

Yours very truly

D. G. Gordon.
General O. Howard

Fort Stevens

Dear General:

I trust by this time you will have received the lost letter from me of the 21st. I remember that the Rev. Mr. Sellors desired you to remember him in some way, provided Chaplain Vaudhorn went East. Mrs. Sellors will thank you for influence which gave her a government position. In this letter I present the case of Lieut. Cornman of 1st. Co. of Boise who asks for leave. As Capt. Callies goes to Boise, is there now doubtless so giving two officers to the Co. as Lieut. Cornman requests leave under Centennial regulations? There is no reason, should you do direct, why he should be granted leave. But you must have the letter by this time of your reply to mine. Doctor Bailey sent letters. I will
Stir about tomorrow in the Carriage, matter & write progress in the evening.

7.30 P.M.

Have received mails.

Gen. Sherman and

Gen. Meigs were the Army Officers appointed by the President on the Commission for the re-organization of the Army.

Outside of this, with the single exception of the enclosed letter from Mr. Skinner nothing of interest in the mail.

All quiet along the Columbia.

Sail. Boyd comes down in the morning.

Respectfully yours,

McKee

A.D.C.
General C. C. Howard.

General,

At the risk of your considering me intrusive, I venture to remind you of your promise in your letter of May 11th, to order me sworn in Portland on the receipt of my resignation. Of course you are aware that my resignation was not in last month.

I wish very much that you would order me sworn in the next September, steamer for two shall then have only one month until the date at which my resignation takes effect. If I had been relieved by this steamer as I expected from the verbal communication which you sent me by Maj. Bell, 2.
should only have had about two months.

I hope, General, that I have not offended you by thus reminding you of your promise. I should not have done so had the matter been of less importance to me. That and the fear that affairs of greater weight had driven me from your mind is my only excuse.

Very respectfully yours,

W.T. Arisworth,

Art. Loc. U.S.A.
Portland Oregon
August 25, 1876
Dear Col. C. O. Howard,
Fort Stevens, Oregon
Aher General

Let me trouble you with a semi-official note upon a matter of some interest to me and my family. Maj. Jam. A. Collier, Capt. J. W. Biddle of the Ordnance, now stationed at Watertown, Gen. Mass., is very anxious to return to duty on the Pacific coast and would be much pleased to become a member of your staff as chief Ordnance officer, without interfering with the Ordnance officers at Fort Vancouver, Capt. B. was pleased...
much on F. C. Martel duty here. B. C. Cook and I in Advocate and might be useful to you in that capacity as well as in his own capacity of Ocean inspector. Capt. B. & I desire to present to you his express desire and is confident that his chief will cheerfully favor the assignment upon your application having expressed himself in Capt. B's presence as in favor of like assignments of his officers & limited to those by the demands of his own department.

Please consider the subject as if agreeable to you to ask for Capt. B. would be gratified to accommodate to learning as early as practicable the result of your application for him as it affect his arrangements of Maitland's personnel.

Capt. B. is second in command of the Territorial and in these peacetime of peace, and limited appropriations, he says there is very little to be done there.

Self and wife are on a business visit from camp to Portland for a few days. an expect to leave for camp on Monday morning & just to remain probably 6 to 8 days longer. Will you drop me note to your views and action in this case and direct it to Portland, and it will reach me the next day at camp.

I will address this to you as a private note from our own personal affairs.

Very respectfully,

[Signature]

E. S. Balliett
LaFayette, Aug 29th 1876

Dear Friend

You will perhaps be surprised to receive this from one such as I, to explain why I trouble you. At this time, I have wanted to send you my husband's death to procure tombstones for his grave. But having been unable to do so, I write to ask you to be kind enough to enquire for me the cost of a plain marble slab for head and foot of his grave. I want to have my husband's name, age, and time of his death. In addition...
To that I would like to have a hand engraved with the words "My glorious home in heaven" over the hand in a half circle. The reason why I want this is that before my husband died he asked for that figure to be sung "there'll be no sorrow there" and I tried to sing myself but I could only articulate some more than I can bear. That was the last time. "My glorious Indeed I don't think I could have lived had not the Lord sustained me."

As I have not a dollar in the world and the world judgment in the future, I don't know that he promises me yours is in heaven. I'll not be too much trouble.

A. K. N. Parland
I remain dear sir with sincere regard

John M. Vanderhill

Fort Wrangell Alaska
30th August 1876

General C. A. Howard
Portland

My dear sir,

Your absence from Portland the early part of this month when I was then prevented my seeing you personally as I wished, before my departure to assume my new duties as trustee for the estate of Mr. W. K. Lean. The troops of your command at this place have occupied the garrison property of Lean for which he has accepted payment, because the sum

F.R.
Eighty-five dollars come per month tended by the Chief Quatermaster was not considered sufficient to just remuneration. I have examined into the matter and have formed the opinion that Mr. Lear is correct in his position, the trustee for the estate. I am anxious to serve the interests of all concerned, and take the liberty of asking you to take such friendly interest as you may think best. Mr. Lear has asked for action through the regular channels, and the credits have also requested that something should be done in the matter for Mr. Lear. I am applied to daily by miners and others for sums, and Mr. Lear this letter was offered $500 one year to month for the building used for hospital purposes in the pinnacles, by a family who wanted it for hotel use. I could easily rent the buildings within the stockade for $300 a year for me and at certain times in the fall could get for more, trusting that you will take action in the matter.
War Department,
Washington City, August 28th, 1876.

Sir:

Congress having, by an act approved June 23, 1874, directed the Secretary of War to have copied, for publication, by the Public Printer, all Reports, Letters, Telegrams, and General Orders, (both of the Union and Confederate Armies,) relating to the late civil war, and an examination of the Official Records of the War Department, instituted in furtherance of that object, having revealed the fact that the Report of the Operations of your Command 41st Brigade, 1st Division, 2nd Army Corps, during the siege of Yorktown, Va., April 5th, 1862, is on file,

I have the honor to request that you will, if practicable, supply the deficiency by furnishing me, at your early convenience, with an authentic copy of

said report.

In this connection I have the honor further to state that the records in the Department concerning military movements and events of the late war are necessarily incomplete, and any official documents relating thereto, which may be in the possession of yourself or acquaintances, of which you may have reason to believe the Department does not already possess originals or copies, or any information of the existence of such documents, will be received with thanks and suitably acknowledged.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

Secretary of War.

To

Gen. O. O. Howard
Portland
Oregon
Aug. 26, 1874

[Handwritten note:]

My Author
Don't know as there was any made. If I find any
such documents I will forward them with
Blanche.
Office of CHIEF ORDNANCE OFFICER,

DEPARTMENT OF THE COLUMBIA,

Vancouver Arsenal, W. T., August 28th, 1876

Dear General

Captain Wilkinson asked if I had a pole suitable for your carriage and wished me to write you if I had—

I had one with double tree and pole 3 feet complete. I am afraid it is not strong enough; but if not, a good blacksmith might make it sufficiently strong at slight expense—saving the greater outlay of $25 or $35 for a new pole. The only lack of strength that I apprehend is in the iron braces against side strains. It was made for a light one horse buggy. I do not care to.

Very respectfully yours,

John H. Knox

General O.O. Howard

U. S. A.
Georgetown, Mass
Aug. 27, 1876

Major General O. O. Howard

Dear Sir: Having thought
some of removing to Oregon, and had
knowing what sources of information were
the most reliable, I have taken the liber-
ty to write to you,

What are the chances for a young
man with a little money and willing
to take field of anything in church or
Sunday School.

Is it a good place to bring up a
family of children. Have four and am
anxious to have them start right.

Am familiar with the manufacture
of Men's Boots and thus, also understand
Clothing and Bookkeeping. Was several
years a musician at West Point when
I saw you the first and only time in
my life. (At Aunt Sarah’s funeral. I remember re-
veying you shake hands with John Major Crow and
frowning, remarking about the “snow all red”
referring to the “hair akin’.)

Determined to have my children grow-
up with New England ideas of education,
religion, making the natural allow-
ance for a new country, do you think
I would be satisfied there. I am willing
to work if not what I like best, what
I can find.

If you could direct me to any
sources of information which are safe or
could find time to write
I would greatly oblige.

Yours respectfully,

George D. Tyler
Georgetown
Mass.

Please not return my letter unless
perfectly convenient. I do.

Mrs. Lena D. Shaw, Portland, Oregon.
Dear General,

If the pole suits you, I shall be pleased to have you accept it.

I should have said to Lord Cradock that I did not think any 12 lb. Parrotts had ever been made for issue or use in service — the 4½ inch Rodman Rifles fired shot, shell & spherical case shot.

The weight of the shell and ball is 27 lbs. of the solid shot 33 lbs. — it is not known as a 30 lbs.

And as the Rodman or Ordinance 4½ inch Rifle.

I do not know where the Battery of these guns was placed at Pittsburgh but it is my impression that it was in the Cemetery.

It was undoubtedly the Sabote (short paper or much or lead) shipped from the projectiles, which injured our men posted in front of the guns.

Very respectfully yours,

John H. Kroes

Capt of Ynl.

Hon. O. O. Howard, W. S. A.