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Headquarters Department of Columbia,

Portland, Oregon Aug 23rd 1876

General A. A. Howard

Dear General:

Very light
Dept mail to night, with nothing of
any importance.

Two Circulars from Div.
Hd. Qrs. simply routine.

Lieut. Doyle comes on same
steamer with this.

Mr. Chatter returned and
led the meeting at the rooms
to night. I did not feel able
to go - a little on the leg order.
You see I haven't much of
a bulletin for you to night.

Capt. Spenser returned from
Fort Townsend says Col. Wood will not
reach here until Saturday night.

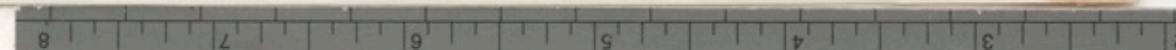
Respectfully
McKinnison

Department of Columbia

Washington, D.C. Dec 23 1862

General Sherman

Dear General: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. in relation to the proposed exchange of prisoners. I have conferred with the authorities and find that the same is not feasible at the present time. I am, however, glad to hear that you are well and hope to hear from you again soon. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
Wm. McKim



Vancouver, W.T.,

Aug. 24, 1876.

Dear General:

In conversation with Mr. Hayne, of this place, he informs me that Major Bayle is to transfer him to Maj. Bell, with the Indian office as its clerk. As there appears to be no doubt but that Maj. Bayle has given Mr. H. the position and that as the thing now stands I need not expect employment from that quarter, it only remains for me to seek it elsewhere. Hence this note to ask you if you will be

kind enough to ask
Colonel Kellow to admit
me into the General Service
at Dir. Nagro, if nothing
better offers.

Yours very truly
W. J. Indian.

Headquarters Department of Columbia,

Portland, Oregon Aug. 24th 1876

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. Wilson desired you to remember him in some way, provided Chaplain Van Horn went East. Mrs. Atterville thanked you for influence which gave her a government position. In this letter I presented the case of Lieut (2^d) Cornman St. Boies, who asks for leave. As Capt. Collins 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 so direct, why he should ^{not} be granted leave. But you must have the letter by this time & your reply enroute.

Doctor Bailey got letters. I will

Stir about tomorrow ² on the Carriage
matter & write progress in the evening.

7.30 P.M.

Have rec'd mails.

Gen. Sherman and
Gen. Meigs are 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.
Lieut. Boyle comes down in the morning.

Respectfully & Sincerely Yours,

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to about tomorrow on the 20th
with 4 more papers in the evening
7.30 P.M.

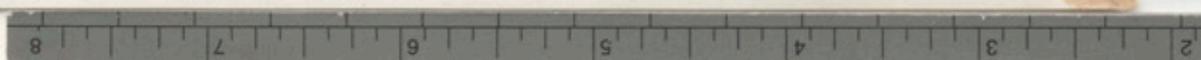
for rec'd mails
The Sherman and
the boys and the Army officers appointed by
President on the Commission for the re-

organization of the Army
of Pacific of this with the troops
The President's letter from the Union
of interest in the world.

All good along the Columbia
Prof. Hayes comes down in the morning

Prof. Hayes

Wm. Williams
D.C.
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Sitka, Alaska,
Aug. 29th 1876 293

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 down to
Portland on the receipt of my
resignation. Of course you are
aware that my resignation was
sent in last month.

I wish very much that you
would order me down on the
next, September, steamer for I
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, I

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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
one 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. C. Cinsworth,
Ant. Surg. U. S. A.

Portland Oregon
August 25th 1876.

Genl C. C. Howan u.s.a.

Fort Stevens, Oregon

Dear General

Let me trouble you with a semi-official note upon a matter of some interest to me and our family. My son, Captain L. S. Bellitt, of the Ordnance now stationed at Watertown Arsenal 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 officer at Fort Vancouver. Capt. B. was placed

much on G. C. martial duty under Genl
Crook as V. I. advocate and might be
useful to you in that capacity, as
well as in his own dept as Ordnance
inspector. Capt. B. desires me to
present to you his expressed 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} I presume,
by the demands of his own department.

Please consider the subject, and
if agreeable to you to ask for Capt. B.
He would be gratified and accommodated
by learning as early as practicable
the result of your application for him
as it ^{will} affect his arrangements at Watertown
Arsenal.

Capt. B. is second in command
at the Arsenal, and in these piping times
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,
and expect to leave for camp on Monday
morning 28th inst. to remain probably 6 or 8
days longer. Will you drop me a note
as to your views and action in this case, and
address it to Portland, and it will reach me
the next day at camp.

I will address this to you as
a private note, for your own perusal
firstly. - Our kind regards to you, Mrs. H.
and family.

Very Respectfully
and Truly Yours
E. B. Babbitt

Leavenworth Aug 29th
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Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Friend

You will perhaps be surprised
to receive this from me -
So I will explain why I trouble
you. at this time, I have
wanted ever since my dear
Husbands death to procure
Tombstones for his grave -
but have 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 & foot of
grave, I want to know my
Husbands Name - Age & time
of his death, & in addition -



to that I would like to have a hand engraved with the index finger pointing up & 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 hymn to be sung "There'll be no sorrow there" & tried to sing himself - but could only articulate this last line - "My glorious home in Heaven" so I thought that would be very appropriate. The only trouble is in the expense, as I have not a dollar in the world beside my small salary here. of course I cannot afford anything expensive. I hope it will not be too much trouble

for you to attend to this for me. I did not know how else I was to find out, & will be under great obligations to you. Father Montith is lying very low with dysentary, not expected to recover, he is anxious to go himself. My life here is terribly lonely & desolate here now, sometimes my bereavement seems more than I can bear, indeed I don't think I could have lived had not the Lord sustained me. Remember me to Leuit. Wilkinsons, I saw your sons appointment in the paper, I don't know that he remembers me. Yours in sorrow
A. K. McFarland

I remain dear sir with
sincere regard

Yours at all services
John M. Vanderhilt

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Fort Wrangel Alaska Territory
26th August 1878

General O. O. Howard
Portland

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My dear sir

Your absence from
Portland the early part of
this month when I was there
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. Lear. The
troops of your command
at this place have occupied
the garrison property of Lear
for which he has not accepted
payment, because the sum

Eighty five dollars coin per month tendered by the Chief Quartermaster was not considered sufficient or just remuneration. I have examined into the matter and have formed the opinion that Mr. Lear is correct in his position. As 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 creditors have also requested that something should be done in the matter for Mr. Lear. I am applied to daily here by miners and others for rooms, and Mr. Lear this season was offered \$100 coin per month for the building used for hospital purposes in the garrison, by a party who wanted it for hotel use. I could easily rent the buildings within the stockade for \$300 coin per mo and at certain times in the fall could get far 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 *no report of the operations of your command (1st Brigade, 1st Division, 2^d Army Corps) during the siege of Yorktown, Va., April 5 - May 4, 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,

S. C. Clemens

Secretary of War.

To

Gen. O. O. Howard
Portland
Oregon.

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Scout of War.

Aug. 28. 1876

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Washington D.C.

Recd - Gen. - Dec. 4. 1876. -



No copies
don't know as there
was any made.
If I find any
other documents
of importance I will
let you see them with
pleasure

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 send one with double trees and pole yoke 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 fees 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 use it.

Very respectfully, Yours

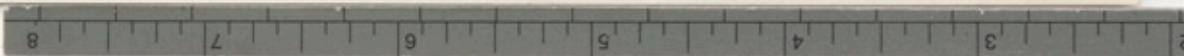
John A. Kress

General O. O. Howard
U. S. A.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE COAST GUARD
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Answered by 29 10/1
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Answered
10/11/76

Georgetown, Mass
Aug. 29. 1876.

Major General O. O. Howard

Dear Sir: Having thought
some of removing to Oregon, and hardly
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 hold of anything in church or
Sunday School.

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

Am familiar with the manufacture
of men's Boots and Shoes, also understand
Clerking and Bookkeeping. Was several
years a musician at West Point where

I saw you the first and only time in my life. (At Genl Scott's funeral. I remember seeing you shake hands with Drum Major Rose and remarking something about the "same old hat" referring to the bear skin.)

I am anxious to have my children grow up with New England ideas of education, Sabbath, & religion. Making the usual allowance 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.

(You would greatly oblige)

Yours respectfully,

George J. Tyler

Georgetown

Mass.

Please not notice my letter unless perfectly convenient. GJT.

May Genl. Heward, Oregon.

Office of CHIEF ORDNANCE OFFICER,

DEPARTMENT OF THE COLUMBIA,

Vancouver Arsenal, W. T., August 31st 1876

Dear General.

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

I should have said to Col Wood that I did not think any 12 Pdr 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 unloaded is 27 lbs of the solid shot 33 lbs - it is not known as a 30 Pdr but as the Rodman or Ordnance 4½ inch Rifle -

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

It was undoubtedly the Sabote (of ~~the~~ paper mache or lead) shipping from the projectiles, which injured our men posted in front of the guns.

Very respectfully Yours

John A. Cross
Capt of ord

Gen O. O. Howard U. S. A

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Office of Chief Ordnance Officer

Department of the Army

Washington, D.C. 20315

