My Father Died on the 29th ult. after a painful sickness of three days. Please inform Dr. Douglas of his death in Portland.

Respectfully Yours,

Jno. B. Contee
United States Post Card

To: [Blank]

Portland, Oregon
Brickport Sept. 2, 1876

My Dear [Name],

I hear a very old come letter from you to long ago at Brooklyn. Have so long delayed a reply, that I am almost ashamed to write to you now, but I will venture on your kind forgiving spirit, and conclude you will be glad to hear a word from us even at this late day. We have had as you know an extremely hot summer, on this Atlantic Coast, interior, whether it has been so on the Pacific. Hope I am not aware.

In this year, when we all remain until middle of July, the weather was fearful night and day, so that my blood almost boiled; and I was at the U.S. for my 15th vote on [Redacted] in [Redacted] for [Redacted].
this gave me an attack of the
foot, more protracted than I
have had for 10 years, and not
near a shoe for 3 weeks, but
for the past 3 or 4 weeks I
am recovering. My general
health that of My Buckh
Emmie has become excellent
in this cool breathing air. Good
night, to both.
Dr. Taylor wrote me last
week he was going to move
head Lake. I wishd me to meet
him at Mt. Kineo; this would
not conveniently do, but went
up yesterday to take plane
come down on the train with him
to Bangor, where Mr. Buckh
Emmie met us at the Depot.
and as we had a couple of
hours before the car, started
for Boston town for Rockport
we took an open Carriage
And made a General Survey of
Rangor the Seminary, though
hill, Broadaxv to. I then had
a good supper together: all the
family enjoyed it much. Dr. T
spoken of you of the beautiful
trip we had together at Greece
Lake. He asked me if I read
your Article in the Atlantic for
Fall, or the Bottle (which I had
with much interest). Saw your
Ad and your book the whole day
A few tidily before we were
which we all visited the field.
Taylor Morris have come down
short Sunday with us but for
a previous engagement to preach
tomorrow at Mahant.
I recd a letter from D. Stones
yesterday by this family, are
Hunting the summer at Mandr
and all will be
returns to Boston about
the middle of this Month
to do Mr. W. W. Backer ot
And I can but think there is yet patriotism strong enough in the country to elect them, instead of Fillen this Democratic, Southern, Anti War, Rebellion, Clear. I hope Oregon will go right. If Fillen does not go out of New York City at Brooklyn with over 50,000 Majority I think the rural district will be able to overcome this, and thus secure the State of New. We have a very popular nominee [Ezr. Morgan] for Governor, he has in former years served the State twice in that capacity very acceptably, and as his war record, as well as his financial, are good, there is a fair chance of his election.

Mr. B. E. Emmert end their kind regards to you my H. And wish the time were enough to see each other often, but God give our habitations...
for us in a much better and better way than he could all be done, to do, is to serve
him and our fellow men as best we can, where we please, this I know you endeavour
to do, and by his grace both you and your good wife have
succeeded pretty well I think.
Don't let it be too long and I have before you write. We are always glad to hear from
you, and of the welfare of your family. Is your eldest son
with you now or at the call?
With my kindest regards to Mrs. Howard, believe me as
ever yours affectionately,

[Signature]

[Receipt stamp: Nov 9, 1875]
Washington, D.C.,
September 2nd, 1876

My dear General:

I know you will join heartily with me in thanking my good, kind friend, Senator Mitchell, for all he has done for me. By a steady persistent effort in the very face of the tremendous reductions now being made, he has extracted a promise from Judge Cooper, P.M. Genl., that absolutely astonishes me. It is to the effect that I shall have work in his department on the 1st of October, preliminary.

I know, Genl., that you can imagine with what heartfelt joy and gladness I met and received the good news. From the time I handed your letter and those of Genl. Simpson and Hon. J. H. Hinch to the Senator, he manifested the most lively interest in my behalf—never ceasing in his self-hill work till he had accomplished the herculean task.
his friends and myself had put upon him. Tell all his friends in Portland that they may safely trust their interests and interests to the care of Senator Mitchell with the full conviction that they will never be neglected. A few weeks ago when I told him of my failing health condition he drew from his pocket a twenty dollar bill, and in spite of my objection, he thrust it upon me. When I bid you good by, Walt, I felt in my heart that I was parting with the dearest and only substantial friend I had on earth, but God in His mercy has provided me with another who has indeed proved a true friend in the hour of my greatest need. With deep reverence I can now say "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." The Senator leaves here for home about Wednesday next. Don't fail to assure him of the sincerity of my gratitude, for I greatly fear that my emotion prevented me from fully expressing my thanks when

He brought the glad tidings to our room. I told him to take with him my assurance that the promise I made you never to drink has been fully kept. This evidently gave him much pleasure and he advised me, for his sake, to stick to my good resolution through life—and I will.

Mrs. A. V. Jackson truly grieved at the sad and news of our dear friend, Slatten's misfortune. Please give our full particulars, as Major Rose simply states that he had fallen and again fallen his injured leg.

Say to friend Wilkinson that I have not forgotten my promise to write him concerning my trip home. But indeed my mind had been so occupied with my miserable condition that I could think of nothing else.

Love to all. I hope soon to see you, General.

Very truly yours,

Wm. P. Garfield.

7th May 31.
GEO. W. DYER,
Attorney and Counsellor at Law,
519 Seventh Street, Washington, D. C., Sept. 5, 1876

Portland Oregon

Dear General: I received

Your telegram yesterday week, and that of
Last Monday. During last week, word was
away, having gone to Maine the week before, and
there had been a general scattering of all the
officials, to get rest, and to avoid the unhappy
state of the friends of employees about to be removed.
The Attorney general, and Sec'y of War, were busy
denying means to secure a peaceful and fair
election in the South. I was unable until today,
and then with difficulty to get a conference
with Genl Sherman. He said that he had not
approved of my application for leave, and within
the next day thought that he would not do so at
present. He declared that he considered him-
self one of your best friends, that he under-
stood upon anxiety, and of our situation, and has of me and Constance in mind, and thought that in good time he could do some thing which would be satisfactory. Among other things, he said, "Advising the General, to do his duty cheerfully to the best of his ability where he is, and the best opportunity will be taken to give him the chance he wishes, and assure him that I shall not forget him," or about three expressions.

Secretary Moore will not be back until after the Maine election day about the middle of this month, and the President and official generally will not be absent until next month. In fact, little will be done except of maritime work until after the Presidential election, in which the chances are favor Hayes.

Remember me kindly to Mrs. Howard.

Your truly,

Geo. W. Dzer
Fort Thomas, W. T.

September 8th, 1876

My dear Sir:

I received your very kind note from St. Louis. I had heard about your plan to give up the route for the valley when your information reached us concerning the necessity of the route. We both appreciate your kind advice about church and especially your suggestion to cultivate Mr. Highland, whom we like very much. Mr. X did call on us more than a year ago, but Mrs. Burton has been in very delicate health ever since up to the present time, and though we intended, yes really never could get over to return to Mr. Highland's call. In case you should, with Mrs. Howard
visit Victoria this fall we should be pleased to have you remain over a few days with us. I and return it a great pleasure to meet Mrs. Howard and I think she might enjoy a visit at the post. Mrs. B. and myself were pleased to hear of Capt. Stanford's misfortune. Norrie & Beuly thinks it a sleeping in disguise, I hope so. Mrs. Burton joins me, and I many kind wishes for Mrs. B. and yourself. And for a pleasant voyage and safe return from your contemplated trip to the East.

With much respect I remain yours,
C. H. Burton

Hand. C. O. Howard
3rd D. Army
Gene O. O. Howard U.S.A.,
Portland,
Oregon

Dear Sir,

Your valued favor of 29th ult. with enclosure of draft for $1.25 currency, received.

I have credited this amount upon your note, as desired.

Very truly yours,

James M. Barney.

Perth, Oct. 8th, 1876.
The Dallas Oxn. Sept 11th 1876
General O. O. Howard
Portland Oxn.

Sir,

I ship you for tomorrow Boat 7 Hoes Friet (as old) just to show you and Lady what we, old pioneers in Eastern Oregon are doing hoping they may reach you in good order and a slight source of enjoyment while they last. Please accept the same as a present.

Yours Truly,

C. W. Denton
Dear Mr. [Name],

I had a very pleasant trip indeed. Coming last night (Tuesday) by 8 O'clock though we did not get to the Hotel till 9½ o'clock. Very long delay in getting to the hotel. The train being very slow. So Bentley prevented yesterday morning to a full room. (Mr. Cobley)

The sea was so smooth this morning. Mrs. was particularly angry. Sicknes. Mrs. [Last Name]. Her Sally. Miss

Sincerely,

[Signature]

P.S. [Date]
Battles

man quite sick the first day
at sea. He tried to improve
himself by smoking and moving
his legs as he moves his crutches.
He is sprightly & happy. The
family goes to New York later
in some excursion establishment
on the Erie R.R. . . . I find all
right here. Have laid all my
matters before Mr. Howell
satisfactorily. He says I give
you permission to be absent
from your hotel. Go just go to
Washington & get the journey
completed at once. All right,

I have not seen an
exercise, the Martian, yet.
The first officer I met
was quite a Seaman. He
was very cordial & seemed
to forget he had ever
"pitched in" to what I seem
to forget. It is better to
be always forgiving is it?
I shall finish reading
his book "Dutch Republic"
< return it by New Yorker>
Any must ask the Purser. His
horses for it & return it
to his library. Give a bill.
MIL. DIV. OF THE PACIFIC AND DEPT. OF CAL.

San Francisco, Cal. Sept. 12th, 1876

Gen. W. T. Sherman
Commanding Army of the

O. O. O. M.

As you learn left Washington & cannot
be sure at what time to reach you, so
that I will leave this communication for you
here. I am called to Washington by a
dispatch and hope to make move with the

War Dept. & the Secretary a period settling
officers, accounts. I have

important matters connected with my Department
that I should have consulted with you upon

least one of the same with the Adjudant
General. Will you have the kindness

to confer with my present or ask the Secretary

of War to do so. Because the present gue
his sanction with provision that I retain
my entire responsibility for my Department.

Very respectfully yours,

C. O. Howard
Brig. General, County Dept.
of the Columbia

(Penning taken by C. O. Howard)

U.S. Army from May 12th of September
on official business from San Francisco to Washington
and return in nearly

M. Sherman

General

Report at San Francisco, Dept. 24th, 1876.

To the Honorable Mr. President, for the

Order from the Senate

W. Sherman

General
Portland, Oregon, Sept. 6, 1876

Dear O.C. Howard

Respectfully,

I am writing to you to go an
a very delicate situation. All that I can say to you is
are my wife quietly, as possible and convey her
feeling toward me. Let me know how she is getting on.

The Presidio is full of my enemies. The lives or
tide with her. Mother Mrs. W. Smith is on board to
between town and the river. It is well toward
the upper end of the town. You can get directions
from Mr. Thomas Root who will show
us friends there to where I can send you

Yours Respectfully,

D.H. Stearns
Unfortunately, the text of the document is not clear or legible.
Halla, Illa Oct 5
Sept 19th 1876

Dear O. O. Howard
Portland Ore

Sir,
The carriage has arrived safely. It is one of about the same style. About the only objection is in the height, making it very inconvenient for Ladies to get in and out. I think we will be able to make use of it.
The Other needs some repairing before being fit for use. The hubs have

Thunk so as to let the band fall off. It will write you again in a
few days.

Very respectfully yours,

A. Somall & Bros.
Headquarters of the Army,
Adjutant General's Office,
Washington, September 20, 1876.

Brigadier General O.O. Howard,
Commanding Dept. of the Columbia,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that the General of the Army has confirmed the verbal authority given you by Major General Irvin McDowell, Commanding Military Division of the Pacific, to proceed to this city on public business, and directs that, on its completion, you return to your proper station.

Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Ed. Townsend
Adjutant General.
Quartermaster Department, U. S. Army.

Fort Dodge, Kans.

Sept. 23rd, 1876


Dear Sir:

I am obliged again to ask of you a favor for the last fifteen
months. I have been employed in the
Gen. Dept. at this Post as Agent and Clerk
and owing to the limited appropriation
in the Dept. for this year, my pay has
been reduced from $125. to $75. per month.

An application was made a short time
ago (under date of March) to the Chief
Quartermaster of the Dept. (Gen. Stanton)
but it has not been increased to at least
$125. per month, but the application was
sent forward. Considered as the appropriation
for Army Transportation, from which I am
paid, would not allow it. Can you not
consistently write to Gen. Stanton, whom I
think is a friend of yours, and ask him if he cannot give me a better
pay, or at least to increase my
Salary < which I think might be done
Dear Sir, I had some one of a private
worse it for me > that after hanging at
a actual and needful expenses. I
might have something left, I am
obliged to work pretty hard as if I
is a depot, and I do not consider
that my pay is adequate to all
duties which I render. However, as I
was compelled to work for a salary,
it is to my interest to procure as much
pay as possible. I am sorry to trouble
you and would most kindly do this for me, unless as I have written before.
you can do so insincerely.

I am very glad to see
that you live in Gary. I received an appoint

-ment in the Army. I sincerely hope that
I will like a life of a Soldier.
Please remember me kindly to Capt. Staden.
And believe me to be

Yours respectfully,

[Signature: Theo. H. Harnood]
Gen. O. O. Howard
315 E Street South East
Washington, D.C.

September 23, 1866

They ever appreciated Christian friend.

I understand you are in our town.

I should have called, had I known where
to find you. If you going so far, it's a long way
has been a death blow to the first Godman's
College, and closed at the nation's capital.

Professor Langston, I think we were walking
at the date of $3,000 per annum.

Thought you ought to resign your place, in
the army rather than to have forsaken the
grand opportunity your influence, it would
had well utilize stereotyped phrase, as a
splendid success. The Delta sold to me
for $3,200, and that has cost me several
thousand more, but has shared the same the
spiteful prejudice, that exists against to the College
and the business men here, seem to have agreed
by all old friends. They, by the interplay lang
up Nigger Hill, and work each visit, or sell
anxiety and now I must lose it altogether. As Mrs.
Mr. Smith, threatened to sell it, under the drunken
will of the election pressures. I was unable to
To pay her the six months' interest, due on the first day of August 1876. My Christian brother, you owe me, exactly $3,550, and I have waited for it; ever since the spring of 1874, as you, in your Agreement of Sale, promised to pay the interest for August 1874, in advance for and also pay me $1,800 rent for one year. I know your great trouble, and have used every pen, all over the country, to try to raise up active friends, for you. I would not begin to mention your debt to me, except that I am in such an extreme pinch, to save from violent foreclosure of mortgage, the large property I bought from you, that has never yielded me a cent of revenue. I know you have a CHRISTIAN heart, as brother, for the whole human race; therefore He has now come to relieve you of your foreclosed debt, cancelled, and discharged you in the expiatory of public money. Did any one ever yet see a noble generous man, or woman, who could not be victimized, by the course self-sustaining the
Am I right, to whom money is the Great Diana
The supreme deity of this scene?

Since I saw you, my aged, only brother has been assassinated for fifty cents, by two negroes, only 21 years old, whom he last expiended from their birth. He had his life had about spent in doing good to others, feeding the poor, sick. Down at 70 years of age, dying so instantaneous by a bullet, that he did not know who struck him, the bullet struck him, fired into the back of his head, blowing it off. Poor me, who had a pretender of a friend, urge them to these suicidal assassinations, of their white neighbor, thus forcing awful retaliation, whom it would be so much better for both races, to love and be friends each other.

My adopted daughter's husband, last year financially ruined in Minnesota, settled in St. Paul to live with my friend adding some more to my case for support. Shortly after, the woman, who is nine months after birth, was delivered of a child that killed her.

God of God! what lingering pains! what redoubled throes, what breathing requires attend this mysterious birth of a baby of man. His tortured mother prostrates herself upon a soft bed, estranged from the mournful scene, she to distant apartments, but in vain. This is the reason, because, you think.
Sympathize & may this ob. suffer & grieve, perhaps
while. one suffers & dies, for possibly it is the dying
youth that reaches your ear. Perhaps the instruments
of death are upon her, the keen steel, amongst
her delicate frame. She feels the tree is cut down,
that its in fruit may be gleaned. If this is the
earth, earth, earth, these plain - cover the
blood, and obtain in thy dark bosom the tearful
verse, that brought them there. Devises wise,
action to be espoused in thy deepest welfare
rages through. The deep, fat, with unrelenting
praises it porous felicitating mystery. Give
Thems to lift up their voice for sleepy relief
through varied according to the winds of
incredible languages, it is still the same up
that of bitter anguish, and while it is transfigured
from cottage to cottage, from city to city, before
the unprejudiced inquirer, it makes them say
"If mankind were in the Creator's favor, would he
order man's grief to drop from the parent
without any inconvenience than sign exult
from the opening bruise, or fallQuant to the
Northeast wind. This is the poor young daughter
born at 14 days, a living spirit, from
peace & then died, leaving three months old.
The ones to me. Only appreciating by your
sympathizing friend.

Mary Thomson, Sister Lydia.
Walla Walla  
Sept 25 1876

My dear General,

Received your letter in response to mine about my son, Lawrence (Capt. Hubbell) joining your staff.

I appreciate fully the sentiments of your letter, and intended to have a personal interview with you upon the subject matter of our letter, till I was advised of your somewhat sudden departure.

I did not now allude again to the subject of our letter, to urge upon you a compliance with our joint wishes, nor would I or we under any circumstances wish it excepting perfect and full accordance with your own preference.

I write mainly to suggest, that while in Washington you can if you please speak with the chief of ordnance, and other authorities at Army W.D. Dept. as to the practicability of...
the assignment of Capt. R. as suggested. Mrs. R. V. came here a few days
since on a visit to Judge Tingard and wife
and after a pleasant visit of a few
days expect to return to Portland Tomorrow.

And Mr. G. just before leaving Portland,
apparently quite well.

I write this note not knowing whether
or not your business will detain you in
Washington long enough for you to receive
it there.

I think I will direct to care of the
Adjutant Genl, who will place it in
your hands if still there.

Ever Respectfully

Your Truly Yours,

E. B. Babbitt

Send C. O. Howard U. S. A.
Washington D. C.
East Orange, Sept. 26th, 1876

My Dear Son Otis,

you will see by the telegram enclosed that Poor Dear Jose is gone, her sufferings have passed away, I trust she is in the presence of her Saviour but my heart is full, poor Delia that tenderness he has received ten years cannot return to him, and those three dear ones, cannot receive that. Another tenderness they have had anymore how much sadness we encounter in this world. Last evening I was sad last evening for you are no more and his dear children are the picture before me, dear Delia he knows where to put his trust, my dear Son, ask God to guide all his footsteps I shall write more letters this evening & rejoice that we have a Supreme Guide that knows all our wants, and is ready to help in every time of Need. Your Loving Mother

Eliza Gilmore

O. O. Howard
Gilmore, California

Sept. 26, 1876

Read by the Gene-

but not summered

read and read pull

Came with principal-pull work in mind

wrote a letter and was a little troubled, I suppose

will be spent at all as a cure. It seems

suffered from men and men need and

men need don’t need pull and you know

men need done don’t need and pull and

read and read pull and pull and pull

will feel and feel and feel and feel

It was hard to get through with

solving the problem of what was meant

writing primary with most care

that they were just as easy and told

to school and did the work

write
Manchester Oct 27th

My dear,

I have been requested to forward the enclosed letter for your action. When do you return to Portland and is Modern coming east? I shall learn her the boat of Westmouth and hope to be in Portland by the middle of Nov.

Yours truly,

R. A. Balfour
Batchelder, R. N.

Sept. 28, 1878
Maysville, Pa. Sept. 29, 1876

My Dear Sir,

Rev. W. Harlow of the U.S. Auditors Department has sent me two postal cards, the last I received. I am tied closely here in the prison. Nor I think there is not the slightest probability of my soon leaving York. University yet I should like to go there into matters, with the hope that if any effort were made in this part of the country to raise funds for the Institution, I might be able to assist more efficiently. The real trouble is that in my anxiety to help those who were destitute, to keep from starving in the hope they would get through, to help this third department to get a firm hold in the community where crippled myself more than was worse. But I think it tex-
as the President of our Free and
Comm. in really the br.
That done of it. I think to
wants me to go to the St. Un-
iversity if I saw my own man
Clean Issue and of a backport.
You dear friend time, Chancellor.
I think would like
me to see the Course Com.
I don't think but if I now
but I start away from
This idea has
I am a moment. This idea has
occurred to me. If you feel like I
you could write a few lines to the
Murray 37 5th Ave Potts, saying
you would like to have me com-
to Munich to consult at
the University. I can hardly
Conceive of anything that my
more legitimately, come under
the provisions of W always
will that the residue of his
estate (It is nearly all there)
should be used for the
benefit of Mr. Colored he did.
To the Country. Mr. Murray knows of
ably how to approach the speci-
cally. Mr. M. Avery, one of whom
his, W. If they wise.
the funds of what we
get away for a few days.
Dear General,

Let me not be fortunate enough to see you in season, will you please direct me a postal card, stating whether it will be convenient for you to be present at the open of the Mid. Dept. on Monday mor. next at 11 o’clock.

Very truly yours,

Geo. W. Dyer

1113 Mass. Avenue

G. S. Palmer
Palmer, Geo. S.

Sept. 29, 1876

File

Received

Nov 9, 1876
Washington, D.C.
N.Y. Sept. 30, 1876.

Dear General Howard:

I have received your kind favor of the 28th inst. I cannot judge correctly respecting departure of date of service until early next week. We have certain very important matters in court in St. Louis. decembar in which are hourly expected. It may be utterly impracticalable for me to be absent from New York in October and November. Yet I trust I may reconcile the impossibilities of my absence also think I am very necessary in writing not certain cases.
If I had only my own personal interests involved, I would
anyhow. (Ye V.), but these
large interests in which we
are vitally concerned in duty may bid me stay
the ship here.
I am quite un
fixed—but not quite happy
in your eye for me. It seems
the position and the arrest
immediate is not just the
like. I know you sometimes
in your eye for me. It seems
he just likes you to be in the
look out for somebody.
Please remember
me most kindly to the family
at home. I wish you could
spend a little time with us
in our sea girl’s home.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]
Rutland, Sept. 30th, 1876.

My dear Friends,

Many times daily, different members of the family say to each other, "Do you hear news of Gertrude Howard yet?" We are so truly glad to know definitely that you are coming to us and just when we shall have no guests for next week. Grace has not arrived yet. I feel tempted to telegraph to her, but sincere regards to truly yours, Friend.

Sarah F. T. Crete.

Yr note came half an hour ago.
Uncle, Sarah A. F.

Sept. 30, 1876

File

Received

Nov 9
1876

O. O. H.
Long absence.

I am truly yours,

A.C. Parsons.

Barre, A.C.

Sept. 30, 1876

Clinton B. Fisk, St. Louis,
Cherifman.
P. H. Smith, Washing, D. C.,
Secretary.

Board of Indian Commissioners,
WASHINGTON, D. C.,

Pocariens Sep. 30 * 1876.

Genl. C. O. Howard

To friend,

I am in receipt of yours of 28th Inst. and note contents. I don't quite understand the particular present troubles with the Six Trees Indians, nor am I fully advised of the mode of travel from Portland along to their reservation. I have supposed that the route of travel is by the Columbia River, and thence by its tributary, the Snake River, if that is navigable. If on the contrary, there is a long stage or bragger route.
Please tell me how long and how much time is required to make the journey from Portland.

I was not willing to go out for anything to buy supplies. This is more than a dollar and a cent business to me. I was not willing to go alone. I fear that I ought not to go at all. I fear that I cannot go without neglecting some private interest of importance, or by nothing of very public duties here. I have come to consider the question of going. Providing we can get away in two weeks, and there is promise of accomplishing any good by the journey. I shall try to find time to write to Mr. Stedman today. Who I am told by Gen. Stedman is prepared to go.

Tell me something of the climate at Lahaina. Though the winter climate is mild on the coast, I have supposed it might be quite severe, to you in the interior, and in a cajun, as I have supposed somewhat mountainous. The early answer, though brief, will still please. I am looking to be in Hartford from 3rd to 6th Oct. In attendance on the meeting of city board. But may not be able, especially if I give serious thought to this.