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Gen O Howard

Dear Sir—

I have the pleasure of informing you of your election as an honorary member of the "Gama Sigma" society

Very Respect

O F Cromwell Secy.

Forest Grove Jan 16 1877.

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Walla Walla
Jan 16th 1877

Gen O O Howard
Portland Orgn

Dear Sir
Inclosed please find check for Thirty Eight dollars Bal due on Carriage
Pls recieved receipt for the amt paid
Very respectfully Yours
Small Bros

East Orange N.J.
Jan. 18. 1877.

My dear Brother

Your new year letter was joyfully received & all its affectionate messages are gratefully reciprocated. I have little courage to reply to your kind suggestions, except as I like to see my people do, by a better life. You will have forgotten what you wrote (by the time this reaches you) by the way of usual prescribing time for my blues. I may say this however, that it was more a mood than a habit of mind that you detected when here. Anything that enables a man to see superior to his moods whether occasioned by dyspepsia, disappointment, or reverses & pecuniary disaster, of any kind, would be a very valuable suggestion. I hardly think I will improve by sermon writing. I

Egotism and personal vanity that constantly lays us open to be tried upon & put in pain, by trivial things and people. Your letters on articles in the Advance interest us in the family & I hear them spoken of approvingly by others. You seem always more at home with things & events of which you have been a part, and your pictures of religious experiences with men in the army and elsewhere seem to me interesting & useful. They may be so prolonged & systematized, that if written with care, I mean as to the mood in which you write more than the exactness of language employed — they will form an important part of any future compilation of your life history.

have been at that 17 or 18 years
& have used up most of your
suggested topics & used up my nerves in
writing upon the liveliest of them.
The change a minister needs
is one that lifts responsibility
& promotes forgetfulness of certain
things. But such a tremendous
hold do our mental habits
get upon us that we can shake
them off with little less than
an Earthquake. I had hoped
during the war that Providence
would open the way for you
to go to Europe for your own
sake & that that my accom-
panying you would not be
a burden to you & push aside
others & be of real benefit to
me who revolve so much
in what gets to be worn into ruts=

But. Everything is ordered
wisely & I have no plan or purpose
for my own future. and long
chiefly to be let alone & allowed
to sink without changing places
& tearing up roots. I would gladly
have lived & died in Cambridgeport
a Pastor. if God had given
me that degree of success in
winning souls as either place
as to make my stay seem to
them desirable. I still have
that desire as to E. Orange; would
be glad to ~~get~~ gather a congregation
so large and so attached
to me as to make my usefulness
here permanent and perpetual.
But I try to be ready to go
& do anything, any where, when
Providence points. I probably
inherited morbidness as well
from father as from mother.
and what I regard as
a common curse to
us all, this introspection

in the place of Horace. Helen keeps pretty well. I bring home my selfish & irritated & depressed moods & she is like a pillow to the sore nerves= Baby Ella is very fat & chubby- Hands alone requires constant attention & is seldom free from baby sicknesses of some kind- We have a Maine Miller in Jersey, plenty of excellent sleighing- I came here at 3000$- 2000$ from church- Advance now pays 500$ & the church will want to come down in May unless there are changes of which there are small prospects= I will try to conform to the new circumstances. We keep that thin veil of some expense of course as she is poor & dependent. Our girl costs us but 10$ per month- but our Rent is 55$- the latter seems to be the

As my work is chiefly editorial, if read at all it must be taken on its merits. Some of it deserves better criticism- One Editorial was deliberately pronounced by a respected ministerial friend "mean cruel and unjust" and has probably injured the paper among those for whose benefit it was written! But generally my articles are accorded the meed of silence= They are the expression of opinions matured in my school of life & put in the style that is now natural to me= Mother writes cheerfully & enjoys the increased religious interest in that self-satisfied little community at Glencoe- She is wonderfully well & "smart" for her age especially when we consider her hardships. Del. writes little but must be very busy & he

tempted to devote much time to S.S. meetings where he receives agreeable social attentions and seems to do good = Charles is completely overwhelmed - his business suffers every day for want of attention. He loses by that want of attention (impossible to limit if he sacrifices business) which his spasms of economy gain. We have a pleasant visit to Grace at Vassar in the fall. Personally it was the most restful day I remember. She has written a few words from Boston - I suppose our long separation and the absence of her aunt Heeler, who is so much a stranger to you all makes her cautious about writing. Possibly Lizzie feels this. Laura writes enthusiastically about Lizzie's letter to her. David grows very tall - is not a very accurate scholar & is too willing to be helped. Otis is mercurial. "When he is good he is very good indeed & when he is bad he is horrid". David temptes him to the latter more very much as his father did his brothers = Frank is in Portland Me. in danger of being spoiled by attentions & admirations - especially since his uncle Horace's death. He is with his Grandmother at Mrs Rogers - Your call on Grace was a great comfort to his widowed mother with my son. She is broken hearted, but not unmeasurable and always active in some good deeds = The rest are a each valuable Christmas presents & turns to David & Otis & Frank

my place & economize the Advance will pay my 4 pence to Boston (Woodly meeting) & to Washington (to see the "revolution") if I can get away in Feb & March. You will notice my trips, if I go, in the Advance.

Salvage is no great advantage to our subscription list but served instead of Thomas & Adversary to introduce the paper to his friends. Our old friends don't enjoy him & the mixture of him & me & Charles is not an entire success. He is conservative in politics, high & uncompromising in "style". Orthodox in sentiment, & often superficial in thought, and decidedly eccentric in conduct. Startling the proprieties & sometimes almost defying the moralities. in short

acting in just that jerky impulsive way that he speaks & writes - & that always secures for him an open-eared & open-eyed crowd = Helen joins me in love to you all - Glad to hear through Mother of some good indications of growth in the boys religious life. May God help them never to despise the good impulses of their earliest youth =

Some of our young people who joined the church are so frivolous & insincere as to give me great anxiety = Our week of prayer closed with nothing demonstrative but we will increase our meetings next week = Rev. E. P. Thing occasionally He inquires for you & Lizzie. He preaches in Brooklyn & writes for the papers - Your aff. Bro

Rowland

City of Buffalo.

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Comptroller's Office.

January 19th 1877

John H. Cook Esq, Trustee etc.

Sir. enclosed please find receipted bills for Mrs Elizabeth A. Howard's City Taxes for 1876. These are the only taxes with which I have anything to do, but I showed your letter to Lee Pickering Nes from whom I obtained your address and they told me that they would send you a statement of any other taxes that might stand charged against the property, if any. In making out the bill of Tax No 22998, I omitted the amt of Local Roll No 5397. viz: $2.69 interest 10¢ & fees on same 14¢. Total $2.93. I receipted for them, will you please forward the amt and oblige

B Kenney.

Voucher No. 175

Buffalo Park

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Fox

704 Fo. st Washington, D.C.
Jan 9th 74.

Howard.

Since the old sad days, both at Walla Walla & r. when you used to speak words of encouragment & hope. you wrote me before leaving my home. during that dreadful time & darkness. then even God's providence seemed estranged. but for of yourself & other friends. You prophesied "then" "brighter days" for with. strange! that your own words should be fulfilled. (indirect. & now again I want to thank, you & tell you of the hope. of brighter days, if not happier. for me. at least free from the work for to day. & hope for to morrow. I always felt in ad- that you were one of Gods people. that having been through the a lofty mark. for malice. envy & hate. had taught you to feel ers. You know Gen. there are so many wooden people. in this world. selfish, cold. & unfeeling. worse than sticks. & when a woman has to battle for herself. if she is unfortunately sensitive as I am she very soon finds it out. You may remember that I wrote you last

summer. on my return that through your letter & Dr Morris's kindness I was appointed a counter in the Bureau of Engraving & Printing. of course I was glad to do anything: but it was a terrible place. & when you visited here in the fall I asked you to use your influence, & secure me a better position: you spoke of seeing Gen Sewall: but you left very suddenly. & so I remained until Dec. I had my wish gratified. i.e. I (with many others) had permission & a ticket of leave. & was sent adrift & left to my own devices. After many ineffectual efforts. & feeling sorrowful & helpless. for it seemed there was no place for me in this great big world. I thought of your friend Gen Sewall. & sought him to find: kindness & consideration. & the end is = through your letter, & his own heart (for he acts like another one of the <u>few</u> of God's people) he has secured for me a temporary clerkship in his own office. & I see the dawning. & am anchored: but - great is my inward tribulation. (Oliver asking for more) lest I shall be turned adrift again. & lose my hope & shelter. so I want you <u>please</u>. to write him directly (if in Portland) & ask him to keep me under his protecting wing. & do for me as <u>you would if here</u>. always. my friend. in need & indeed. A woman is so helpless & (particularly so) to battle with poverty & the world. alone. Gen Howard & you who have occupation, a home. the love of wife & children to fill your heart & time. know little of a woman's life. bereft of.

all that makes life endurable. but while I have my Mother. & can help her. I am not desolate. & my duty lies before. to work. not in idle repinings. & the love of self. I miss the dear old army life. & my few ~~few~~ true friends. why Gen'l. I cant even be a "woman's rights woman" & have a "sphere." so do be kind & write Gen Gerrall. & I will write my own persuasive. asking for plenty of work. for the "hearts complaining." & trusting this long letter. finds you well. & with kind remembrance for yourself & Mrs Howard. believe me always your grateful friend

Mrs Rattenbury.

P.S. Gen Gerrall wishes to be remembered to you.

Please remember me to Capt & Mrs Gladden & to the Boyles. & tell Mrs B. I think she has forgotten me. & I hope you will come to Washington again one of these bright days. I expect its raining in Portland "yesterday to day & to morrow". but I love Vancouver. & its many beauties. rain or shine.

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Jan. 7. 1877.

Western Union Telegraph Company.

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The rules of this Company require that all messages received for transmission shall be written on the message blanks of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following message.

JAS. GAMBLE, General Sup't, San Francisco. | 21 | WILLIAM ORTON, President, A. R. BREWER, Secretary. | NEW YORK.

Washington DC Jan 19 1877

Via San Ran 20

Received at Portland, 20 1877 1 P.M.

To Gen O O Howard

Draw on me for five hundred staden forgat Cole orders

John H Cooke

10 ~~Collect~~ 150 x 200

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Order sent this day.

Staden.

Jan. 20. 77.

Cook. John M.

Jan. 20. 1877.

Recd Jan. 20. 1877.

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SECURITY

Life Insurance and Annuity Co.

OF NEW YORK.

J. E. SPRINGER, Late Manager for Indiana, Kentucky and Southern Illinois.

No. 155 Broadway.

Indianapolis, January 20th, 1877.

Dear Sir:

I have heretofore notified you of the discontinuance of business by the above named Company, and sent you the Receiver's notice of appointment.

I have just returned from New York, where I went in the interest of the Policy-holders of this Agency. The amount which may be realized from the conversion of Company's Assets into Cash, will be returned to Policy-holders pro-rata. It is the wish of the Receiver to close up the Company's affairs as speedily as possible, and after consultation, I have consented to act as Attorney for all Policy-holders who may wish to have me settle their claims, and you will readily see that such an arrangement will greatly facilitate a settlement.

I enclose a blank power of attorney, which, if you desire to secure my services in this matter, you will please fill up at once, acknowledge, when possible, before a Clerk of a Court of Records, or a Notary, and return to me with currency ($2.00) Two Dollars, this amount being the ENTIRE CHARGE *for attending to the business. In all cases where the wife has an interest in, or the Policy is made payable to her, she must join with the husband in the acknowledgment.*

Respectfully,

J. E. SPRINGER.

J. E. Springer

Indianapolis. Ind.
Jan 20. 1877

Salem Jan. 20th 1877

Gen. Howard;

Dear Sir,

In accordance with a purpose expressed to you last summer, I resigned my position in Pacific University, and temporarily accepted a place in Willamette University.

A friend now urges me to become a candidate for a position in Colorado University, which after consideration I am inclined to do.

Can you give me testimonials to be used before the Board of Regents?

I know that our acquaintance is so slight, that you

can do little more than to
speak from common report,
but anything favorable from
you will be of value to me.

Yours very truly
R. H. Collier.

Dear General:

At the office of J. J. Brown - over Wakefield & Atkinson's - Cor. Alder & Front-St the Board of Managers of the Y.M.C.A will meet at 6½ o'clock this evening. We wish to confer in regard to the temperance meetings and other important interests.

Please come if you possibly can.

Respectfully & sincerely

1-22-77 M. C. Wilkinson

Jan 22, 1877

Wilkinson

July 22 - 1877

Portland Jan. 22 '77

Gen. O. O. Howard:

Dear Sir: The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of Chinese Mission will be held at the Mission Rooms on Alder St this Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

D. J. Pierce Sec.

Gentlemen Nov. 22 '77

Gen. C. C. Howard:

Please give the monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of Manassas Mercantile to hold at the Manassas Station on Tuesday Nov. 27th at 7.30 o'clock.

C. J. Shreve.

D. Perry.

Jan. 22. 1877.

Acted by Gen. Feb. 3. 1877.

Ft. Lapwai I.T.
January 22d
[1877]

Dear General

I have about concluded to postpone asking for a leave until next year, consequently the change of Smiths Company will not be necessary, for the reason mentioned, i.e. to avoid leaving Smith in command of the post,

One reason for deciding not to go on leave, is that Mrs. Perry enjoys so much better health at Lapwai than ever before, I

hesitate about taking her from this Climate, and another reason — the unsettled state of affairs East.

Our new room is completed and furnished, a vast improvement. Mrs. Perry says the next time you visit the post, you must bring Mrs Howard & the Children It will be a delightful trip for them when the Boat is running. About May the whole country is green and the hills covered with wild flowers.

Did Mrs McFarland reach Portland safely? We have not heard any thing from her since she left.

Every at the post goes along smoothly. All well.

Sincerely
Yours
D. Perry

Galvin Portland. 445

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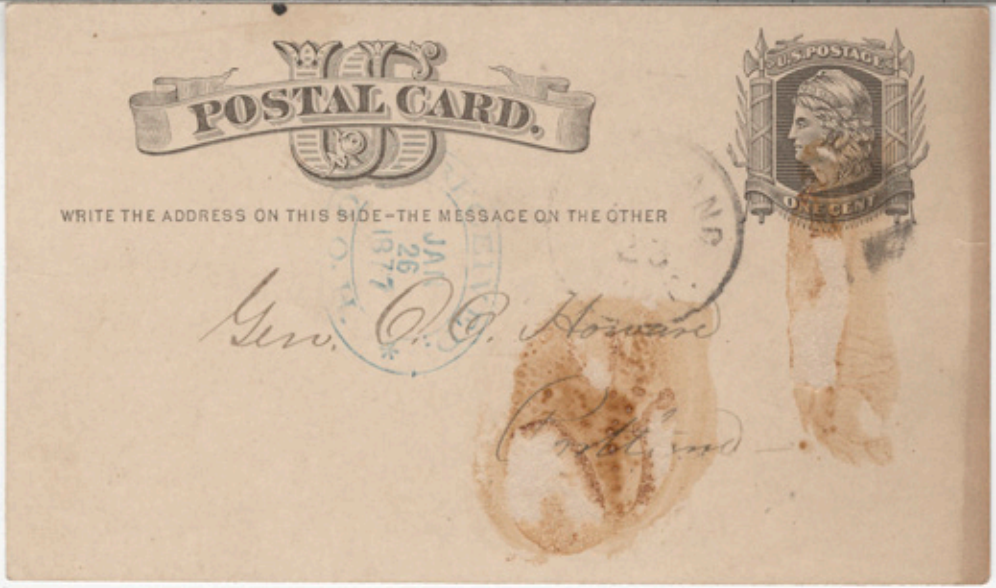
My Dear Sir, I have not quite finished my report, but will do so tomorrow & forward it to you, from Olympia

Yours very truly

E. D. Galvin


POSTAL CARD.
WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER
U.S. POSTAGE
ONE CENT
JAN 26 1877
Gen. O. O. Howard
Portland

Portland Jany 23. 1877.

General O. O. Howard -

I regret very much to be compelled to ask for an additional installment of $85- coin, on note, to enable me to complete a payment which I am pledged to make by February 1st. This will leave a balance of $403.75. which the General can pay in his own time.

Respectfully

Benj C Gallup.

No. 139 South Seventh St. 419
Phila - 1-24-1877.

Dear General!

Accept my very sincere thanks for your great kindness and attention. Just about the story of the Campaigns will ever prove of interest and value to me! and shall be placed in a binding of value for preservation!

Any time you should pass a few hours or days here it will give me great pleasure to call upon you

With sentiments of the highest and most profound regard.

Yours to Command.
John C. Nicholson

Nicholson, John P.

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Exeter N.H.
Jan 24th 1877.

Gen. O. O. Howard
Portland, Oregon.
Sir

Please favor me with your autograph on the enclosed cards

Yours Respectfully
G. S. Lynde.

Lynde. G.L.
Exeter N.H.
Jan. 24. 1877

File. Answ. by Gen.
Feb. 10. 1877.

Galvin, E. J.

Jan. 24. 1877.

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Olympia, W. T.
Jan. 24th '77.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

My dear Sir.—

I send you the report which, I trust, may meet with your acceptance & that of Mr. Steele.— I hope that you will both speak in advocacy of the proposed plan, & persuade the young men to give us their confidence & support in carrying it into execution.— Mr. Henderson has some excellent suggestions in regard to the management of several thriving Restaurants

in San Francisco where good
lunches & meals are furnished for
10 & 15 cts. – I think that our
friends Kersey & Rider might adopt
a similar plan to their own ad-
vantage & the great help of our
Cause. – May you have a real
earnest & successful meeting next
Sat. eve'g. – Please to give my
kind regards to Dr. Lindsley &
tell him I hope he will be pre-
sent at the opening of the meeting
& make one of his earnest, short
appeals to the young men in behalf
of our plan of work. – And may
God bless our endeavors thus to
serve our fellow-men

Yours very sincerely
Edward D. Galvin.

P.S. My friend – Rev. Mr. Utter
of Olympia – will I trust – be
at your meeting, ready to say
a good word. ——

Oregan City
Jan 27, th 1877

Mr Howard Dear Sir
For a word of
information in regard to Mr Moor
the last I herd from him he was
with General Crooks in the gover
=ment service I have lost track of
him, if you can tell me where
he is I gill be very thankful
Yours Truly
Amric Cochran
P.S his name is Thomas Moor

Annie Cochran

Jan. 27. 1877.

Ans'd. by Madam, Feb 3. 1877.

A

Northern Pacific Rail Road Company.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE ~~120 Broadway~~ No. 23 Fifth Avenue

NEW YORK Jan. 27 1877

Gen. O. O. Howard
Portland Oregon

My Dear Sir.

Your very gratifying letter of Jan. 6th came duly to hand.

I shall always hold you tenderly and gratefully in my heart for your generous and appreciative mention of my brave boy. He had rare qualities.

I noted with regret what you say of the costs of the suits against you as an officer — and immediately applied through proper channels for publication in the magazines of the two articles the March "To the Sea" — and "From the Sea".

The Editor of Scribner's seems to think that the sub-

jects have lost "freshness" f
that magazine by your p
cations in the Atlantic.

The editor of the Galax
word to me that if he h
the two articles now he
he would accept them
he could not say what
would do ninety days
now.

So this is of any va
to you General?

Very Sincerely
Yours
Sam'l Wilkeson

Gen. McClellan.

Nov. 24. 1864

McClellan, Geo.

Nov. 27. 1864

Washington, D.C.,
January 27-1877.

My dear General:

Mrs. C. presented me with a bouncing boy on the 17th inst.—and I have been doing as well as could be expected ever since. Am at least six inches taller than I was—invariably duck my head when passing through doors, and feel all the time like I'm walking on stilts. I tell you, Gen., he is a fine boy—at least twenty-two carats,—and is very high bred—four stories! Nothing like having babies up in a garret. He can yell too like an Indian. Makes about as much noise to the square inch as a high-pressure engine, and like a broken-winded mule ain't particular which end he makes it from. You should see him get away with catnip tea! He drinks more catnip in one night than my whole family does in

a month. Why, Sir, the expense of catnip alone would ruin me did I not hold a government position with a large salary!! I dont mind the expense of this thing, however, but the misery of flying around like a loose button on a barn door all night in my shirt-tail waiting on the blessed baby is getting to be a bore. Still I am happy—almost too happy to live—couldn't stand any more happiness; therefore it is a good thing the boy was not twins, for that would have killed me sure to say nothing of Mrs. C.

We have named him Oliver Howard; and Mrs. C. says if he turns out to be half as good a man as his distinguished name-sake she will be the happiest old woman in America.

Tell every body we have got a baby; and don't forget to say it's a boy.

Very truly yours,

W. F. C.

Room 31—P. O. D.

Dec. 24. 1894.

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January 30 1877

Genl O. O. Howard.

My dear General:

Will you have the kindness, if consistent with your views to furnish me with a brief statement concerning my efficiency as an officer and general conduct during the time that I was a member of your Military family while connected with the Bureau at Washington of which you were Chief.

I make this request in consequence of my standing at the War Dept. where my faults only are recorded, and to place myself properly in the estimation of our Representative Mr Monroe who has interested himself in my behalf. He knows my record at home for the past two years & knows of my record at

the War Dept as contained in the
reports of Genl Oakes. who was not my
friend. but thus far he knows nothing else
of my military life and I should much
prefer that he should learn any thing to
my credit from those who were my Commanders
during the War. than from any other source.
Trusting that yourself and
family are well. I remain
Very Respy & Sincerely Yours
A. M. Butler Jr.

Portland Oregon
jan 30th
1877

Hon. Mr. C. C. Howow

Dear Friend

I received your of the 29
in due time you are for
kind to me I am thankful
to you treated me will
and I had a conversation
with Dong Gong he said
he have no chance day
time he want to go
school about nine clock
every morning he cannot
with me to go and I wish
you whenever you can find
opportunity and with me
to go but I have little
busy now
and I will be there ten

day and I hope you
tend to this for me
and if have work an
I will give it Back t
no more at present
so I now close hoping
that my few lines we
find you will
your very respectfu
Lew Yik

Jan. 26. 1877

See field
(Lewiston)

GEO. W. DYER,

Attorney and Counsellor at Law,

519 Seventh Street, Lock Box 100.

Washington, D. C. Jan'y 31 1877

Genl O. O. Howard,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear General. I have your letter of the 15th, with check for $15. The suit against the bondsmen and yourself, was commenced by Wells, upon instructions from the Solicitors office. I have no confidence that any of these matters can be hurried, while Wells is the District Attorney, and I do not think any change in his office would be the worse for you. My own family are in excellent health, and join with me in kind wishes to your family and yourself.

Yours truly
Geo. W. Dyer

Dyer, Geo. W.

1877.

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to the Black Hills in the Spring if Mr
Duncan consents I would be pleas
to hear from you at any time and
you will ever be held in grat
remembrance by me I am ex
this Duncan to-night on the train &
know she would like to send her reg
so I will take that liberty for her

Yours Very Truly
Wm Duncan

P.S. If you should write address me at
Sunnyside Union County Dakota

Duncan, Wm.
1877
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Council Chamber,

Yankton, Dakota, Jany 31st 1877

Genl O. O. Howard
Portland Oregon

Dear Genl. Your kind letter so long ago rec'd deserved an answer before this and the only excuse I have to offer is that I have been very busy and the gradual but slow change that came over the people after a careful and deliberate second thought. They felt that to leave with such a state of depression as existed then would be to sacrifice the most of their property. Now the excitement in regard to the Black Hills gives them another ray of hope and they will wait and trust in that Providence that has provided for them so far, to guide them in the future Accept my thanks for your interest in our behalf and the information you sent.

I wanted to call your attention to some parts of Genl Shermans Memoirs where I feel that he does me an injustice viz. In speaking

of the capture of Milledgville he says that a detachment of Kilpatricks Cavalry entered that two days before the Army reached that place, as I have never asked for any recognition of my services from the Gov I deem it very unkind to rob me of any honor that that cannot be disputed. At that time the Southern press published it all over their country, ridiculing their baby faced Mayor for surrendering the City to a few grossey Yanks in the absence of any army and it seems to me that your reports ought to have set him right on that matter.

III He states that a detachment of Foragers entered Fayettville among them my self &c which is all wrong and the language between me & Genl Hampton that he states is untrue I would be pleased to give you a correct and clear statement on all those points, if you propose to continue your articles in the Atlantic Monthly. I feel very much inclined to think that Genl Sherman is very egotistic

I wrote to Genl Sherman about one year ago asking if I could be reimbursed for the loss of my personal effects at Fayettville he told me he had no influence and referred me to you, now all I have to say in that matter is this at the time I was captured I had in my possession a watch belonging to Lt Jno A McQueen which I paid him $400 for afterwards, besides my own personal effects I thought it but just that the Gov should make it good, I find the country filled throughout by men who rendered very little actual service aside from drawing there salary during the war now filling offices of honor and profit, while the attempt by Genl Sherman to rob me of my actual services seems a strange contrast but I am one that thinks all things are for the best and will try to reason it that way. I was elected by my people to represent them in the Senatorial Council this winter and consequently spend the winter here I think some now of going