Drayton, Tompkins Co., N.Y.
March 1st, 1879

General O. C. Howard,
My Dear Sir:

I must commence my note to you by introducing myself. You will probably remember your visit to Beavik about some months before his death; and you may also remember that we, yourself, your wife, and myself, started for Minaerville, but had the misfortune to have trouble with our horse. You tumbled out, striking on your head, while washing the blood from your father's head were driven away by an old lady. Then we had a long walk together, and you told me something of your eating, untroubled trust in Jesus, which would not suffer you to worry. Do you remember me? I think so.

Well. After Mr. Smith's death, I wrote a brief account of his religious experience, which was extensively quoted.
and thought me some very severe criticisms from those who would claim that Gerrit Smith died without a hope in Christ, and
an evidence of conversion.
Mr Smith himself told me that he trusted that he had received
a change of heart, although he had at times
done wrong, and at the same time I spoke
of you, Sir, as instrumental in leading him to that experience.
I see that Rev. W.B. Wellington
is preparing "Memoirs of Gerrit Smith," and
calls for information with respect to his
life. I shall be very glad if you could write me an account
of what I know about the last year of
Gerrit Smith's life, and would be glad if
you could add to what I know, the facts
which came under your own observation,
either by writing direct to Wellington
or by sending me the facts in such
shape as you think proper.
I hope this will meet with
your approval, and that you will find
time to rescue our noble friend, from
the gloomy record of a Christless life
and death. In any case will for
kindly drop me a line, soon, saying
what action you propose to take in the
matter.
My wife and I have often
thought of you, and in the days when
Satan desired to leave you to sift you
as wheat, you were not forgotten in our
prayers. Fasting to hear from you
soon. I am, Dear Sir,
Yours Very Truly,
David Reppels
New York, Feb. 2d, 1877.

My dear General,

I met twice ago a friend of mine formerly in your Staff and recently connected with my Political Brigade. His name is Blue, happened to meet me on the street, also immediately enquired whether I was real the gentleman who was formerly in your Staff, then he came to remember me. I don't know, I had written for just how long it may be, was in Corpus when I was gone to D.C. in Washington, and that he used to come occasionally to the office. I do not remember.
made with the multitude to Wash-
ington to the inauguration, and
would not do or say anything
which might lead but. Hays
to suppose that I distrusted the
majority of these expenses re-
membered civil service reform.
He meant what he said. I am
probably some in my present
position. While, though not un-
usually located, a practical,
paid, and professional, and am
as much time for a private
practice which requires much
duty. Still, as much desired
I may, and I trust to visit
Washington enjoy my reposito,
and if I should, it would give
me great pleasure to present
a letter of introduction from
New York, 187

Yourself. If agreeable for you to write it I shall put it very highly.

I will send you telegram and letter to my publisher. Then write

immediately & carefully word the grounds of action upon which

the suit is to be brought against yourself and the counsel in

Connecticut with the same brief.

I believe that there is nothing in

the case in the first place, and

in the second place that it is

doubtful whether the suit will

can be pressed.

Please remember me.
Mrs. Susan, at the time residing in New York, saw the family, and
saw them at the time of the interview. A. P. Kellogg.

[Handwritten text not legible]
Afternoon Ranch Mar 2nd 1877

My dear Cousin,

My wife says in her letter, have you written to Geo. Howard? &c. I desire you to write so they can hear from you.

When I left you in Boston, I made a very successful trip. We found the channel on the Smith property; when the flood is deposited and they began work (pumping) in May and from last report, suppose they are in the channel. After leaving that place, we found a high channel, what is called "the old river channel," very rich. I took up the ground, organized a company, and began work making a tunnel on the 6th Nov.
it took us about two months to get our buildings, truck, butterfat, etc. Since the first of June we have run two hundred sixty-five feet of tunnel and have about five hundred more to run to reach the Chasmal. I like the book, the mountains air & the water, but I don't like being away from my family. They think it very hard to be separated and women be willing to make any sacrifice to have me with them. I think Olkie will join me in the spring. He is very anxious to come here & I think it will do him good. They have all been pretty well since I left them in June. In See Olkie had a very severe attack of pneumonia. I think myself fortunate in living away from the political excitement, but have taken no new interest in the same. I trust ere this the matter is settled & things will be quiet. I have no news from any of our family or friends. I think like much to hear from you and about your family. Direct your letter to Brooklyn and my wife will forward to me. Do you think of going out this spring? I hope you will go to S.F. soon. Mr. Martin, have gotten increased a visit from you very much. Give much love to your wife & children. I believe me your affectionate friend,

E. Martin
General Simpson is constantly urging Senator Whitehill to do something for me, but the latter counsels patience, patience, never thinking that patience is the means a prolongation of my present suffering and want. Ah, well, if they have anything to do with the affairs of men this way are indeed great find out. You would not punish your children if they were trying to do right, would you? Good bye, God Bless you.

Affectionately Yours,

[Signature]

P.S. Little Howard is growing fonder and is just as pretty as a picture.

Marlinton, W. Va.
March 24th, 1877

My dear General:

Your very kind favor of the 15th wet and read by Mrs. C. and myself with great satisfaction.

The deep religious sentiment pervading every line of your letter was a fitting tribute to the manner in which I conveyed to you the announcement of an event so sacred as the birth of Jesus. I cannot only to be cheerful—nor frivolous or wicked. I wish I were equal to the responsibility of this additional charge that has been entrusted to me. While I am fully conscious of my duty to God and my family, my hard life and perverse disposition—growing out of this hardship—convince me that I am totally unqualified for these duties. Consequently, any hopes, which I may momentarily entertain, of usefulness and success in this direction are planted, I fear,
on a shaky foundation. But if early
positive religious teaching will prevent
the minds of my children from running
into the chaos of unbelief that troubles
my own so constantly, it shall not be
their father's fault if they fail to re-
ceive that teaching. I am not blind
to the wholesome effects that a firm
faith in our Saviour produces in all who
believe on Him, for I have seen too much
evidence of this to deny it, and if I
could bring my mind to accept the gos-
pel of Christ I would do it willingly,
willingly, willingly.

Thanks for the Rev. John's views on
Christianity. I read carefully and thought-
fully all he says. His comments on Plato's
argument that the laws of nature cannot
be changed met with my hearty approval.
With Johnson I believe that the same
Power that created the universe can
change its laws to suit Its own insen-
sible purpose. This very belief, however,
has been a source of much uneasiness to
me all my life, for it carries to my mind
the full conviction that the Being who created
me has the power to blot my soul and
body out of existence forever. Annihilation!
Great God! Anything like that I know
the remedy but am too cowardly to accept
it.

My status in the department remains
about the same. No hope of promotion, a
constant fear of dismissal, and no way out
of the difficulties that surround me. Any
probability to cancel my money obligations
does not seem too remote for conjecture even.
The occasion are not rare, General, that find
me without the common necessaries of life
or the means to procure them. This state
of affairs is now aggravated by the fact
that our little ship added new wants to
those already to number to supply. To
sum up, our condition is but one removed
from poverty. Can you not see some open-
ness, General, that will enable us to live
and that will stop the growth of this
dreadful inculcable debt.
Oregon Steam Navigation Co's Telegraph.

Portland, March 5th, 1871

To General Howard

Maules

Colonnels on Steamer Wood

Adjunct General

100 @ 25 c.
New York Hotel

March 5th, 1877.

Dear General:

If consistent, will you please give me a letter of introduction and recommendation to the President—Geo. Hayes. There is no one from whom I would value an introduction to the President, more than yourself; and besides there is no prominent gentleman whom I care for that knows me better than you do. I will have no difficulty in being introduced politically, but at this time it is not a political introduction.
that I want.
A few days since I received a nice letter from
Guy, dated Ft. Yuma, Feb. 14, 1877—At the time he wrote
he was enjoying good health.
Please remember me to
Mrs. Howard, her family; also
Sladen, and trusting that
I shall receive your
early reply,

Sam, with respect,

Edward Fowler

[Handwritten text]

[Address]

[Postmark]
GEO. W. DYER,
Attorney and Counsellor at Law,
307 Seventh Street, 
Lock Box 100.

Washington, D. C. March 8, 1877

Gentleman,

My dear Mr. Nevaar,

Portland, Oregon.

My circles, open letter of the 7th came duly with check for $8.

In the retained county suit, the Treasury officials have not yet completed their statement of facts, or agreed to the bond; but Joe Robinson says they are about the work on it. The suit on the Telegraph correspondence probably be continued, as Ballack has made an offer which is receiving prompt attention.

The suit on the bond stands upon demurrers, which have not been argued, but will probably be argued by the successor of well, if he has a successor.

Mr. Hayes was inaugurated yesterday without disturbances, and with a very general feeling of good will. I understand that the new administration will be in accord with Mr. Sherman.

Yours very truly,

Geo. W. Dyer
February 26th, 1877

March 6, 1877

W. Dyer

[Handwritten text not legible]
John T. M.
March 6, 1877

Genl O. O'Harra. U.S.A.
Portland, Oregon

Dear Genl,

How you forget the undersigned. I was an acting at Ft. Tulasosa in the Dept 1872 when you were there as a special Indian Commissioner. I have just written a piece about Cache, which I send you as I know anything about the remarkable man will interest you. You'll remember that he came into Canada Alarma and stayed until it was decided to move those Indians to Tulasosa Valley. Genl O'Harra. You have a great name in the world, your deeds have given you an honored place on the page of your Country's history. But of all the things you have done none will redound more to your credit in the future than the act of making peace with Cache. It was done in the interests of humanity and the most cherished rights of man. The newspaper
Article I send you is full of typographical errors I dashed it off in a hurry. Perhaps if I had rewritten it I could have made it more readable.

I have been out of the service two years. Would like to get back again as soon as I have been here I have had the terrible misfortune to lose my wife. Everything around me seems so sad that I wish I could get a change of scene.

There is an old saying of "Two years too long in the place when you have been sorrowful."

New York is there not an opening for an acting in your style? I would be pleased to serve under you. I hope you at my first day in Pullman at the Hotel or at my former Pastor Rev. William

Mead Congregational minister Oberlin Ohio

Remind me kindly to Capt. Sladden.

What ever became of Tom Jefferson, Cachino's act.

Very truly yours,

A. N. Ellis
Silty Indian Agency On March 7th 1877

Sir O. M. Howard

Commanding Dept of the Columbia

Dear Sir

Permit me to

Presuming upon your good nature by asking the Hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs to request you to appoint two or three Inspectors to examine the Brick Mill and Bridge erected at this Agency under Contract by W. M. Shipley, and report as to whether or not the same are built according to the requirements of the contract. Mr. S. has been very unfriendly to me and though I have no desire that anything but justice be done him it will be hard for me to convince him of this fact. After all that he has endeavored to do to injure me. He of course expects me to retaliate which I do not...
propose to do. If you will be so kind as to respond I respectfully ask that you will when you make the appointments notify Mr Shipley whose address is Oswego, Clackamas Co, Oregon I desire that he be present when the examination is made, so that there may not be any injustice done him through ignorance of any facts connected with the matter. The Bore is helping us with a revival of his work.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. servant,

William Bagley
U.S. Indian Agent
March 7th, 71

Brig. Gen. Oliver O. Howard

I trust I will not be considered as taking a liberty in writing to you as I now do, for the purpose of obtaining information upon a small matter which I have been unable otherwise to obtain. I am a Commissioner of Deeds for every state or Territory residing at Philad., Pa., and have been in various legal publications, in the advertisements of similar Commissioners among the Territories for sale, they purport to be Commissioners. Alaska Terr. enumerated, I had, very much desire to receive a similar appointment for Alaska in Penna. if any such office exists.
Fallon, N.Y.

March 7, 1877.

...if can be seen as are... it must be by long line. There no authority.

...as... April 3, 1877.

by ...
can be conferred. & to inquire if this is so it is that I have been urged to trouble you & also to ask by whom if not by yourself such office or any other could be made if made at all I could of course if so here after make a formal application to be considered with proper recommendatious. So there is no one advertises as such Commissioner here. They are I can not obtain the information I desire. I would most respectfully suggest that it might be desirable to have at least one such Commissioner here. There from Alaska as from the other Territories to take acknowledgments or affidavits of use there without further authentication. There could of course be very little business but necessity is there from any of the Territories and in case such did arise
it might be desirable to have some one to satisfy the want. I should not think of advertising as such unless I was so appointed. I should be much obliged to receive a line from you manouver at yr. early convenience.

Yrs. Res. Cordt.

Frank C. Hallow
Dear Friends Howard,

Your esteemed favor of the 22nd ult. was not received until today. Although I hear your brother Charles has been in Boston, no letter has come from him. I am glad to hear that you are all well and that you had a pleasant trip. It was a pleasure to hear from the writer of last summer, wished much that I could have gone along with him. He spoke of his delightful visit and of your kind attention and how much he enjoyed while with you. The trip did him much good, and we were very glad to see Grace even for the short time she was here. I did not expect to see a young lady taller and larger than her mother (as I remember her). I still think I should have known her as it is not so little. Probably Guy has changed so that I should not know him if we met. In fact, I cannot realize that we have grown so old and that so much has happened since we were school boys at Merion. However, the fact stays with me daily in the face when I look at Henry, who is now 33 and taller than I am, as our four little boys he is all we have left, and he is a great comfort to us. He is in a large railway supply house here and has been for over eight years and is doing well. Mrs. M. is pretty well...
were now old about the same as I do. Keeping along together, living in a very quiet way we enjoy ourselves of any thing more than we used to. We have a large circle of friends and our church relations are very pleasant, so that we like Chicago very much and are very happy. I have not yet made my motion but have lived long enough to know that money will not bring happiness and unless I can make it in a legitimate honest manner prefer to have less. I regretted not to have seen you when here last, but I knew nothing of your being here until you had gone. Your brother living at Glencoe.

I never see his family any more than if he lived in Oregon. If you ever come East again let me know when you are in town and I will contend the right of former friendship, with him or any body else for at least a few hours of your time. I have not seen your mother and did not know she was living West but supposed she was still at Leeds. We. I am sorry to learn she has had an accident at her time of life for it is very hard for one so advanced in years to recover from a fall even if slight. I hope I may see her.

My Father is 84, he with my sister still live in Augusta, all the rest of our once great family. Mother of 7 children. He is very well and active and his mind is as clear and quick as it ever was apparently enjoys every thing. Reads all the time, when at home, and they live so contentedly and peacefully that when last year I never enjoyed myself more. I pardon me for writing so much of my own affairs. Will our presidential muddle be settled and I trust we can have four years of tranquility, peace and prosperity the latter we stand in need of badly for depression seems prevalent even where, almost stagnation. It does seem that business must revive and that Manufacturing and Commercial interests will improve if it does not then it will
be more failures. Continued hard times. I have been in the Real Estate business now about a year since I left the bank and if business was good should like it, and do well, but it has gone slow now for a long time. Mr. Blaine seems to have plunged into the front in the Senate since Hayes inauguration he is bold leader. I hope he will be on the right side for he is tremendously smart and has immense power for good or evil and I think it might be for the right. I like Hayes Cabinet appointments hope they will be confirmed. He seems to be strong and have enlarged ideas of his time and if he is not hindered will have no doubt settle in a great degree this Southern feeling of prejudice will will. I am inclined to think that the troops might be withdrawn from the south and leave to themselves the settlement of their local matters. Write me your views of the south at your leisure and do not fail to let me hear from you occasionally how you are. How the world uses you & yours. Do you do all you can for the Church the Sabbath School, etc. I try to and am seconded by Henry in both. Give much love to Mrs. H. from yourself and my kind regards with Henry's to you all and believe me always never your friend O.H. Mulliken.
Washington D.C.
March 10, 1877.

G.G. G. Howard,

Dear Genl,

With the fullest recid of the situation I am able to give, I have under advisement of sending the application for the presidency of the Howard University.

Seeing you letter in the week from New York, and only appreciating the same, it seems due to open the matter to you, and ask you to read the enclosed lettering Governor Holton, being my father in last, a person you so well know, it seems that not any other communication. For you well knows the part he acted in behalf of the colored race, since 1865. He has thus been champions of that portion of our people.
After a year or so of idleness on the part of the College, the work is very naturally to be expected. Whether an undertaking should my sense be selected by the Board, my best effort could remove things, is only certain in the way of human work against some adversity. I suppose it need not be noted that if an office, my usual title, portrayed by others in the enclosure, would all be empty.

I do not know any reason before the Board, but presume time will prevail. It is probable you are better advised in this than myself.

There will be no selection at the same commencement, I am told. That then, something must be done.

Have the kindness therefore, to consider the case, the labor to be done, and the natural course of things, and if my sense serve. You and your friends' forward are the result of your reflections.

If any come to pass that, when the election occurs, such needs from one so able, practical, may be usefully employed.

Should the outlook be very encouraging please omit no showing of it. If there be possibilities yet for the school, please state them.

At sight of your name on this page allow me to repeat my best recommendations, and continue to your son, far off home, the best wishes for your success towards.

Yours truly,

Lewis P. Olds.
St. Helen, Oregon.

Genl. C. A. Howard:

Dear Sir:

I would like a position in the S.W. or Commissary Dept. under you. I wrote a note to send Sally, and I enclose his letter. I am living on a farm, but find I am able physically to do the work. My wound I received in the battle of Williamsburg trouble me a great deal. I perhaps could get along, but since I was a Union Soldier, many denominations to many Jewish democrats, and they revenge themselves by killing my boys.
Keep and cattle which kept me all the time unprosperous. The worse I struggle, the more off I get. I would take a position where I could get 15/- per month, if I could do me better. My family could stay here at present. I am a graduate of Yale College, having both diplomas as Bachelor and Master of Arts. In the army I enlisted as private April 28, 1861, and was mustered out Nov 27, 1865 as Captain and Bvt. Major. I was wounded, and have a pension, but it is small, so I was in the ranks being only a Sergeant when wounded. Can give the best of references.

Your obedient, Sergeant.

Geo. B. Adams.
Philadelphia,
July 22, 1877

Dear Cath,

I sent letter of the 6th inst. I received today from Vancouver. I am therefore not in position to assist you in an appointment in the I. M. Dept. if I were I should try to be able to if was still at my post. Send Howard Came to the department is the proper person to handle it. I know if it is in his power he will do what he can to procure you a position your former service to
Your Country entitles you
such consideration

James Habeg

Capt. S. T. Adams
U.S.N.

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$184.00 May 18, 1826

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C. N. Y. 47 A. Y.
Camp Hamey Oregon
March 12th 1897

General O. P. Howard
Portland Oregon

Sir:

I respectfully inclose here
with Eight ($800) dollars, which I will
thank you to place with the Henry Wilson Monument
Endowment.

Your obt. servt.

John D. Pulver

The Molloys. His Scandinavian forebears and Shelton. Major Timble - at "41" - of course holds himself in cheerful estimation for any duty, but his family lodge and his Company has been out here already in that direction. His Lieut. Parcell and Throst - are both married.

If the designation of the Company is connected with the need to name Company "B", Capt. Winters -

About 4 or 5 men and a non-commissioned officer ought to be detached from each Company to remain at post, to look after Company property and garden.

As to me, General, if I have gone beyond propriety in the foregoing, I have written as I would talk were you here, and because I had something to say which concerned me personally and, as I think, the success of the Expedition.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Fort Missoula
March 12, 1877.
Sir, to the heads in the field and give orders in detail, to be in force until his return subsequently-designating even the Campaign places and grazing grounds. You mentioned the rank of the Commanding Officer of Fort Walla Walla and that he commanded his regiment as reasons why reports should be made to him. But it is not about enough to command a regiment and Fort Walla Walla for one officer unless it should take the field in person. It is not apparent to me how his rank affects the subject. If you desire that the reports from the Expedition be made through the Lt. of Fort Walla Walla, or that copies be sent here, there can be no objection. Having through the officer here, however, would delay the arrival of the reports to Portland at least one day.

I know, General, that you do not wish to humiliate me nor to render the campaign unnecessarily difficult, but such might very easily result with much thought or intention on your part. In my opinion, the Expedition should be commanded by the officer highest in rank present with it. Rather than to occupy the position of Commander of the Expedition and to possess more of the power pertaining thereto but lie responsible in case anything goes wrong, I would prefer being a junior officer of the Command or any other Military Train in any portion of your Department.

With pleasure, I am informed the intention of supplying each of the companies with about two cartel horses. This would involve the employment of several experienced men to manage them at least one each ten miles. There are no pack on the soldiers here, nor have I seen any in the army the war. A salary of 

pack train is not an efficient means of transportation. Allow me to suggest that it might be in the interest of saving horse to have the train number of pack horses of full equipment soldiers for each others.

The forces are in position it is not probable many pack horses would be useful in a half or two thirds the number you now do and actual hostilities should declare, which we hope may be avoided.

So each company of the Command there will be needed at least one good team of six horses in an army wagon which resolve the pack horses should part to the Expedition and remain with it. My experience has been that an ambulance may be very useful because of the kind. The transportation of supplies from here across the mountains might properly devolve upon the F. W. Baker of Fort Walla Walla. After a while you might have fully supplied.

I am not certain which Company besides my own "C" had better go to Fort Winter, but I have often expressed the wish that his Company might be one of those selected for the