A. B. Dyer
1st Lieut. 4th Inf.

Fort Monroe, Va
Apl. 2. 1877.

Ans'd by Bladen Apl 17, 1877.

Ans by Gen Howard
May 7th 77 from Mt Lookout

Fort Monroe, Va.
Apl. 2nd '77

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

General -
I am very desirous of eventually getting an appointment in the Subsistence Department; and I went to Washington a few days ago to see General McCrary on the subject -
He told me that, if possible, I had better submit with my application such letters as I might be able to obtain from

my different post and
Department Commanders
relative to my service
under them.
I was under your command
for nearly two years and
hope that my record,
during that time, was
such as to merit your
approbation.
If such be the case
I sincerely hope that
you will give me a
letter to that effect.
Trusting that I may hear
from you I am, General,
Very respy.
A. B. Dyer
1st Lt. 4th Arty.

Jail Sandwich N. H.
April 3. 1877

General -

It is with extreme reluctance that I write to you to bother you with my affairs: but I am far from friends, and in trouble, and it has occurred to me that for the sake of my family you may be willing to put me under further obligations to you.

In a moment of weakness, and while under the influence of liquor, I became engaged in an altercation with the captain of my company, and am to be tried therefor next week. I was not responsible for my actions, was crazy: but apologies and excuses are of no avail: & I fear, for such an offence, a lengthy imprisonment in a convict's cell. A few words from you to General Howard, at Portland, might mitigate the punishment.

May I hope that you will consent to write them? I am aware that I have only myself to blame: but I cannot bear with resignation the thought of two or three years hard labor, and an indelible stain on my character. If you will only request General Howard to show some clemency in the matter, I shall be under everlasting obligations to you.

I beg you to pardon the liberty I take in thus writing, and to excuse the appearance of my letter. I have lately wounded my hands, and write with difficulty.

Very respectfully yours

Robert Travis.

Private Co "C" 21 Ind

General Colonel Schurz
re. re -

Fort Klamath, Oregon,
April 3rd 1877.

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Resp. Sec. of

My dear General,

I have dared to take the liberty of writing to you in reference to a leave of absence I have this day applied for, being encouraged to do so by my personal acquaintance with you, and by my knowledge of your views as to the desirableness of young officers enjoying. It is for this purpose that I desire my leave, and a fear of a further postponement, has induced me to thus state the object of my application. I have had but seven days leave of absence since joining my Company in 1873. I am at present both A.A.I.M. and A.C.S. at this post, but Lieut. Adams and Willich are expected here within a few weeks. Mr. Beach, our

present Post Trader is to be married the 28th of May next, and I should be most obliged if my leave could be granted in time to attend his wedding, he being my prospective Brother-in-law.

I trust, General, that in writing to you the peculiar reasons why my application for leave of absence is submitted at this particular time, I have transgressed no rules of military etiquette or manifested no unwarrantable familiarity. I might have indeed sought the services of my kind friend Capt. Wilkinson, but I knew no reason why I might not expect equal consideration from yourself.

I remain,

With the greatest respect

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Cmd'g Dep't of Columbia

Yours
Geo. S. Hoyle
2 Lieut 3d Cav.

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Paymaster General's Office,

(WAR DEPARTMENT,)

Washington, April 4th, 1877.

Brig. Genl. O. O. Howard,
Commanding Dept. of the Columbia,
Portland, Oregon.

General:

Referring to your communication of 21st ultimo, just received, concerning contributions from enlisted men of your command to the "Henry Wilson Monument Fund", I have the honor to state that since Sept. 18, 1876, I have been acting, at request of General Sherman, as custodian of that fund, having received since that date, the sum of $388.50, from various sources, as see my letter of Feb. 10, 1877, published in Army and Navy Journal - issue of Feb. 17, 1877. As therein stated, the movement originated with the enlisted men at Fort Vancouver, W. T., at a meeting held by them on the 28th January, 1876.

I shall be pleased to receive from you the amount now in your possession, as well as any further contributions which you

may receive to the same object.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

B.A.

Brl - Alford

L.R. 2391-A-1877.

Paymaster General,

U.S. Army.

Alvord, Rev. Nelson

Centralia, Nemaha Co. Kan
Apl. 4, 1877.

P. S. My address is
Centralia Nemaha Co.
Kansas
N. A.

Rec'd by Gaston. Apl. 17. 1877.

Centralia Nemaha Co
Kansas April 4th 1877

Genl O. O. Howard U. S. Army

Dear Sir

I am a reader of the Advance and of course have read your articles on Army Christian Work. From some of those articles I infer that at some of the post in Oregon & Washington Ter. a Chaplain would be welcomed by officers as well as men. For some time I have wished to emigrate to those regions but can hardly risk it without some assurance of an occupation. I had some experience as a Chaplain in the Union army in the late war had two sons in the army though both under eighteen years of age I am in fellowship with the Missionary

Baptist and on very good
terms with the Congregation-
alists If I could be appointed to
some post on the Pacific coast
where I would not be hindered in
religious work with the men by
officers in command and not
too remote from settlements
I believe I would relish the work
I delight to work directly with
men for their conversion, in
other words in evangelistic
work. My family three daugh-
ters and four sons though
immersionists are at present
in communion with the
Congregationalists All are
capital singers and an elder
daughter plays the organ and
piano I state this fact that
you may know that I take with
me a good Choir of singers who

are religious. One son
is married and has been editor of
a paper in Kansas is now
employed in the government
printing office Washington
City. D.C. and a member of Dr
Hunter's Church
I would like to transfer my
family to the Pacific coast
and if I could be appointed to
to some post I could see my way
open to transfer my family in
due time but would ask no one
to aid me till I could furnish
the proper recommendations
If you know of a post as above
indicated and will communicate
with me I will write you further
I am aware that an appointment
must come from Washington
Yours &c
Nelson Atwood

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Chicago, April 4th 1877

San Francisco Cal

Dear friend & Bro

Your very kind letter of the 30th March just this moment rec'd with enclosures as stated. And I hasten to acknowledge with thanks. And can assure you that I appreciate your kindness. And would also be much pleased to visit you, and have the pleasure & profit of your society. And I would like to see the country. But I shall probably be denied that pleasure for the present as I am in the midst of negotiations for the establishment of a paper manufactory near here with good prospect of success. Very responsible parties here have accepted my terms as a basis of operations. The inducements to manufacture paper here are very great. having in one item a protection of $30 per ton it is freight from the Eastern States, or nearly of the paper, used here being

Mr Earl.

Since writing you I have rec'd numerous letters from old friends, among them Senator Timothy O. Howe. & to the Senator & Members of Congress. & others of my business acquaintances which have been very pleasant at least for me to have among strangers.

If my plans are carried out it will be necessary for me to make this country my home for some years to come.

I do my office business during my present stay here at 408 California St. with Flint Peabody & Co. next to Bank of California. Mr Flint tells me he made you acquainted in Washington & has also sent you a pass.

Accept my thanks & kind regards with remembrance to your good children. & Capt Wilkinson

Yours truly

B. F. Ficklin

Washington, D.C.
April 5th 1877

Dear General:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 19th ult. It finds me with a heart sorrowing at the loss of my dear father, and its good words give me much comfort. No doubt General Simpson will have given you all particulars concerning the event long before this reaches you. Father died calmly and with full faith in his Redeemer. Weeks before his death the New Testament was his constant companion and I am sure he became a sincere believer

in all the promises of Christ. Twenty minutes before father died he said: "Oh my Savior, Oh, my Savior" I asked him if he knew me and he said "yes, William." "Do you need anything father?" "No." he replied, and closing his eyes passed away as peacefully as a sleeping infant.

Dr. Rankin came twice during father's illness and prayed with him; and he also read the service at the funeral. The doctor is a good man. He has kindly promised to call on us.

We are all in good

health and Mrs C. joins me in love and good wishes to you all. Young Howard especially is in the best of health, and is the pet of all our friends. I am very proud of him.

Most truly your friend,
W. B. Cudlipp
Room 81 – P. O. Dept.

Genl. O. O. Howard.

Washington, D.C.,
April 6th 1877

Dear General:

I wrote you yesterday, and after sending the letter wondered whether, in view of my already large endebtedness to you, I could conscientiously ask another favor from you. Frankly, Gen., I am weighed down with a load of debt almost too heavy to carry, and no matter in what direction I turn for relief the same old answer is made to my appeal — no help! Sugar-coated and gilded sometimes, but still when washed of the sweets and tinsel fully as painful as the plain refusal. I turn to you therefore, my true friend, to assist me in my present embarrassment. Can you spare me twenty dollars, to be returned to you or your children when my fortune changes for

the better? If you cannot spare the amount without in the least distressing yourself don't send it; but if you can help me, Genl., please do so. I send away out to you for help because I have been refused by every one at home. The expense of my father's funeral, which falls on me alone and so heavily, was $54.50. An uncle, father's brother, who is worth thirty or forty thousand dollars in real estate here helped me in my trouble to the extent of going my security for the amount to the undertaker! I promised the latter that I would pay him at least twenty dollars by the last of April — hence my request. You once told me whenever I wanted your assistance not to hesitate to ask it. Genl., I've wanted bread since that promise was given me, but I could not find it in my heart to ask of you. Now the sacredness of my obligation

to the undertaker prompts me to take advantage of your offer.

I have kept a strict account of my indebtedness to you financially and sincerely hope the day may soon come when I can cancel it. My other indebtedness to you can never be re-paid.

Truly yours,

W. B. Cudlipp,

Room 31 – P. O. Dept.

Guelph. H.B.

April 6. 1877.

$20. sent by telegraph
May 3. 1877. Sladen.
Acted by by Mail May 3. 1877

Personal

Fort Walla Walla W. T.
April 6th 1877.

Dear General Howard.

Lieut. Bailey delivered your message, which gives me great satisfaction. It will afford me pleasure to make all the readiness in my power, but that is very limited at the present time, as regards public property. My Estimates and requisitions are cut down to the minimum for "field service", while any suggestions I might make as to what is necessary to enable me to comply with Department Order No. 25 of 14th ultimo, and letter of instruction therewith, would have no force.

After waiting until this week for some intimation to hand in an

estimate of what in my opinion would be necessary for the expedition I considered it my duty to submit such a paper, and accordingly did so. Officially, nor in any way, have I received any information from the post commander what action has been taken upon it, but the post quartermaster tells me it has been handed to him considerably reduced. My estimate was moderate, for I preferred to get along with less than we really ought to have, for the first few weeks, rather than to have a controversy. I asked for three wagons and an ambulance to remain with the command after crossing the mountains: but two wagons were allowed, and the question of the ambulance held in abeyance. I asked for ~~two~~ six wall tents (after consultation with

Lieut. Miller) naming the purpose for which each is required, and but three were allowed. After a short time a camp becomes very dusty if not taken care of, and fires are apt to spread in timber and grass; and knowing these things my estimate called for some buckets, but the item was crossed out.

For the health and decent comfort of our men Capt. Winters and I are anxious to have half as many common tents as men. The men are generally in pairs, and for every reason it is better there should be but two men in a common tent — in a permanent camp. We were instructed to modify our requisitions so that three men should occupy one tent.

It has been my intention to make no appeal to higher authority until after the command should get away

from here, nor to trouble you with details of the annoyances I meet with, but your message affords me an occasion to refer to them. There is a high wind today and the indications point to hard storm in mountains late eastward. Rumor has it that our C.O. has recently said "troops can to start for the Willowa about May first.

We now live in the quarters formerly occupied by Col. Perry.

Yours Sincerely

S. G. Whipple

P.S.

Shall I make arrangements for your field-mess outfit? Command my services in any way.

W.

Mailed 4.19
Apl 4. 1877

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Paymaster General's Office,

(WAR DEPARTMENT,)

Washington, April 7th 1877.

Genl. O. O. Howard,
Comdg. Dept. Columbia,
Portland, Oregon.

General:

As supplementary to my letter of 4 inst, I desire to say that I will be obliged to you if, in forwarding amount received by you on behalf of Henry Wilson Monument Fund, you will be so kind as to designate the companies and regiments so contributing, with the amount contributed by each company, that I may be enabled to announce the same through the columns of the Army and Navy Journal. — That is to say if you can give them — I will mention them in the Army & Navy Journal

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
B. F. Alvord
Paymaster General, U.S.A.

Monday April 9 '77.

Chicago

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Dear Brother

I find I must answer your receipt on the moment or I am apt to neglect a letter. That MS. must go to the Rechmen & might be brought out here, perhaps. I will gladly examine. Your idea was to bring it out in book-form directly & not first in the Atlantic I think understand? Do not be too sanguine about receipts from it. "Helen's babies" to which you compare it was one book out of a hundred thousand. It was its style – its variety of wit and simple, naturally told dialogue which is not attained once in a hundred years, which gave it its immense sale. I have known many & many a good appearing MS. to fall perfectly flat and have learned to expect that fate.

Now as to your own book, as soon as you hear from Boston of

will, if you wish it, try it here. But I think if Osgood would take it up & push it it might go better. But have you not written it for a Sabbath School book? If so, Henry Hoyt or some other publisher in Phila or Boston might take it up even if Osgood refused. Did you propose to use your own name as author?

You certainly ought to have the benefit of Rowland's criticism if possible. – If necessary I would add mine but you know I cannot answer my ~~Letters often~~ till they are a month old & I only desire to do it if I can really do some good. I do not change your "Hints &c" much, you observe, – but always find some little verbal changes which, if not made, would look awkward in print. I propose, if you are willing, to get out your "Hints &c" in book form & I am sure it would be a valuable book.

With love to all your family

Yours affectionately E. L. Howard

P.S. Mother has
gone to Winnetka
Dellie is delighted
planned – today Dellie
April 3 – Mrs Camp
has been troubling me
somewhat. Dr. says I am
to rest –
Yrs lovingly

Victoria V. T.
Monday April 9th 1877

General O. Howard
U. S. Army
Portland.

General

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Message, in reference to securing the services of Alex. Choquette as Interpreter; as he is not at present in this City, I have forwarded your Message on to him at Skickeene River.

I am General
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
C. P. Gorthue Agt
Stmr. California

Fort Lawrence N. T.
April 10. 1877

Copy of letter this day forwarded "through intermediate Military Channels"

Commanding General
Hdqrs Dept of the Columbia
Portland. Oregon -

General,

Believing that I am justifiable in taking advantage of any technicality which may inure to my benefit, I have the honor to report to you that on my recent trial by G. C. M. at this Post the proceedings of the Court were not read in my presence, on the conclusion of the case: nor, on the reassembly of the Court at 6 P.M. after adjournment, were the previous

Minutes gone over in my presence. Such proceeding is customary: whether it be essential or not I do not know, nor can I satisfactorily ascertain.

Very respectfully, General,
Your obedient Servant

Robert Travis
Pr. Geo. "C" 21 Infty.

Fort Walla Walla.
April 10. 1877.

General. Howard.
Sir:

I take the liberty of writing to you on private business; and to ask you if you are willing to, and can consistently put a favorable endorsement upon an application which I have made for an appointment in the Quartermaster Dept, in case a vacancy shall occur in that corps. I have already the application very strongly endorsed by both Gen. Grover and Gen. Elliott but desire all the Military aid of this character I am able to obtain, and feel satisfied that an endorsement from you

would be very valuable as an addition to what I have. I do not send you the application for the reason that I do not feel that it would be proper without first asking permission to do so, but if you are willing I will immediately forward it by mail.

Very truly yours

F. K. Upham

R. N. 1st Cavalry.

HOLTON HOUSE
FRONT STREET,
PORTLAND, OREGON.
DAN HOLTON, Proprietor.

Portland, Ogn. April 10th 1877

Genl O. O. Howard.
Portland Oregon
General:—

Upon my return from Cascades this evening I find you and being in Portland I called on you to pay my respects. I leave for Tacoma to morrow evening and shall return Thursday evening. Friday morning I will call on you again as I leave for San Francisco on Saturday.

I shall be very glad to meet you, and to carry any message to your friends in Washington that you may desire to send.

Very respectfully,
M. T. Dailey

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Executive Department,

Office of State Treasurer,

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Columbia, S.C. April 1st 1877

Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear General.

You will doubtless see ere this letter reaches you that the struggle for the perpetuation of Republicanism in South Carolina has ended disastrously.

Gov. Chamberlain retires to-day from the contest, and Gen. Hampton takes possession of the State House to-morrow.

Republicanism in South Carolina had many evils annexed with it, and I tried most earnestly to remove them but they seemed almost ineradicable, and I have no hesitation in saying that its internal defects had more to do with its failure, than any external causes.

Whether the new policy of President Hayes is jumping out of the frying pan into the fire or not, time alone will demonstrate. I am willing to see it fairly tried, and hope it may succeed.

It is really pitiful to see the poor colored people here. They regard the triumph of Gen. Hampton as signalizing the return of slavery. They recall

vividly the sufferings of the past, and seeing there in men who are the authors of these sufferings very naturally infer that the punishments are to return to us.

Bishop Bruce held the Ohio Conference here in January last, and while here spoke to me about the Presidency of Howard University, and while in Washington the latter part of February, Prof. Langston, Dr. Augusta, John R. Lynch, and several other friends spoke to me on the subject. They seem desirous to have me accept the Presidency if it were offered me; and stated that they would urge upon the Trustees my election to the position.

I write to inform you of the facts, and to ask your opinion and advice upon the subject. You will remember that I returned here five years ago to help to redeem this State from the bad and humiliating position into which it was thrown by the corrupt men who had untrodden it. It has been a very difficult task, and I have succeeded marvellously. It has been known very unacceptable for me to associate with politicians, and nothing would suit me better than to engage in the mental, moral, and religious work which a connection with the University would present.

Please let me hear your opinions on the subject.

Yours truly, R. L. Cox