

Lufeme. Iowa.

Oct. 1st 1877

Gen. Howard;
Portland, Or.

Dear Sir,

Will you
be kind enough to inform
me if you have in your Div. a
man by the name of John H.
Atwood. He is a friend, who left
here about six years ago, lately we
heard by rumor that he was in
the U. S. A. if you know anything
about him, you will confer a
great favor by letting me



know, as we are very anxious to
find out his whereabouts, if
possible.

Yours Respectfully,

Mrs. Belle Greenlee.

Lucerne, Benton Co.
Iowa.

Oct. 3.

praise and honor.

There is one thing that I
hope you will second our peo-
ple in obtaining, & that is, a set-
tlers station on Horse Prairie.
We are unsafe without such
protection. Indeed, we are now
in secret fear of Tin Do's band.
They are here begging & demand-
ing food, and beef cattle.
The people are doing all they
can for them. Their Agency
is at Salmon River about 20
miles from here. But there is nothing
there for them - only an agent empty
handed - but I must close. I can
refer you to many men of high standing
will mention Judge Knowles, Geo. Mills,
and Geo. Little. I remain
very yours
S. D. Durlap
Nov 28 1877

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Baumack, Oct 3^d 1877

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir;

When the Nez
Peres came through Horse
Prairie they stole all of my
work horses and some young
stock. My brand is H. D.
Mr. A. K. Cruikshank in
your employ as a scout of
Capt. Robbins is a young
man of truth and good stan-
ding morally and socially.
Is my brother in law and
interested in my horses.

The work horses are not
branded. Most of the young
stock is. The loss of my hor-

ses, especially the work horses
is a serious loss to me. I am
a poor man of large family
and an invalid. I have not
a horse to hitch to a wagon
to haul my wood, hay, and
do my general work.

I hope Mr. Crutshaw will
succeed in finding them.

I write this letter to you, hoping
thereby to facilitate his getting
the horses, by kindly asking
you to repose confidence in
him, and to deliver to him.

all mine that he may satis-
factorily prove, and all of my
neighbors, of whom he has
orders. These orders may be
blunderingly written, but I hope
you will help us. I want my
horses, more than their worth now
as winter is approaching, and
it requires a great deal of wood

to do a family in this cold
country:

I have been sick ever since
last Jan. and the excitement
caused by the Nez Percés passing
through here and murdering and
plundering were heavily upon me.

I have watched your efforts &
seen all the unfavorable criticism.
I am your friend still—it is
useless to attempt details. I write
a good deal for the papers when I
am able. The Helena Herald had
a good many letters from me
during this remarkable campaign
against the Nez Percés. I do think
the government is to blame, and
much more the last Congress.

I believe to all candid thinking
people, your efforts so to do your
duty are commendable, and that
when the details of the campaign
are written up, that you will receive

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Horse Prairie Oct 3rd

General Howard

Dear Sir
when the Reg. Forces Passed
through here on the 12th of
Aug last they stole 16 horses
and 2 mules from my
Ranch I heard you had
recaptured some of my horses
I sent Alex. Benckshank
an order for to get them
now Sir will you be kind
enough to let him have
all of my Brand V on
left shoulder I gave him
a description of said horse
my Brand is recorded in
Virginia City Montana ter

Creekshank is in one of
Capt Robines Scouts of your
Command Creekshank when
at home lives on Horse
Prairie Beaver head Co Mo Des
and I place confidence in
him to bring my Horses home
Please deliver all of my Brand
to him that he may find with
On left Shoulder my Colts
was not Branded that was
sucking their Mothers

Yours Truly
J H Hamilton
Horse Prairie
Beaver Head County
Montana Territory
My W



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Allegheny, Pa. Oct. 6 1877

Gen O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

In looking over
some papers I find your
favor of Mar. 3. 1877. in re-
ference to an application, a
request from some of my col-
ored, & too partial friends, in
Washington City, as to my
being made Chancellor
of Howard University. This
letter to me & one to Chan-
cellor Woods were sent
me by Rev. Wm. Waring
of the P.O. department. I
fear they were never even
acknowledged or ^{been} rec^d.
I cannot report of the im-
possible. Dr. Woods & I are
both utterly overworked. This
is all I can say in the
way of explanation or apol.

Wadsworth - 29y - The D^r is well,
~~the~~ knowing very well
what trouble is - trouble
arising mainly from
false brethren - He is
now living in Swarth
by 12 miles from Pitts
where I have long re-
sided. ^{I think we give a comfort to each other} We can say as you
have doubtless oft time
said "It is a small matter
that I am judged of you"
a man's judgment -
Inst or Bro Smith of the
In. Bureau & Howard
University - But we shall
not always be judged
by Washington gossip
or the bitter hate of
the Democratic party
or Indian haters
devils under the feet
of Western Americans -
The dear Lord preserve
you - pray
your friend
Jos S Knodt

528. 20th Street

Washington D.C.

October 11th 1877.

Genl O.O. Howard

U.S.A.

Genl:

Enclosed please find a description of a "March" with Genl Crook, with a slight tribute to yourself. I assure you that the feelings of every-one, who is at all acquainted with the country passed over by your command has been with you. I do not know you personally, but I believe you know my mother, and have met my father, who was an officer of the old army and died during the War.

With great Respect

Yours very truly

S.C. Sumner

(Capt) U.S. Army.

Recd. Oct. 23. 1899.

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Bakersfield Kern Co
California Oct 11th 77

To

General Howard

Commander in chief 150

North Pacific Division U. S. A.

Walla Walla, W. T.

Sir

You will pardon me for troubling you to forward the enclosed to a particular friend that I have heard nothing of since July 27th at that time he was helping to cut a military road through Lowlo Trail and mentioned his intention of going through with the campaign. on what service he enlisted I do not know but it must have been from the 10th to the 20th July either at Lewiston or Lapwai or vicinity. If anything has happened to him you would oblige me by letting me know to the above address

I am
your

obedient servant
Robert Jamerson

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ALLAN RUTHERFORD,

(LATE 3RD AUDITOR U. S. TREASURY.)

Attorney and Counsellor at Law,
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Washington, D. C., Oct 14, 1877

Genl. O. O. Howard

General,

I take the liberty of writing you to say that I am now engaged in practice here and should be greatly obliged for your kind recommendation to anyone having business before the Court or Departments here. I make a specialty of settling Officers accounts, obtaining Pensions &c. In your late Campaign against the Indians I see that many from your Command were killed and wounded and it is often the case that Soldiers and their Widows who are entitled to Pensions are much annoyed and delayed by not knowing how to apply for the same or by falling into the hands of unscrupulous lawyers. I enclose some of my cards

ALLAN RUTHERFORD

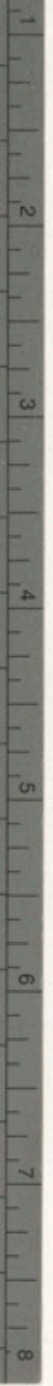
My Dear Young
Allan Rutherford



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To Send. C. C. Howard

In the field

Via Fort Ellis

Will be at Ellis by
the time you receive this
Please send any special
instructions you may
have

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471-I Street N. W.

Washington Oct 19th // 1852

Dear Sir

I hope you will excuse the liberty I take in addressing you, or rather troubling you when I know how busy you are kept by those Indians, but I have no other alternative, as so much depends on a few words from you in favor of having my daughter's salary raised for there are only two or three of them who are getting that salary (\$40) forty dollars, all the others at the same table, & doing the same work, getting from sixty to seventy-five dollars, and it only requires a few words from you to have it done. I know it is a great deal to ask, but if you know my distressed situation & that I could without infringing on your time & patience repeat my same old story of my husband going back to drink & abandoning the family altogether. When you visited my house last summer you saw Mr. Shillenn I believe for the first time, he had then left off drinking, & giving fair promises to do better, he got me to rent that house & lay out about \$50 to fit up that little office, where he might have done very well if that demon whiskey had been left alone but, alas! for the poor weak mind who is under the influence of that curse, he fell, & with him his business and so threw his poor little family back on poor Hattie, the one you put in office six years ago, Oh! General Howard it is not in my power ever to repay your kindness, for had it not

been for you. I don't know what would have become of us, for we
have only this one prop to rely on. & you must know what a ~~trial~~
trial I have, six of us in family with such small means.
My second daughter would only be too glad to get something
to do, & I have tried every means in my power to get something
for her, to get her in a store &c. &c. but everything has gone
against me a drunkard's wife, do pity & forgive my rashness
for at times I almost doubt my sanity. when I see so much
required of me & my utter inability to act, unless I can
have more means than I have at present, so in conclusion
please let me feel that I have one kind friend, in this world
of whom I dare ask a favor, it may be the last one I shall
have the opportunity to ask through my declining health.
But thank God when this world's trials are over, I feel that
I have a home provided above, & was it not for those precious
promises, I should have dropped in an early grave, but
thanks to an all wise Providence I am still spared to watch
over & guard my little family till they are better able to do
for themselves. I will now conclude with the hope of that
you & your family are in the enjoyment of health & happiness
& that I shall hear from you by return granting my request
if you will please send the letter to me, I will take it to the
Commissioner but if you think it would be better for you to
write to the Commissioner direct, use your own judgement
only use your influence in our behalf & accept the ever
grateful thanks of

Yours Sincerely

Ann E. Shillena

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THE ARIZONA CITIZEN.

TUCSON

October 20 1877

My Dear Sir: I have not always spoken
or written pleasantly of you, but you
have done more prompt, hard and per-
sistent and I may ^{say} successful
marching in the "Wey" Perce Campaign
than has ever been done in the same period
of time by any other Department Commander
within my knowledge, and I am glad to have
the opportunity of saying so. I this day mail
you a copy of my paper. Yours truly, John Wasson



WRITE TO

Car.

Oregon.

Will take up 2 separate letters
proceedings 8

Blackburn, Minnesota

Dec 23^d 1877

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Gen. O. O. Howard U.S.A.

His Comd'g Dept of Columbia

Portland Oregon

Gentlemen by the time

Will you be kind

enough to inform me

if my bagonet was

used in any way

during your campaign

against the Indian

this would be greatly

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he was grateful for
his information.

My address by the time
a letter can reach me
will be small Cornbridge

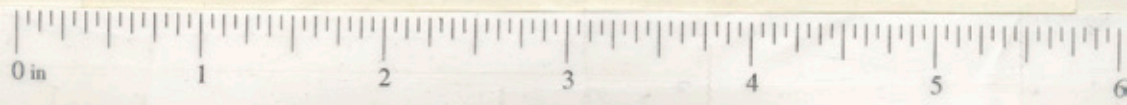
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I remain with great

respect - your obedient servant

L Rice

11 Rt B^d Prof



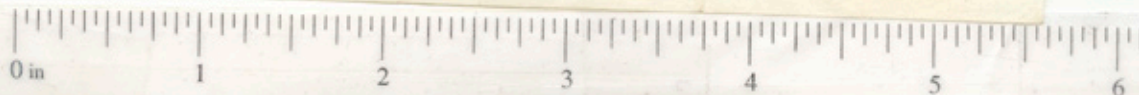
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who is requested to state what he
may know concerning the matter
mentioned of within.

By command of Brig. Gen. Howard

J. A. Slader

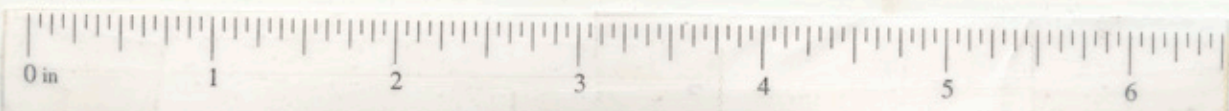
Adj.

Dec. 27 1877.



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December 5. 1877

Madam, D. J.

Went 14th by A. R. C.

Refer communication of
Lieut. E. Rice 8th Infantry,
asking if his baggage had
been used during the
Tex. Seco Campaign, to
state what General Warren
may know concerning it.

Went Jan 15. 1878

as the case as my instructions
but is answered, I would prefer to
Record 80000, Dec 11. 1877

Asst. Inspector Genl. Office
Headquarters Department of the Columbia,
Santa Fe, N. M.

Went Dec 12. 1877
Respectfully returned to Lieut.
E. Rice.

As mentioned in last, the
Rice General Baggage passed
last during the Texas
baggage to be a very valuable
addition to the obsolete
equipment. I heard the
officer often speak about
it in the highest terms. I
think all who had occasion
to use it think it should be
part of the field equipment
of the foot troops. The opinion
was often expressed to me that
it was really superior to the
interchangeable tools issued by
the Ordnance Department.
As a General I don't
approve of it. On my former

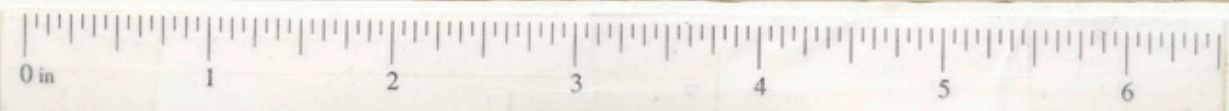
transmission baggage for reference
by the General Baggage
General Warren for my use
of a baggage in General Warren

it should never be put on the
ground. The General Bag-
gage for the guns, Rice's
tools for the interchanging
tools, should make all
infantry equipment com-
plete.

Wm. L. Mason
Major 21st Infantry
A. S. Camp. General.

W. L. Mason

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New York - October 24th 1877 -

My dear General

Since my arrival in this city, I find that my Eastern friends have interested themselves in my behalf to secure ^{for me} if possible a position in the Pay Department as Pay Master. If you feel disposed to afford your valuable assistance towards obtaining this transfer for me - I shall be under still deeper obligations for your kindness, of which my former experience holds me still grateful - I shall remain in this city for the present - & would be pleased to receive any letter of commendation you may have time & inclination to indite, to my address Care of Hd Qrs Mil Div of the Atlantic -

Very truly & respectfully

Yours Obedt

Gm. O. O. Howard
Comd Spt Columbia
Portland Me

E. A. Hancock
Capt 4th Regt -

Dec 24

Wid. Mrs. Thomas

Dear Mr. [Name] of the [Organization] -
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the [Subject] and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours, [Name]

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~~New York~~ Oct. 24 1857North Adams
Mass.Genl. A. A. Howard.
Portland Oregon.

Dear General:

I have watched the course of your late Indian Campaign with great interest and more so especially, as I saw the disposition of the press of the country to criticize you harshly and as I knew most unjustly. So far as I could judge of your pursuit of Joseph and your engagements with him displayed more ability and energy and resulted in closing the Indian War more speedily than any ~~thing~~ ^{campaign} we have before seen. no matter by whom controlled or executed.

I desire to make a suggestion. You probably have seen

but little of the comments
made by the press upon you and
the campaign. In a word
they have been silly and severe.

I would suggest that in writing
your report that you put it
in such form and language
that the full magnitude of
your work shall be apparent
and show that the final capture
of the band was a result fol-
lowing of necessity to whoever
should block this line of Joseph's
march and at the same time
make a reputable fight. This
will in no way detract from
the honorable ^{conquer} and gallant fight
of General Miles. But it will
put the campaign made by
yourself in its true light and
meet properly many things said
unjustly of yourself.

I am making a visit here
with my brother. Give my kind
regards to Mrs. Howard.

Very truly, J. W. Osborn

Emory
Oct 25th 1877
Recd 26th Oct 26

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Salun, Ory.
Oct. 25th 1877.

Em

E. B. Bobbitt. Esq.

Portland.

Dear Sir:

I again take the
liberty of addressing you,
hoping you will pardon me
for transposing upon your
time.

I read in the 15th inst.
a long letter from mother,
in which she states having
written a long appeal to
Capt. Ainsworth, in my
behalf. Father having re-
turned from N.Y. to ill to
meet Capt. Ainsworth.

I also read a letter

to day from home under
date of Boston the 15th inst. and
states having not recd any
reply to the appeal, which
was mailed on the 8th inst.
Mother seems very anxious.
But still hopes and prays
that her efforts have not
been in vain.

Father will write Genl,
Howard, as soon as he
arrives at your city.

My Parents are still at
the St. James, in Boston, and
will probably remain there
all winter.

I am in as good health
as I could wish; only
very anxious to get free
once more.

Thanking you for your
many favors, and I hope

that I may soon have
the pleasure of re-appoint-
ing.

I subscribe myself
your obt. Servt.
J. F. Emery.

A. J. CARRIER,
Attorney at Law

No. 3,
PENNINGTON'S BLOCK.

Yankton, Dakota, Oct. 26th 1897

My dear General Howard:

I Congratulate you. And I rejoice to see you growing into that credit for your campaign which all true men who really know you never doubted for a moment you really deserved, notwithstanding the poor, but devilish slurs, slipshod men of heart & brain have ceaselessly tried to cast upon you - I wrote you last summer but you were then away from Portland & may not have received my letter yet.

I have remembered with a warm and glowing heart the interest I have had in your sacred moment and assure you of the sincere and warm affection of a brother - I have wished a hundred times I could be with you since I have been able to get round as usual, having been quite sick; but as this could not be you have had my heartfelt prayers.

When I heard that you were coming down the Missouri I was very happy for I want to see you very much - But now I learn you are to meet the Command at Omaha I would like to know

if possible when & how long you will
be there so that if possible I may come
down to see you - But I may say in very
few words here that I will be glad if you can
make some use of my experience among the
Indians - I am perfectly positive that more
than one half of the trouble with Indians
is caused by bungling & bad management
on the part of Government officers. *A. J. Lemmon*

But no mortal man has ever been able to
say of me that I did not control my Indians
successfully and absolutely - so much so indeed
that I accomplished with them reforms
that men outside the Agency intuitively
acquainted with Indians for twenty years
& upwards declared they would never have
believed any man could ever accomplish if
they had not actually seen them done by me
and under my management - This is true.

I did achieve a work of which I have reason to be
satisfied. Conquering their prejudices and captivating
their reason & judgment - which can never be done
among any human beings without absolute fairness
& frankness always & everywhere - Part Hare
of the Episcopal Church in Charge of Agencies here
was informed that I was profane and on this on the
eve of his departure for Europe asked my removal
& I was removed accordingly without a hearing - I think
the true reason was that I was not to be managed either
by insiders or outsiders - How can I see you - & how can you make
some use of me, there is no business here - Faithfully yours
A. J. Lemmon