Grown would not take any notice of them. I suppose he wished me to write, because 'you was fast there, and so I have informed you somewhat in advance. And so you will be likely to know the whole thing when you review the proceedings of the Court. I think it would not be of any use to write the report at San Francisco. He also complains of the cruel treatment received at the Pea House. Then at Walla Walla, step. If he go to the rear or attend to a call of nature, he is made to walk the Bulging ring with a log; after treatment, step he can't go on the sick report, if he needs to, and for every ten minutes he remains on it is two hours.

Chicago, Nov. 1, 1877

G. O. C. Howard
50th U.S. Inf. Command of the Column:
Portland, Oregon

Dear Pauline

Since I wrote you last evening, I have received a letter from my son, A. M. Walla Walla Oct. 21st in which he says, 'I write you about my charges were, giving false alarm before the council, and of course, you know the specifications are always, all they can bring against him. We again see the historian by George. Pavell and Jean. Comment of his being tied up by little with, and threat,'
Of being Pickled and poured
And jumping on his stomach
May he have been unwise and
Shamefully advised, and hopes
That he will never have to go on
Army in Y Company again and
I now only report what
I have written here today that
I sincerely hope and pray that
You will either by a Surgeon's
Certificate of Disability
on physical and mental
Unsuitability, or in some other
Way, see your way clear
to discharge him from the
Service. In regard to
His treatment at the time of
His arrest, I think you considered
It me here, that he should ought
to make a Complaint at
the time. Well in this letter,
he informs me, that he did
make out Charges against

Lieutenant Parnell and sent
them to Cool. Gave over the Reg.
Commander, but he wrote one,
that he thought it seemed he did
Not even investigate it. He told
me, that if an Enlisted man has
been abused by an Officer, is
as anything, from the Articles of War
he informed the Board his case to his
Regt. & Colone, and it shall be
his Duty to Summons a Regt.
Court Martial. And then, he has
ordered to do so. You can prove
will he states, against the Officer
for I have already done so,
When I was tried. Many men
Witnesses were called off by me,
and told the Court how I
was abused, and will take both
again, if Called upon to do so.
I feel佈desires me to write to
you. The Dowell about it
And in particular that Cool.
hours at the Ring. I can't imagine how such treatment is going to reform them, or what good it can possibly do, or how it can be for the good of the Service.

But I will not attempt to criticize or pass upon my own duties and regulations of the Service, and don't see I can add anything to what I have written within the last few days. I think if you read and investigate the whole matter, you will do what is best for the Ring, and also for the good of the Service.

And as I said before, my opinion is, that it will be for the benefit of both, if the Should be discharged. Capt. Perry was of this opinion, and wrote me so, more than
a year ago, and earnestly recommended his discharge. So I can't see as I can say more, only this concerning his cruel treatment, when arrested at Mrs. Idaho, that perhaps he resisted and might have been disabled when they attempted an arrest, and so resisted the arrest. I don't know, but it don't seem to me as though any officers with a spark of humanity in their souls, would treat a soldier in such a cruel and outrageous manner as they did him. The poor boy, I pity him. It don't seem as though he knows what he is about at times. I leave it all with you, relying on your good judgment, justice, and humanity. I am, my dear General, very truly, your friend B. F. Pratt.
Nov 2d

P. S. I was thinking whether or not in one of my recent letters, I referred to the matter of his being placed under arrest and confined in the Grand House at Lefqoa for nearly a month in July, for what was said to have happened at Mt. Idaho about the last of June, a part of July, then he was released from confinement, went on duty, and to the front again with his Co, returning about a month, then as he says, sent to, and confined in the Grand House again, about another month, and then told of what happened previous to his being released, and performing duty with his Co.
Of course it is not for one to say, whether such proceedings are right, and such good of all concurred, but it does seem to me, as though he had been, as he says, wronged and shamefully abused, and I do sincerely hope, as I have said before, that he may be examined by a competent surgeon, and if found to be, as in my opinion he is, incompetent to perform the duties of a Soldier, on account of physical and mental disability, which, I don't say at all times, but sometimes, renders him incapable of doing as he ought, by having no control over himself.
Hampton, Va., Nov. 1, 1877.

Dear General Howard:

I have been in Washington for two days, and Mr. Whittelsey, grant, and Mr. E. H. Haynes and his secretary, Col. Rogers, are interested — the latter very much so.

Shove your work along.
Washington authorities about this place, and face it. I think it would do you good.

I hope your family are all well and that you have reason for your magnificent March in pursuit of Joseph. My love to you.

 yours,

J.C. Armstrong
Nov. 2, 1877
San Francisco.

Woodworth, James.

My Montgomery Block
November 22, 1877

Dear Sir,

I called to see you by the Hotel, this evening, but not finding you in, I left my card, which you no doubt received. You will hardly remember me, I presume, at Mission Hall, two or three years ago, and yet I had no hesitation in calling, for I knew that you were as ready to welcome a fellow soldier as in the Army of the Confederacy. You are in the Army. What hope that you

[Handwritten text obscured by damage]
Dear sir, would be no
better if next week
and that we should
have the pleasure of
meeting you at the
weekly gathering of our
ministers, say Monday
morning. But I see by
the paper you have left
for tonight, on the North,
my that in this we shall
be disappointed.
I should have been very
much pleased also to
have your visit and ad-
vice by mission Sunday.
We must all
knowing "look to on
marchings orders" and
if able to come
present at meeting
again at this the end
of war, we shall. I

trust, when the struggle
is ended, meet with the
rest of our delegation
on the old shoe, etc.
"Enraged with glee at his feet,
We'll say, come water down,
and spread the rest of the
community in achieving the
story of the conflict through
which I hope will lead us to the victory, now
awaiting in
You help you hence
and give us as great
speech in the minds of
be done in the past,
in subduing both his
enemies and those of
the government made
whose color you are se-
ring.

Born in the Lord Jesus,
James Woodcock.
Boston, Nov 2nd 1877.

Yank O.O. Howard.

Washington, D.C.

Dyin.

Would you please write an autograph on the two enclosed cards & return to me—yam will carry a great favor an—

Very Rly yours.

One for

J.E. Reid

E.D. E. Reid

9 Davis St.
Mount Idaho, S.S. Nov. 14th, 1877

Gen. C. O. Howard

Dear Primel,

I hear that you would return to Portland on or about this 5th Inst. So allow me to congratulate you in behalf of your success and safe return. We have had a very pleasant set of officers at Camp Howard this Summer and they were ever ready to meet Joseph had he been disposed to come this way. Major Hancock (now commanding at Camp Howard) called on me today and informed me that Dr. Brooks is ordered to be relieved from this place, I would like the position as contract Surgeon for this Post and ask your assistance in procuring the appointment for me. I also wish to ask another favor of you. You know that I was in Portland during the Indian outbreak.
that I returned as soon as possible. That you furnished me with a gun and such escort as you could furnish at that time, and that I was the first physician to arrive at Mt. Idaho then the place of so much suffering. I can assure you that I did all in my power to assist the wounded. Furnished all medicines and dressings at my own expense. I have put in a memorial before Congress for the amount of fifteen hundred dollars as to which I think is a reasonable compensation for my labor and medicine. I have received no pay for this work nor never can unless by such a memorial. This memorial was signed by Judge Clark of 1st Judicial District, J. H. Sexon, District Attorney, S. P. Brown, Hon. S. S. Yerick, Hon. Hon. Pre-Berman, etc., of Idaho, and many of the prominent citizens of this place.

I now ask you to write to the Department and recommend the passage of this bill, either have your letter placed on file and notify Hon. S. S. Yerick that your letter is there and you would send direct to him who says, and in fact
that you can able to
come up with some of
your original force and at
the end direct the same
result. Everything Indian
is as quiet as humble bear
just now, have a lot of
teams with agreeable, it
in frequent escort of cour-
teses from them. They are
now grinding at their kill
much the largest Corp they
have in service, and they had
been some satisfied that
Joseph Captain has done good,
and that his escape would
have been bad.

As I could not communicate
with you, I did as I believed

Purposely Confidential.

St. Louis, Dec. 4, Sunday—77.

My Dear General,
In the first
time since the close of
your memorable campaign
I feel tolerably certain that
a letter to you will be
received by you in a reasonable
time after it is mailed—
I had some times dated
myself to send you this
envelope, but thought it safer
to wait until this seemed
to be some certainty that my
letter would not be confounding
about the Department of the
I was not able to

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Incredible
And let our congratulations be not only on your return to your wonderful country, and your friends, but on having made so many and various difficulties, heard the capture of the hostiles, and through that, future comparative peace in one Indian nation, with Joseph's fame in view, can hardly consider any other hostiles will be able to be so persistently followed and ultimately captured. What a frightful march you have had, marching with Java's animals, a wiley enemy who not only started with a large army, but after the last song when all was quiet, leaving the country bare.
Sorry to say I am coming on my own Sundays (I mean that before) to carry out my mining order to create
devotion. Could have accomplished this long ago, etc., etc. to near all time of supplies with good team has been to
explain me of transportation, have not been able to get down from the Mountains but a few of the 2 thousand logs
I have ready for St. Paul, shelter for Government, etc., etc., to 25 or 30, etc., etc., to 25 or 30, etc., etc., to 25 or 30, etc.,
this winter, even all under cover, the a trip around they will get along admirably. Office all have a dream
aprice of about 10 cents per person who hear a price each. For super contracts
if we can secure authority to cut wood
on Reservation can supply not by con-
tract for 50 or 1 each, etc., etc. I want
to go for my family early spring but
must put up an additional cabin
here to hold them in these little points
you must be worn out I will not trouble you any further just
You would with as-
Fassig, you were a
formal order in the, etc., etc.,
letter, most Conrad I daggel
with their two Companies to
the Yakama River Falls.
They are doing well there I
are all right for the winter,
Supply's with all ars, etc.,
until May 31/78, and with
nearby all ars, etc., etc., etc.,
June 30/78. Some may
be said of supplies for the
Two Companies at Camp Goldman.
For all from my cell here, I
keep Lt. Col. Moore in the
Spokane Command, etc.,
my doing will mean a senior
Captain, and Mr. Andrews get
secure here. - Uncork it at
HF Italy. He could have been any uncomfortable had he been left here, no one could see much with him, and I am at great losses that he did not take his family with him. It is M. Madame H. was down again some days ago, and asked one of our cap-tains where he was. He directed him to buy her a bottle of something. For days ago, I hear that he is drunknow; instead of being a tenant of some notorious prostitute, he is living with her and the two are called up to be Court; the cause of which occupied by Mr. H. has named her act, will not have her as a tenant after this suit. The two, David P. & his wife together are a heavy load for any Regiment. Camp, I think if you could have understood the situation fully, you could thoroughly have appreciated my anxiety to be rid of them. I know when Wood left her, that he would work for David's release, indeed we got the impression that rather than to give the trouble of coming so far from Oakland again, both Sally & Wood would willingly sit on a scene for life with such a field officer with such a family. Both I. H. was worn out, worries when they left for fear they would be able to return for David's trial. Have often wondered if you saw my letter accompanying the charges.
now expect to say that I would like to feel that my private letters are for your eyes only, and not for W.H. to read.

With that feeling, I can always write you on subjects I would not otherwise care to discuss on paper.

I feel very much out of the way here, on the edge of a command. It seems you wished me to supervise somewhat, but in response to your telegram to put me in command of whole upper country, I found myself with really no control in orders, and limited to either Catville or this place for U.S. In one of these may be you can put me in a more central location as telegraphic communication is where my little ones can sometimes see a church or school.
Please remember me to Mrs. Howard and also to the staff, and to Wilkinson and Streams especially.

Wilkinson can tell you enough about Hancock and his family. With earnest hope for your future comfort and success in a good long rest after your privations believe me to be as always

Your faithfully

Ben. C. Howard
Dr. A. C. Curtiss
Portland, Or.
Wyoming Seminary,
Kingston, Pa., Nov. 7th,

Brig. Gen. W. D. Howard,
Portland, Oregon,

General:

I am trying to get an appointment as Surgeon to the U.S. Naval Academy, and the object of my writing to you is to ask your assistance by a letter to the President, dam a son and the only child of the late Capt. John J. Whitney, 607, 55th Pa. Volts, who was killed at Spottsylvania May 17, 1864. Enclosed please find the obituary of my father which was written by Capt. H. H. Moody, 55th Regt. Pa., who was wounded at Fair Oaks and Antietam and was afterwards Examining Surgeon at Scranton, Pa. It gives a short history of my father and in ad-
dation I would say that he also signalized himself at the Battle of Gettysburg by volunteering to act as aid or lookout to Col. Brooke condg. his Regt. All through this fierce battle he carried messages to & fro over routes which were exposed to heavy cross-fire from the enemy. I have letters requesting my appointment from General Hancock, Gen. Badeau, Brooke, Lt. Col. of Infy, formerly Col. 53d P.V., Col. Muntiez late Col. 33d, and Capt. Rice, Capt. in 53d. I hope to obtain letters from Generals Mc Dowell and Me Gellaw.

I have numerous letters from the most prominent citizens of this vicinity. I think I can obtain letters from Generals Hoyt and Osborne, as they say they knew my father well and they know of me. Of course I cannot ask those who do not know me to recommend me as fit for leadership, but I do ask...
CAPTAIN JOHN J. WHITNEY.

Of all the brave and good men who have fallen in the late battles in Virginia, there were none braver or better than Capt. John J. Whitney, of Company F, 53d Regiment, Pa. Vol. Originally from Wyoming County, he came to Dallas, in this county, about the year 1857, and engaged in the mercantile business, where, by his uprightness and affability he won many warm and ardent friends. At the breaking out of the rebellion he closed his business, and in September of 1861, enlisted as a private in the same company that he commanded at the time of his death. Soon after enlisting he was appointed a Sergeant, but upon the organization of the regiment he was detailed for duty in the quartermaster’s department. In this capacity he won the respect and esteem of the officers and men of the whole regiment. For nearly one year he was acting quartermaster of the regiment, and could have continued in that capacity to the end of the war, but receiving his commission as Captain, he preferred to join his company and share with them their hardships.

He enlisted from patriotic motives, and in all the changes in rank and duty through which he passed, he never forgot them. Impelled by such motives, he was always found at his post.

During the late battles in Virginia he was not found wanting. In the grand charge made by his division (Barlow’s, of Hancock’s corps), it was he who first laid his hands upon the rebel General Stuart, of Johnson’s division. For this act General Hancock presented him with a sword upon the spot. On the 17th inst., while with his regiment supporting a battery, he was struck in the groin by a grape shot, from the effects of which he died in three hours. Thus the army has lost a brave officer, and society a good citizen.

He leaves a wife and one child to mourn his death. Sad, indeed, is the thought of their loss—but what pen can compute the legacy he has left them. In years to come, when the history of these trying times shall have been recorded, with what satisfaction and pride they can say that my husband or my father did not desert the old flag, or set up factious opposition to the government in her trying hour; but that he gave up the comforts of home, the society of friends and loved ones, and finally his life in defence of his country.

H. P. M.

Scranton, May 27, 1864.

The above is a duplicate of the original, which appeared in one of the county papers during May, 1864.
Nov. 5, 1877

To His Excellency
Honorable Mr. C. Howard, M. E.
Gov. Alaska Territory

Esteemed Sir,

May I have the pleasure of bringing forward with your autograph on the enclosed card-I wish it simply as a memento of the government of "76"-I trust you will grant me the request,

I am your obedient servant.

G. Marshall Craig
Dpx. No. 1781 Post Office
Philadelphia, Penna.
Nov 5.

[Handwritten text with multiple lines, partially legible, indicating historical or legal content, with a date stamped 'Dec 29. 1877.']
What is a secret to you, I'm sure you will describe to our family, who are all away at College.

The country will be affected by the depression of our present civil war. How truly sad it is to see so many homes broken up.

I wish you all well.

Let us not take our blessings with unthankfulness, for we will not find them always.

Also, as Joseph said, you could call it his devotion to the duty, its faithfulness to his profession, in its ability to conduct the work, the work of God, to the best advantage.

I will be sure to write you from one side of a 2 or 3 sq ft with作文
to the other side, because its weight is so small, & its stuffing so great that it could not be held balanced by a weight on the top side from which it is written. Hence, also in accordance with the nature of the material & its veracious transparencies, etc.

Hence, the letters should also be as clear as possible, as they are in this piece.

Hence, a small but careful writing & the work, careful enough to not write very many words, is needed.

I'm haste I close by asking to write an answer that you will save the matter of law.

I shall have to spend a few days, and so write, but will try to convey more fully what you have in mind.

In haste.

Your beloved,

[Signature]
Tacoma, Wash. T. Nov. 7th. 1877.

Dear Sir,

We heartily congratulate you on your successful campaign, nothing in the history of all our Indian wars to equal it. It shows we did wish and pray for your success, but all we could do was to quench a little of the fire in your rear.

Have sent your box of kindling a little ahead of Christmas this time. It goes by R. R. in the morning if not delivered to you it will be found at O & R Co. Warehouse.

Very Truly Yours,

John W. Ackerson,
538 Yokson Street, San Francisco, Cal.
November 8th, 1874

General O. O. Howard
U. S. Army
Portland
Oregon.

Dear Sir,

A bill is now before Congress providing for the establishment of pension districts and appointing examining surgeons for the same. Should the bill pass I think of making an application to the Secretary of the Interior for a position as one of the examining Surgeons.

You could I think assist me very much by giving me a recommendation based on your knowledge of my services while in the Department you now command.

I served in the Department of the Columbia for four years, most of the time under your command.

I am General,
Very Respectfully,
your Obedient Servant

G. L. Stirling