

Grover would not take any
notice of them &c. I suppose
he wished me to write Mc
Dowell, because you was
not there, and as I have
informed you somewhat in
ridg and to it, and as you will
be likely to know the whole,
when you review the proceed-
ings of the Court, I don't
know as it will be of any use
to write the Genl at San Francisco.
He also complains of the cruel
treatment received at the Grand
House, than at Walla Walla.
Says if he go to the rear
to attend to a call of nature,
he is made to walk the Bull
ring, with a log, after retreat.
Says he can't go on the sick
report, if he needs to, and
for every ten minutes he
misses work it is two hours

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Chicago Nov 1. 1877

Gen. O. O. Howard

Comd'g Dep't of the Columbia
Portland Oregon

Dear General

Since I wrote you
last evening, I have received
a Letter from my Son, dated
Walla Walla Oct 22^d in which
he says, ~~that~~ I wrote you what
my charges were, giving false
alarm before the Evening,
and of course you know the
specifications are always all they
can bring against you -
He again recites his treatment
by Lieut Parnell and Sergeant
Conroy, of his being tied
up by his wrists, and throat,

of being kicked, and pounded,
and jumping on his stomach &c
Viz. he has been wronged, and
shamefully abused, and hopes
that he will never have to go on
duty in F. Company again, and
I can only ~~say~~ repeat what
I have written heretofore, that
I sincerely hope and pray that
you will, either by a surgeons
certificate of Disability,
on physical and mental
unsoundness, 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 your remarks
to me here, that he had ought
to make a Complaint at
the time. Well in this letter,
he informs me, that he did
make out Charges against

Levin Parnell and sent
them to Col. Grover the Reg.
Commander, but he writes me,
that ~~he did not~~ it seems, he did
not even investigate it. He ^{writes} me,
that if an Enlisted man has
been abused by an Officer, (is
copying from the Articles of war)
he can report his case to his
Regt- & Comdr, and it shall be
his duty, to summon a Regt- &
Court Martial, and then he has
failed to do so. Says he can prove
all he states against the Officer.
for I have already done so,
when I was tried. My ^{own}
witnesses were called up by me,
and told the Court how I
was abused, and will take Oath
again, if called upon to do so.
He wishes me to write to
Gen- & M^r Dowell about it
and in particular that Col.

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hour on the Ring. I

can't imagine how such
treatment is going to reform
him, or what good it can
possibly do - or how it can be
for the good of the Service -
But I will not attempt to
criticise or find fault with any
of the rules and regulations of
the Service, and don't ^{know} and I
can add anything to what I
have written, within the next
few days. I think if you
review and investigate the whole
matter, you will do what
is best for the Boy, 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
he should be discharged.
Capt Perry was of this Opin-
ion, and wrote me so, more than

a Year ago, and earnestly
recommended his Discharge.
So I don't see as I can say
more, only this Concerning his
cruel treatment, when arrested at
Neh Idaho, that perhaps he
might have been ^{excited and} deranged
when they attempted to arrest him,
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 Judg-
ment, Justice and Humanity.
I am my dear Friend very
truly, your friend B. F. Pratt

P. S. Nov 2^d
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 Guard House
at Lapwai for nearly a month
in July, for what was said to
have happened at Mt. Idaho
about the last of June, or first of
July, then he was released
from confinement, went on
duty, and to the front again
with his Co., remaining about
a month, then, as he says,
sent to, and confined in the
Guard House again, about
another month, and then tried
for what happened previous
to his being released, and
performing duty with his Co.

Wm. B. F. Brattle.

Nov. 1. 1877.

Of course it is not for
me to say, whether such
^{proceedings} are right, and for the good
of all concerned, but
it does seem to me, as
though he had been, or he
says, wronged and shame-
fully abused, and I do
sincerely hope, as I have
said before, that he may
be examined by a compe-
tent Surgeon, and if found
to be, or 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 in-
capable of doing as he ought,
by having no control over himself.

S. C. ARMSTRONG, PRINCIPAL;

J. F. B. MARSHALL, TREASURER.

Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, 174

Hampton, Va., Nov 1 1877.

Dear General Howard;

I have proposed to
Hon. Carl Schurz and the Commissioner
of Indian Affairs to take about
twenty five of the Captive Nez Perce
Indian youth to be educated and
taught to work here. I wish to make
proper provision for their support.

I was in Washington for two
days, was Gen. Whittles's guest, and he
took much interest in this idea.

President Hayes and his Secretary
Col. Rogers are interested - the latter very
much so.

Should you write to any of the

Washington authorities about this plan
and favor it. I think it would do
good.

I hope your family are all well and
that you have received from your
magnificent march in front of Joseph.

Very sincerely yours

J. C. Armstrong

Wile

Commentary on
the discovery of the
lost tribes of Israel
and the prediction
of the prophet
Isaiah. By J. C. Armstrong.
New York: Armstrong & Co.,
1874.

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Nov. 2. 1877 }
San Francisco.

Woodworth, James.

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114 Montgomery Block
November 2nd 1877

General:

I called to see
you, at the Palace, this even-
ing, but not finding you
in, I left my card, which
you no doubt received. You
will hardly remember meet-
ing me, I presume, at
Union 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 sol-
dier in the Army of the
Lord as one in the Ar-
my of the Union.
I had hoped that your

may here would be pro-
longed till next week,
and that we should
have the pleasure of
meeting you at the
weekly gathering of our
ministers, on Monday
morning, but I see, by
the paper, that you leave
to-morrow for the North,
so that in this we shall
be disappointed.

I should have been very
much pleased, also, to
have you visit and ad-
dress my Mission Sunday-
School. "We must all,
however, look to our
marching orders", and
if obedience to them
prevents our meeting
again at this - the rest
of war, we shall, I

trust, when the struggle
is ended, meet, with the
captain of our salvation,
on the other shore, when,
"crowned with glory, at his feet,
We'll lay our armor down",
and spend the rest of eter-
nity in rehearsing the
story of the conflict, through
which he shall have led
us, to the victory, now
awaiting us.

The Lord bless you General,
and give you as great
success in the future as
he has done hitherto, in
subduing both his
enemies and those of
the government under
whose colors you are ser-
ving.

Yours in the Lord Jesus,
James Woodworth.

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Boston. Nov 2nd 1877.

Genl. O. O. Howard.

Washington-D.C.
Defic.

Would
you please visit your
autograph on the two
enclosed cards & return
to me - you will confer
a great favor on -

Very Resp Yours.

One for
J. E. Peirce.

E. D. G. Peirce.
9 Davis St.



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Dr. J. S. Brown

Nov 4. 1877

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Mount Idaho T.T. Nov 4th 1877

Gen O. O. Howard

Dear Friend

I hear that you would return to Portland on or about the 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 to day and informs 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 mi power to assist
the wounded. I furnished all Medicines and
dressings at mi own expence. I have put
in a Memorial before Congress for the amount
of Fifteen Hundred dollars \$1500⁰⁰ which I think
is a reasonable compensation for mi labor and
medicines. I have received no pay for this
work nor never can unless by such
petition. This Memorial was signed ^{and recommended} by
Judge Clark of 1st Judicial District J. W. Fae
District Attorney J. P. Brown, Hon S. S. Tienn
His Honor Gov Braman Gov 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. Tienn that your letter is there ^{or}
send direct to him who ^{and promised to do all he could!} says and in fact

is one among many of mi friends who
asked me to make this request of Congress
If you will comply with mi request you
will greatly oblige your humble servant
Please drop me a line in relation to
this matter

very Respectfully yours
Dr J. B. Morris

that you were able to
come up with some of
your original force and at
the end direct the grand
result. Everything Indian
is as quiet as possible here
just now, and on best of
terms with Agency people, &
in frequent receipt of cour-
tesies from them. They are
now grinding at their mill
much the largest crop they
have ever raised, and the head
men seem satisfied that
Joseph's capture has done good,
and that his escape would
have been bad. &c. &c.

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

Private & Confidential.

GOLDEN GATE

Mt Lapwai. I. T.

Mar 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 several times started
myself to send you the
enclosed, but thought it safer
to wait until there seemed
to be some certainty that my
letter would not be wandering
about the Department of the
Interior, & pass you coming home.

And let our congratulations
be not only on your return
to Mrs Howard your beautiful
children and warm friends,
but on having under so many
and serious difficulties insured
the capture of the hostiles,
and through that, future com-
parative peace on our Indian
border - with Joseph's fate in view,
can hardly believe any other
hostiles will ever be so persis-
tently followed and ultimately
captured - what a frightful
march you have had, pursuing
with jaded animals a wily
enemy who not only started
with relays of horses, but
stole the best horses when as he
fled, leaving the country bare

Your march has been
unparalleled, and now that
success has come with the
end, your detractors are
only anxious to take back
the measure they have
frustrated, and accord you
the praise you have so
hardly earned - a stern chase
is always a difficult one,
but few stern chases have ever
been begun under so many dis-
advantages and never so kept
up under such cruelly adverse
circumstances; we are all dis-
appointed that the troops you
started with could not have
had the satisfaction of themselves
effecting the capture, but we
are all more than glad to learn

Sorry to say I am working my men
Sundays, (I was do' before) to
carry out my packing orders to western
Swiston. Could have accomplished this
long ago but, orders to move all troops &
supplies with Govt teams has deprived
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 stockpiles, shelter
for packtrains, &c. &c. Tho much
jammed we will do very well here
this winter, men all under cover, tho
a trifle crowded they will get along
admirably. Officers all have a room
apiece & apt some very juniors who
have a price each. For next contracts
if we can secure authority to cut wood
on Reservation, can supply Post by con-
tract for \$5.⁰⁰ a cord, cut and delivered. I want
to go for my family early spring, but
must put up an additional cabin
here to hold them in their little quarters.

You must be worn out I will
not trouble you any further just

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You would wish or-
dering Genl Shumans in-
famous order in the winter
letter - moved Conrad & Daggell
with their two companies to
the Spokan River Falls.
They are doing well there &
are all right for the winter,
supplied with all requisites
until Mar: 31. 78, and with
nearly all requisites up to
June 30. 78. Same may
be said of supplies for the
two companies at Camp Howard.

We will do very well here, I
keep Lt. Col. McManis here as
the Spokan Command, 2 Cos:
is doing well under a senior
Captain, and W. Andres got
served here. Hancock is at

Mr Idaho, he would have
been very uncomfortable
had he been left here, no one
care to mess with him, and
I am in great distress that he
did not take his family with
him to Mr J. Madame H.
was drunk again some days
ago, and asked one of our Cap-
tains when he was in Swiston
to buy her a bottle of whiskey.

Four days ago, I hear that
in a drunken brawl at her
house in Swiston, her servant, a
notorious prostitute, had her leg
broken, and the two were called
up before a Court; the owner of
house occupied by Mrs H. has warned
her out, will not have her as a
tenant after this week. The two,
David P. & his wife together are
a severe load for any Regiment to

carry. I think if you
could have understood
the situation fully, you
could thoroughly have appre-
ciated my anxiety to be
rid of them. I knew
when Wood left her, that he
would work for David's release,
indeed we got the impression
here that rather than be given
the trouble of coming so far
from Portland again, both
Jully & Wood would willingly
see me persecuted for life with
such a field officer, with such
a family. Both J & W. were
worried when they left for
fear they would be obliged to
return for David's trial. Have
often wondered if - you ever saw
my letter accompanying the
charges.

now expect to say that I (9
would like to feel that
my private letters are for your
Eyes & Wilkinsons and not
for Dr. H. Head Quarters.

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 com-
mand I supposed you wished me
to supervise somewhat, but in
response to your telegram to put
me in Command of whole Upper
County, I found myself with really
no control in order, and limited to
either Colville or this place for H.Q.

In: Out of these days maybe you can
put me in a more central location or
telegraphic communication & where my
little ones can sometimes see a church
or school.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Please remember me to Mrs Howard
and also to the Staff, & to Wilkinson
& Shadr especially.

Wilkinson can tell you enough
about Hancock & his family. with
earnest hope for your future comfort &
success & a good long rest after your
fatigues believe me to be as always
Yours faithfully

Wm. O. D. Howard.

Genl Wheaton.

W. O. D. Howard. Portland, Me.

Nov 5, 77

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Wyoming Seminary,
Kingston, Pa., Nov 5, 77.

Brig. Gen. O. O. Howard,
Portland, Oregon.
General;

I am trying to get an appointment at Large to the U.S. Mil. Academy, and the object of my writing to you is to ask your assistance by a letter to the President. I am a son and the only child of the late Capt. John J. Whitney, Co. F, 53^d Pa Vols, who was killed at Spottsylvania May 17, 1864. Enclosed please find the obituary of my father which was written by Capt. H. P. Moody, 53^d Regt P.V., 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-

dition I would say that he also signalized himself at the Battle of Gettysburg by volunteering to act as aid or camp to Col. Brooke comdg. 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, 3rd Brig Gen. Brooke, Lt. Col 3d Infy. formerly Col 53d P.V., Col Mintzer, late Col 53d, and Capt Rice, Capt in 53d.

I hope to obtain letters from Generals Mc Dowell and Mc Callan.

I have numerous letters from the most prominent citizens of this vicinity.

I think I can obtain letters from Generals Hoyt and Osborn, as they say they knew my father well and they know of me. Of course I can not ask those, who do not know me to recommend me as fit for cadetship but I do ask

them to request the appointment to the Academy. My father while home on one of his furloughs said he intended to make a cadet of me, as cadets had many advantages in times of ~~war~~ war. When this was related to me I was pleased with the idea and have ever since been thinking of trying to gain admission to military Academy. I respectfully ask your influence by a letter to the President. If you should see fit to write a letter to the President and send it to me for presentation with my papers I will consider it a very kind favor.

I am, Sir,

Your most humble servant
H. L. Whitney.

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.

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LAWRENCE J. WHITNEY.

Nov. 5 - 1877 —

To His Excellency
Honorable Wm. W. Howard, M. G.
Gov. Alaska Territory.

Esteemed Sir.

May I have the pleasure of being
favoured with your Autograph on the enclosed card.
I wish it simply as a memento of the Government of "76"
Trusting you will grant me the request

I am your obedient servant.

E. Marshall Craig

Box No. 1781 Post Office
Philadelphia - Penna

Nov 5.

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Ans'd Dec 29. 1877.



What I mean is to present
you with the half right of
Oregon as a gift - in account
of your past devotedness to
the cause of human rights
the cause of Christ, believing
that it will be a talent of
millions of money in your
hand for the furtherance of
the gospel & for doing good.
The idea to be presented
as above is the Bridge idea
generally. The military mod-
ification is a separate thing
though deducible from the
former. ^{This} I wish you to
have a knowledge of to be
as a secret committed to
you, protected only by a
caveat, which caveat I
have not yet taken out, nor
written for. T.B.

This man
seems to me
to be a mono-
maniac - but
he may have
a good invention
J.H.P.

San Claire 6th Nov.
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Much esteemed Bro
in Christ

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Have been away
a few weeks on a missⁿ: campaign
when returned was glad to ^{learn} to
know that your military campaign
was at last successful. Be assured, I
have deeply felt your difficulties as
if they had been my own, & the re-
proaches which fell upon Pres^t:
Grant, & which have fallen upon
you, I have felt as if they had fallen
upon me as David said of the re-
proaches that fell upon God, & his
cause. True I am very obscure, & have
little means in my power, especially
financial means but I trouble you
with my sympathy, first because
I am certain, that although, not
the authorized oracle or mouthpiece
of any, in sympathizing with you
yet I am certain that you may
consider my ^{sentiments} expressions as those
of very many humble Christians
who would thus express themselves
if they imagined that you would
care for their utterances.

2. I could not but write as
again reminding you once
more of my bridge idea. I have
sent money for a caveat, which
I suppose will be very soon mat-
tered, & again I offer you a one
half share of a right for Oregon
as you as I shall have a full
patent. You may my idea
is not to fully patent
my military bridge mod-
ification of my idea, but to give

that as a secret to you, & a few others who I think will be loyal to human rights.

I am convinced that this country will be afflicted with the scourge of war, foreign, civil, or both.

Hence partly my opportunity with such as

you I will put you to rest by whatever. I have now so often reflected, talked of my bridge idea that I know how perfectly to present it in a very few words which I could easily condense, I think from 30 to 50, & yet give enough.

The very great length of span without piers will astonish you, & cause you to coil with the disbelief, therefore I will not present

it here in this very hasty scribble. Also, as Joseph Cook would call it, its levitation, its levity, its lightness in proportions to its strength, is such that a beam with its light tension truss below could be easily thrown over from one side of a

2 or 300 feet wide cañon ~~with~~ to the other side because its weight is so small, & its stiffness so great that it could be easily held balanced by a weight on the ~~its~~ side from which it is thrown. Hence also in

connection with the nature & form of the material, its very easy transportability. Hence

also that also Hence also from its form (every part being a straight line) also & its capability of being carried in pieces of 10 feet long - Hence a regiment, each soldier carrying 5 lbs could carry enough to rapidly construct very wide span. & & &

In haste I close by asking ^{you} to write in return that you will give the matter, after I shall have presented it, 5 minutes attention per day for a few days, & if you so write, I will present it again more fully & yet very much more briefly than before. Yours Truly
Thos Barland

HANSON, ACKERSON & CO.

Manufacturers and Dealers in

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Lumber and General Merchandise,

Tacoma, Wash. T. Nov 7th 1877.

Gen Howard,

Dear Sir,

We heartily congratulate you on your successful campaign, nothing in the history of all our Indian wars to equal it, O how 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 S N Co's warehouse

Very Truly Yours
John W. Ackerson,

Row 7

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LANSON & CO.

Printer and General Stationery



James, Wash. D. C. Nov 7th 1877

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538 Golsom Street. San Francisco. Cal.

November 8th 1874

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

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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. S. Stirling

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Friend J. O. Howard

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Dear Sir

I will be very glad to
confer with you for the establishment of a
and appointing examining judges 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 judges.
You could I think assist me very much
in giving me a recommendation from
your knowledge of my services while in the
Department you were commandant.
I trust in the Department of the Interior
for some years most of the time under your

I am
Very respectfully
Yours
J. O. Howard