

Nov. 10<sup>16</sup>

Pacific University,

FOREST GROVE, OREGON,

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Nov 10<sup>16</sup> 1877  
Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Sir.

Allow me to  
congratulate you upon the  
end of your many march-  
ings, & the unusual expec-  
tions that must have at-  
tended your recent wonder-  
ful campaign against Jo-  
seph. To you belongs the  
honor of the victory, the settle-  
ment of what I believe will be  
a permanent peace with the

file





Indians. I should  
not perhaps have felt at  
liberty to trouble you with this  
expression of my feelings - but  
I was to write you to see if ap-  
proving an article, say in Jan-  
uary, it would be agreeable to  
you to visit Fort Snaw &  
give us a talk <sup>and</sup> in a course  
of five lectures to be delivered  
during December & January.

Rev Wm. Brewster - Anthony &  
Ellet are I suppose engaged.

The expectation for them is to  
give money to pay for a shop

at Ogden. This is begging &  
pretty presumptuous I know, yet  
there are extenuating circum-  
stances - We shall certainly pay  
expenses of the Lecturers.

I write this at Horse  
River where I am staying hope-  
ful of better health & encouraged  
too. My address is Fort  
Snaw -

very respectfully  
W. A. Marsh



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Washington Friday Nov. 16. 1877

My dear General

I presume even your long suffering patience has been exhausted by my apparently ungrateful silence. But I have so very much to say that I have not now a moment for explanations which would, I know, be satisfactory.

During the week I have been in Washington I have devoted my days and evenings to seeing those whom you wished me to see and <sup>those</sup> whom I found were men that I ought to see in your interest, I know you will excuse me from any neglect or delay when I tell you that I brought my father with me <sup>to assist</sup> and as yet we have not made one personal visit, and still I am not done the list seems to accumulate



with each person I see. I tell  
you this because I have been delayed  
and occupied so much longer than  
I expected and I feel that I should  
hurry to my post and think that  
you might possibly think I was  
detained by the temptations of  
Washington society.

I will try and give  
you a synopsis of what I have  
done. At my request father  
accompanied me and took me  
right to Mr Thompson Sec. of Navy with  
whom I found my father in most  
cordial relations and by whom I  
was very kindly received. I enclose  
a letter given to me by my father's  
friend Paymaster Looker the friend  
of the President and confidential  
friend of the Secretary of the Navy. This  
letter I did not have occasion to use  
for the exact purpose for which it was  
given as Mr Thompson when he  
went to Cabinet meeting took me

with him  
very pleasant  
appreciation



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I will delay  
more than

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with him to see Mr. Hayes, I had a  
very pleasant talk and made an  
appointment for a special interview  
another day, at which time I  
was with The President for an hour  
and a half in his private room and  
for more than half an hour  
held his uninterrupted attention  
while I sketched your assembling  
of the troops and the prominent features  
of the campaign. I talked my  
best and you can imagine  
what a torrent of words and  
lengthy sentences must have  
rushed upon the unhappy man  
but for your sake I was glad  
to hear him greet the conclusion  
with the exclamation, "Most wonderful,  
and how little understood." He  
referred to the campaign - not to  
my story. Then I showed him  
my sketches, the positions, Joseph.  
etc etc. He questioned and I answered  
we went into details and finally



he expressed his regret that the newspapers should have so misinformed the truth and so misled the people. when I rose to go he requested me to call on Sec. Schurz and gave me a note in which he spoke of me as

"An intelligent officer of Gen. Howard's staff" (them!) I throw this in

not out of vanity but to help you to judge of the effect for your own sake. I have had once before

a long and very satisfactory interview with Mr. Schurz at which time he sent his regards to you and seemed most glad to hear the good news concerning you.

At this first meeting while I was with the Secretary. Mr. Fern Goldsboro walked into the room and had a long talk with the Secretary after I left. I spoke with Mr. Fern myself and found his views to be that White

kind of Joseph and  
first



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Bird was the leader and that Joseph was not concerned in the first murders but had never intended to go on the reservation.

He represented the people of Idaho as apprehensive of the return of white Bird and the fugitives to make use of the caches in the mountains and harass the settlers. I gave him to understand that the fugitives were very few and would never trouble Idaho. I told him of the chiefs that were dead and so left him with Mr. Schurz. Armed with the

President's note I again went to Mr. Schurz and was closeted with him for nearly two hours and he was pleased to express himself deeply interested and much pleased. In fact he pressed me to stay when twice I offered to go. His views are that these Nez-Perce's should go to the Indian Territory, and that all the tribes should be



gradually and gently consolidated  
in one large reservation set apart  
in Oregon or Washington Ter.  
I told him you thought deeply  
on the Indian question and felt it  
keenly and would I thought be  
delighted to hold personal interview  
with him on the subject though you  
would not apply for it. He said  
he would be most delighted to  
talk with you but that your orders  
must come through the War Office  
and he would speak to Gen. Sher-  
man on the subject.

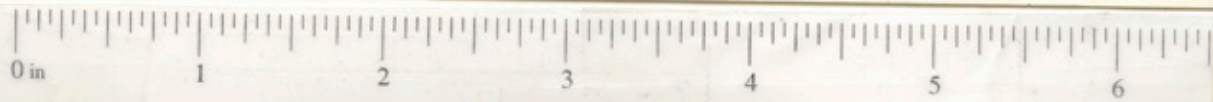
He evidently is bringing  
philosophical reflection to bear on  
the Indian subject and thinks in  
our management of Indians we  
have nothing to be proud of. I of  
course told him of the whole  
campaign and he asked minutes  
of the battle of the Clearwater.

Gen. Sherman has been  
in New York I saw him at

the mee  
and he  
he



the meeting of the Century Club  
 and he told me he would not  
 be in Washington until last  
 Friday therefore I did not come  
 over before. His family is in  
 St. Louis Miss Lizzie is expected  
 home today. therefore I have  
 made no social visits to his  
 rooms at the Ellitt. However he  
 feels very kindly toward you I think  
 and understands the matter pretty  
 well. He speaks well of you in his  
 report. Senator Mitchell says  
 his main interest he thinks lies  
 with Miles. I found my brother-  
 in-law could put me in intimate  
 relations with nearly every one  
 in Washington. It was through him  
 I saw Mitchell, who treated my  
 coming as a favor, listened attentively  
 took up the cudgels in your defence  
 and said he was extremely glad  
 to have had the talk with me and  
 that on the proper occasion he would





set forth these facts on the floor  
of the Senate. He then begged a  
copy of Gen. Field's Order to which  
Gen. Pelouze had given me for my  
father and said he could make  
most excellent use of it and so  
I gave it to him. Pelouze when  
I went to see him went into fits  
of admiration over our march, said  
he was so glad to hear me speak  
in that way, he called in an  
~~crowd~~ of audience and we  
set the crooked straight with  
all of them, Cols. Genls. and  
Genl. Towns<sup>nd</sup> and lots. Genl.  
Towns<sup>nd</sup> requested a copy of  
Joseph's reply to file alongside  
of Logan's, as the reply is  
addressed to you and bears your  
name I was glad to give him  
a copy. today I see it appears  
in the papers. During this  
first interview in Pelouze's  
office Pelouze took down this  
(your)



came S. F. O. No 6. and asked  
 me if I "got it up" I said  
 Yes. partially. Gen. Howard had  
 reconstructed it. Well said  
 Pelouze I have abused it a good  
 deal. I am sorry I said. It  
 was in this way said he. When  
 we received it it attracted a  
 great deal of attention from its  
 diction and style so unlike  
 commonplace orders and it  
 embodied so much in so little  
 that I thought the best thing for  
 Gen. Howard, his army and the  
 author of the order was to give it  
 to the newspapers so it has  
 been published now a great deal,  
 and a great deal of attention called  
 to it and you have no idea  
 what a good effect it had. It  
 set forth so graphically such a  
 splendid array of facts. — You  
 know General that is just the effect  
 we wished it to have so you may

— Harpers totally right

— immediate



imagine how pleased I was  
Pelouze and others think  
that it would be an excellent idea  
here in Washington to quietly  
circulate that order. Pelouze said  
"Nothing better." If you have  
copies and will mail some to  
Surgeon General Wm Maxwell Wood,  
Quincy Mills, Balto. Co. Md  
and to Col. R. C. Morgan  
State Department  
Washington D.C.

They will be glad to give them to  
their friends on my account.  
I saw Vincent and talked  
generally of our hard campaign.  
Booth of California as  
former would-be-bean of my sisters  
received me very cordially and  
listened attentively and asked me  
to come again. He made the  
motion demanding an official  
account of the Tex. Percé war in hopes  
of benefitting you. Another Terre-Haute  
( )







Welshy Md. too. Chairman on  
the Laws committee. Then I  
think it best to see again some  
of those who requested a second  
visit specially, such as Mitchell,  
Worries, Booth, &c. and these  
are social visits to Shermans, Sec.  
Thompsons. and others so that in  
the absence of instructions I have  
concluded to do this, just as  
long as I and my advisers think  
I am advancing your interests  
sufficiently to warrant it I will  
stay and then taking a day to see  
my brother a Norfolk (whom I have  
not yet seen) I will come right out.  
Sherman, The President and  
everybody are very cordial ask me  
if I don't want to stay longer and seem  
to find no objection to so small a visit  
as myself staying here, still I am  
almost nervous for fear you may  
be wanting me or displeased at my  
delay. The little I have just told



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you has taken nearly a week  
of really faithful work. I think  
you know enough of Washington  
to justify me in it. I have not  
been put off once but sometimes  
I miss my man and somehow  
the days run by. I have missed  
Mr. Stickney every time by the way,  
but shall try again today. I have  
not yet been able to see your business  
agent because I am doing the work  
in the order of importance.

I do not wish to annoy you  
or exaggerate my small importance  
but it was horrible the way you  
had been slandered. I had no idea  
of it till I reached New York.  
It seemed to be a fever of the press  
and of course that informed all but  
your own personal friends and  
admirers of whom I am happy to  
say there are not a few. I wish  
the Graphic and Harpers totally right  
news to accumulate



and became very much at home  
in their offices. Gen. McClellan  
sent his kindest regards.

But what I was going to  
say was this. This newspaper  
war has its reaction and, as Mr.  
Hale said, it has never affected  
appreciative and discriminating  
men therefore I fancied Senator  
Booth seemed sorry when he told  
me that he saw you were going  
to write an account of the war.  
and my father, brother-in-law and  
John W. Douglass, all ~~old~~ veterans,  
say if you knew how your star  
was now coming in the ascendant  
and how the reaction was taking  
place you would never say a word,  
never touch pen to paper. it opens  
a chance for attack and reply.  
Coming from yourself it will  
not affect the prejudices and inimical  
so that things will stand as they are  
any way and that they would urgently



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most urgently advise a dignified silence,  
leaving it to others to set you straight.

And really it is so General.

I can notice the difference between  
today and last Monday. Your  
march is being appreciated. Your  
personal exertions are being known  
and that by such men as the President  
Sec. of War. Sec. of Navy. Adjutant  
General. General. Senators like Voorhes  
and Booth. President's Private Secretary,  
so that I really think — only by way  
of illustration — that were there to  
be a vacancy next week you would  
be nominated and confirmed ~~may~~  
Major General. — That is just my  
own opinion and seeing Washington  
as I see it and as you cannot of  
course see it I strongly advise not  
a scratch of a pen. Things are  
going so that you could not possibly  
better them and might run the <sup>danger of a</sup> charge  
of self assertion, egotism or what not?



I would not dare to write to you  
this way did I not believe it to be  
true friendship and duty for you are  
so far away that you are blind and  
helpless, as it were, and I ought not to  
leave you in ignorance of a state of things  
you ought to know. I have not  
appeared officially at all - in fact I  
have refused mileage to and from Chicago  
and in every way expressly taken a private  
personal stand so I hope I will get you  
into no trouble with McDowell.

I hope the appropriations will  
soon pass for I am helpless without  
them. Should you wish to instruct  
me in anything a letter or telegram  
at the time you would send would  
only reach me at Palmer House Chicago.  
Though you might try a telegram to  
Cromie Mills Md. and they will  
forward it if I am gone. I have  
taken so much time that I must close  
briefly with love to Mrs. Howard, remembrances  
to Eng. Miss Grace Jamie, Chancey and Sladen.

and will know and everyone and love to Johnny, Mary and  
Green (Bess), How glad you must have been to get home - I was I -  
your very sincere friend  
C. C. Wood



Calistoga Cal 209

Nov 16 77

Mr Genl:- I send you Wapa  
Register. - Wish you to know  
what we think of you in this  
part of Califorme. - I have been  
here about 18 mos. I purchased  
the Sam Branner property, the  
"Leemanspotten Hotel". - I have  
had good business - Wapa  
Register is our organ  
and to-day I enclose you  
a copy. - Please let me hear  
from you; - Hundreds of  
the Boys in Blue live in  
the ~~Wapa~~ ~~Wapa~~ ~~Wapa~~  
- fully & you most Respect-  
Geo. W. Johnson

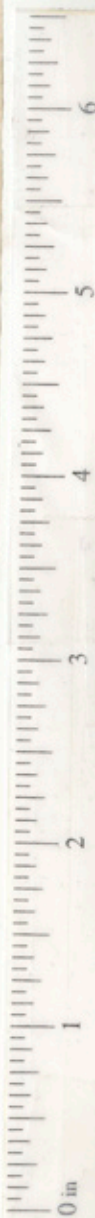


Nov. 14

For—

1. ASSEMBLYMAN, H. H. KNAPP.
2. SHERIFF, JOHN F. ZOLLNER.
3. COUNTY CLERK, C. B. SEELEY.
4. COUNTY TREASURER, JOHN CYRUS.
5. DISTRICT ATTORNEY, R. BURNELL.
6. COUNTY SURVEYOR, T. J. DEWOODY.
7. COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, E. B. HATCH.
8. COUNTY CORONER, F. W. COLMAN.
9. AGAINST THE CONVENTION.

*ans. by Geo. H.  
Nov. 22. 76*





Josh. Vancomers  
Nov. 16 1877

Dear Sam

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Your telegraph  
received. about the Court  
I am suffering a great  
deal from neuralgia  
and if I am not better  
by Monday. it will be  
impossible for me to  
attend to the Court without  
great suffering and if  
the Court is ordered I  
will be obliged to go on  
the sick report

I am with best  
Aff Sully







prisoners to work to dress  
them & thus put it up  
without cost.

Nov. 14.

I am with you

My Sully  
W. S. C.

File

Fort Vancouver  
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Dear Sully

Sully told me what  
you said about the Chuk  
-lain Chapel & quarters gener-  
-ally. At every post when  
an officer arrives there is  
the same bother which causes  
much talk. But in a few  
days better times. There  
are three Captains & one  
Lieut. at this post who  
at present occupy field  
officer quarters. But the  
houses are so badly arrang-  
-ed that to put two families  
in them makes it very in-  
-convenient. Almost as bad  
as the quarters of an Artillery  
officer inside of a Fort on



the sea coast, but by the  
erection of kitchen. to each  
which I can do without  
any cost this will be  
obtained. It is not a  
good plan to send officers  
down town, to live, and  
it would be the last thing  
I would do. This is not  
the case with regard to the  
first Chaplain, it would  
be no detriment to the Military  
Service to have him live  
in the town. There is no  
post in the Army where  
a Chaplain is less needed  
than here. There are three  
Churches & several Schools about  
5 or 6 minutes walk from  
the quarters. There are other  
posts that have more Churches  
& schools near, but I believe  
not one that have them  
so near. The decision about

Chaplain quarters dated  
Ady June 26 1876. through  
your officer says "he can  
not be disturbed in his  
quarters unless for Military  
reasons. of which the Debt  
Commander should be the judge"  
The building used as a  
Chapel & reading room. was  
built for a billiard room by  
the officers. It is too small  
30 by 24. & when filled so  
hot the windows have to be  
opened. & the ladies get sick  
from cold. I had started to  
convert it into 2 sets of Junior  
quarters. It is my intention  
to build a log building 60  
feet long for reading lecture  
room. As soon as I can  
get the money to have logs  
sent in, I will let the Indians



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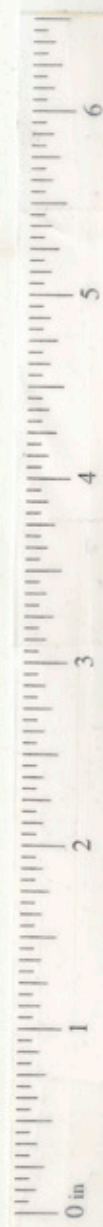
New York Nov 17/77

Gen O O Howard

Dear Sir

Learning that  
You had charge of the  
freedmas Bureau

During the rebellion  
I write to know if you  
can give any information  
concerning the freedmans  
Bureau after the late  
war as I want to  
find my Brothers and  
Sister and some friends  
I heard that the Record of  
the freedmans Bureau  
have been destroyed





Since the late war  
if you can give any  
information  
what so ever I would  
like to hear from my  
Sister and Brother  
as I am a poor  
Contraband please  
let me hear from  
you

Respectfully Your

George Gresson  
67 Grove St.  
New York



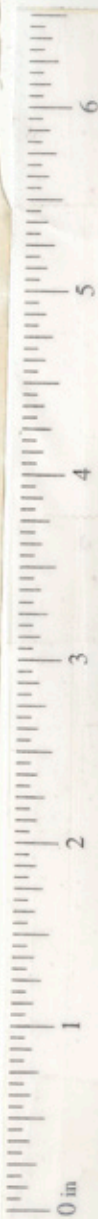
Forest Grove, Nov. 17. 77  
Gen. O. O. Howard  
Sir

The faculty of  
the University are planning a  
course of lectures for the win-  
ter (in connection with an organ  
fund). We should be much  
pleased and obliged if you would  
favor us as one of the Lecturers.  
If you find it will be convenient  
to do so, will you inform me  
of the time and subject you would  
choose. We should prefer a  
Wednesday or Saturday evening.

Yours respectfully  
Jos. W. Marsh  
Clerk of Faculty.



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North Adams Nov. 17. 1877.

Dear Sir:

Please favor, if  
convenient, by your autograph on  
the enclosed cards  
and oblige

Yours Respy.

To Gen. C. C. Howard

W. E. Brayton

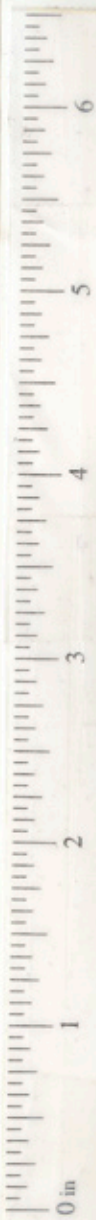


North Charleston Nov 17 1877

Nov 17

Dear Sir: Please favor of  
 communication by your country agent or  
 the merchant (name) and other  
 Yours respectfully,  
 W. E. Howard

W. E. Howard





Wheatland Hamhill Co. <sup>on</sup>  
Nov 18th 1877  
Genl. W. O. Howard  
Dear General

I regret  
not being in Portland at  
your reception, but congrat-  
ulate you upon your safe  
arrival home crowned with  
Laurels, Long may you live  
to enjoy your hard earned  
honors - There are few who  
can appreciate the Situation,  
Hardships, Exposure, Dangers  
Villifings, Scurrillity, Envy  
jealousies & a fearful lack of  
combination, when needed at  
the proper moment, These  
with a host of other aggra-



vations all combined require  
a vast amount of sweets  
to counterbalance the Bitters  
But best of all the Lord  
is on your side & will  
always confound your  
Enemies & has returned you  
safe a Blessing to your  
Family & Friends - Many  
Prayers have gone up in  
your behalf the Lord in  
his infinite wisdom has  
preserved you to finish  
your good work in the  
Vineyard, where you have  
labored so successfully  
& untiringly in the service  
of the Master - May  
God's Blessing always rest  
upon You & Yours is the  
Prayer of your sincere friend  
& Brother in Christ

Chas. W. Price



Josh. Van <sup>215</sup>comer  
Nov 19 1877

Dear Genl

Though I am  
better I am not well  
a trip up to Waver  
this season would  
undoubtedly make me  
sick again. Until a  
few years ago I never  
was sick & thought I  
never would be. But  
of late since I have the  
fever & chills I have never  
been perfectly well & I dare  
suppose I ever will be  
again. The least exposure  
renders me unfit for duty.  
My absence from the Army  
does not by law affect  
the proceedings. But should



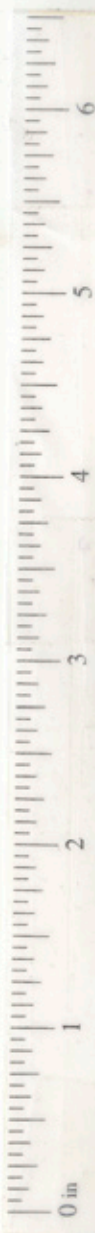
you wish my opinion  
also. the Court could  
meet here I could read  
over their proceedings  
& advise. This would  
necessitate the coming  
of Col Merriam here  
for one day, or maybe  
two. Perry would not  
have to come.

I send you a paper  
having an account of  
settlements by Longstreet  
thought it might interest  
you

I am Truly

Yrs Truly

Sam O O Howard





Hogarth Landing Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 1877.

Gen. Howard,

Is your brother over the American Missionary Board of Chicago, if so do you think I could get 15 dollars a month to assist this school, I used to know <sup>Rev.</sup> Geo. Whipple, he has now gone, I knew that Matther Beekerdike received money for her work, and I did not know but we might be helped the same way by the Peabody fund.

Now there is quite another thing I wish to tell you, our Post-Office is kept by Mr Lardner from New Bedford, Mass. he has made a practice of speaking his scornful name in rage to those poor colored people the old preachers wife or little children no matter who. I told the preachers wife she would see judgment follow, now he cannot get out of his house and never will he has had quite a number of spells of hemorrhage of the lungs, he was republican till this year now he has turned, last week there was what you would call murder in the first degree in their house or I will get the date a little better the murder was one week last Saturday and the mother a sister of Mrs Lardner (the two were by themselves) died on Monday, as I have known some



of your friends, and that you was a good  
christian gentleman I thought you would  
think I did wrong to write this as the  
is telling it all about and this mother  
said some bad things about its being  
hard work to be a christian. Mrs. Leavelle  
own words convict her if, one would  
up, the German judge justice tell wrong  
things which he ought to notice in  
I would take this Post Office and  
besides as I could have a room in the  
preachers house where there is about  
yoursen boys and men and three  
I would state that there are few  
here only one old drinking black-  
the P. M. Mr. Landers who is now  
with whiskey which has covered the  
then about three German families  
two miles back about three Spanish  
and one southern men, mine is the  
school where the white children will  
the colored. I have only 15 dollars paid  
and it will be out in five weeks pro-  
date of this letter. I doubt not you  
feel greatly troubled with this letter  
it go if the spirit of God does not  
that we are the least and in as much  
have done it unto one of the least of these  
done, ~~at~~ unto me. Respectfully  
Harriet W. Ware



Hogarth Landing Nov 19<sup>th</sup>  
1877.

Gen. Howard,  
Mr David Flemming  
died in the Union Service, (Colored) left  
a wife and three children, William Arthur  
Flemming, Sophie David Flemming and  
Laurie H. Flemming, their ages now  
are Wm is 19, Laurie is 18, Sophie 17  
the wife remained a widow but a few years  
she has drawn her money and given an  
old rebel one third of it it was nearly  
300, she expects pension money, these  
children wish to go to school, and as they  
never have drawn any money since the  
time the father left, I as their teacher  
would like to have them educated, I did  
think that Professor Longfellow of  
the Essex College would lend a  
helping hand to look up these children  
money, he knows me I was in his  
house four nights with Mary Williams  
just as the war was declared, and  
from his house went to Mrs Devere  
Sted. I have been in Missionary  
work since 1852, sent by the National  
Board of Popular Education, under Gov.  
Stade of Vermont (congregationist)  
Please get this looked up, as these boys  
are very anxious to learn, they are the  
children of many prayers,



I am teaching the first free school  
there boys are good and faithful and  
I feel quite in earnest for them we  
have a school out in the pine woods  
I pray that the yellow fever may not  
come there it is 30 miles from  
Palm Florida, Pardon this writing the  
material used is all we have at present  
the Congregationalist in Boston have given  
me books for the Lords day, and Mr  
Barnes for week day, for this people  
are poor, Please address Horrid-W. Watts  
Hagerth Leaning.

Respectfully

Watts - H. W.

Nov. 19, 1879

Bro Charles  
Pilothu

P.S. If money is sent it is our only  
way by Postal Order to Jackson  
the boys will go their with Seipin  
their step grandfather our good  
preacher, his father was free  
land by him, his mother was



Semiahmoo, W. T., Nov. 20, 1877.

Dear Bro. O. O. Howard.:

I am appointed to prepare an article on the **SABBATH**, to be read before a Christian Association. I wish to be posted. Please answer the following questions, and so honor the good cause:

Do you know, by reputation or otherwise, of any ships or sea-going vessels, or steamboats, or small vessels that navigate the lakes and rivers of our country, or elsewhere, or R. R. trains or **CARS**, that have been wrecked or ruined by storm, fire or otherwise, whose owners and officers were conscientious keepers of the holy Sabbath?

Or, have you any anecdote or information that might be made useful in such an article? Please help if you can.

Yours truly,

WM. M. STEWART.

*please answer soon*



Stewart, W. M.

Nov. 20, 1877

And by Gladys

Jan. 12, 1878

I have  
not the means of  
forming a proper  
judgment. I agree  
to the careful open-  
ness of the De-  
bate as best for  
men, & I believe in  
experience leads  
the public to know  
this article & my  
faith.

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O. O. H.



Confidential.

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Fort Walla Walla, W. T.  
November 20, 1877.

Dear General.

With your other friends I rejoice that an approach to justice is being done you by the country, as the campaign is better understood. Your reception at Portland was a fitting tribute and very handsomely rendered.

Can you spare the time for a visit in this direction this fall? I believe the people of Walla Walla would give you a hearty welcome. If you can and feel disposed to come advise me as to time and I will, in a quiet way, have arrangements made.

Mrs. M. and I are always pleased to have you with us.

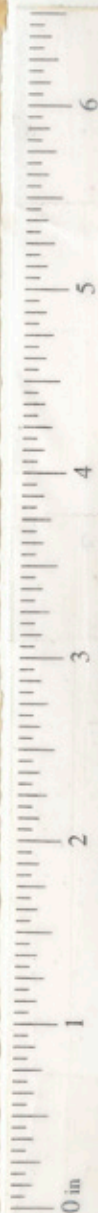
Sincerely yours

B. L. Whipple.



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1110 Mill St S Francisco

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Major General O. O. Howard U S A  
General

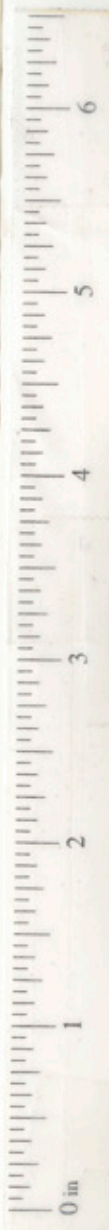
May I presume so far  
upon your recollection of a humble delegate  
& agent of the Christian Commission, & of  
the Freedmen's Commission of the N W at Chicago  
, amidst the many stirring events which have  
since claimed your notice - as to take  
the liberty of introducing my nephew, Mr  
Thomas A Patterson, son of Mr John Patterson  
, of the firm of Patterson Brothers & Co, Grain  
Merchants, of Liverpool, England - He visits  
the Pacific Coast with a view of personally  
ascertaining its existing commercial fa-  
cilities, and its prospective advantages -  
Any counsel or aid you may extend to him  
will be esteemed by him & gratefully repaid by  
yours respectfully Robert Patterson



Nov. 20

Letter of introduction

Feb





Olympia Novem 20<sup>th</sup> 1877Genl O. O. Howard  
U. S. A.

Dear Sir

Capt Chas<sup>r</sup> Willoughby  
present Sailing Master in U. S. Coast Survey,  
informs me that he is an applicant for the  
appointment as Indian Agent at the Neah Bay  
Reservation - if a change is made there.

Knowing your interest in these matters  
and believing Capt<sup>r</sup> Willoughby to be  
an upright and honest Christian gentleman  
I have taken the liberty of asking your  
influence in his behalf. He is a member  
of the Episcopal Church, with a character  
above reproach. A good sailor and boatman;  
and for that reason calculated to win the  
respect of Indians, who spend most  
of their lives on the sea.

Mrs Willoughby has been a teacher  
for a long number of years, and is



amely Confidant- to take charge  
of the Schools of the reservation.

Both Mr W- & the Capt<sup>y</sup> are thoroughly  
acquainted with Indian Character and  
habits, and I think will soon be able  
to obtain their confidence and regards

Respectfully yours

Alex<sup>r</sup> H. Steele U.S.



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The Dalles, Or, Nov. 20, 1877.

Gen. O. O. Howard  
Dear Sir,

There was a packer in your command in your late expedition against the Nez Perces by the name of R. G. Closter. His friends in this city have not heard anything about him since he joined your command, and are very anxious to hear <sup>what</sup> became of him. If you would give the desired information, you would greatly oblige many friends.

Knowing you to be a Christian gentleman, and one who has endeared himself to the whole country, I took this present opportunity, and the assumption to address you on this subject. Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

Your obedient Servant,  
F. L. Liebe



Apr 20

Due by You H.  
Nov. 22.77



Dear Mr. Fisk  
Nov 21<sup>st</sup> 1877

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Nov 21<sup>st</sup> (1877)

My dear General!

The Word of your  
staff to-day called upon  
me, and gave me a very  
graphic description of your  
campaign against Chief  
Joseph. I then felt  
an impulse to write  
to you, and need I say  
it is with a very  
warmest congratulation,  
but also with my sincere  
reproach of the injustice  
with which you have  
been treated.

Recd by General  
Dec. 20, 1877





There is certainly no  
Indian campaign in  
Recd when a tribe  
has been pursued so long  
and relentlessly, and I  
don't think we have an  
officer in the Army who  
would, or could, have perse-  
vered as you did -  
I think of the just reward  
if you tell the public  
war in your own language  
that you were present  
at the surrender until  
the the Chicago papers  
published the correct ac-  
count, since which  
time the nation has  
been strong in your favor.

But - I know you can afford  
to bear up under slanders  
that have already been re-  
peated, and that have their  
origin in the struggle between  
good and evil  
To be taunted as a  
Bible Chief may not be  
pleasant, but those who  
know your character  
will be at no loss to  
ascribe your success  
and disinterested-  
ness, not to hope of your own  
ambition, but to the  
cause of duty which  
you religion and example  
have always inculcated -  
With kindest regards,  
and warm admiration  
of your conduct -  
Believe me



Nov. 21,

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The Presidio, San Francisco - Cal

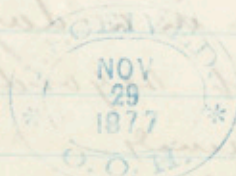
Nov 24<sup>th</sup> 1877.

My Dear General.

Excuse me for the freedom but for one I have been very much interested in seeing some acknowledgment of our services in the last campaign and I want to tell you of my pleasure in learning that the people of Portland did so much in the way of reception and otherwise upon your return. It gave me great satisfaction. The people of Astoria feel that our campaign resulted in untold good to the Northwestern country.

A few of them met me at Astoria as I passed through and the Collector Mr. Hase

Recd by General Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 1877.





who is an old resident of  
the country - said that we  
not only drove the hostiles out  
of the country but that our  
unprecedented pursuit for so  
far and so long would be sure  
to have the greatest effect of any  
campaign towards preventing  
future outbreaks among any  
more Indians of the Coast.  
and that the regular Army  
did it. the latter point he dwelled  
upon - it being general talk  
among politicians that Volunteers  
only could do such work well.  
He gave us the entire credit and  
expressed his belief exactly opposite  
to the cause of the Volunteers. Of  
course I was pleased and I  
feel that the people of Oregon do  
recognize fully what we did  
and of you he spoke in the  
highest terms for energy

bravery management and the  
unfathomable perseverance you  
showed - I think all of us  
have a right to rest now in  
the opinion that with the people  
interested and conversant with  
the Indian subject that our work  
is appreciated.

We arrived here safely  
Monday morning last after  
a very rough trip - My family  
all but Ruby suffered from  
Sea Sickness - but now we  
have almost forgotten the  
matter and are hard at work  
getting down - I have been engaged  
half the evening briefing my papers  
and tomorrow will commence my  
report as requested by you and  
will forward it in a day or two.

With my best regards to yourself  
Mrs Howard Family.

Yours truly  
Capt. M. M. M.