Dear Son,

I have taken the liberty of writing you now, a short time since you wrote me. I am glad to hear that you are well.

In regard to the clothing question, I have heard that the clothing is not as good as we had expected. I hope you will find them satisfactory. If not, please let me know, and I will do what I can to remedy the situation.

I am sorry to hear that you have been sick. I hope you are recovering well.

In regard to your studies, I am pleased to hear that you are making good progress. If there is anything you need, please let me know.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

P.S. by a telegram.

Nov. 24, 1877
in charge of a Sentinel. We came to escape evil they would have to do. Would be to watch their chance. I when they could see a party of men women or children between them & the timber to make a hand for them. Then the Sentinel could not fine for fear of signing some innocent person. Once in the timber the party of Sinners would be able to catch them & it was less than 50 or 60 miles through the timber to the Yacktla on worm county. I understand you think of sending a batch of them to Fort Stearn. They would have to be clearly conjoined there else at the settlement. Then would make them stay within any food cost. Before this scene here is now well settled with lumber & it would be a pity to lose our other scene here with them same trait. If I could get a person of Authority to live in another land near now the old, I could give all of the old building to these prisoners. When they left I would take down the old building using the material to finish the new one. Our present house here is in a very dilapidated condition & them houses to a New one.

If an Interpreter cannot be prepared it would be a great advantage. One or two of them have a little English but it is hard to make them understand. I can write with -

My Sully

Sue B. Howard.
The Dallas, Oregon
Nov. 22, 1877.

General O. O. Howard:

Dear Sir:—Did you hear in your employ as Rucker, last summer, one George Goffey? It is reported here that he was killed by the Indians. His wife lives here and is anxious to know. Respectfully yours,

Wm. C. Phillips.
Jest Vancouver
Nov 23 1872

Dear Luke

I am sorry they Indians have to be separated. Would they not be come for all of them at Stevens. They cannot leave till Wednesday. As that 2 Thursday I understand it the they can come at Astoria.

If however you desire to send a portion away Can't you so modify the order so as to have a portion of the squaws can help here. They squaws are sick. Shew from the Baker. They close all the clothing. I bring big water. there is no place in.
the house dama to cook
So the squaws cook outside
If the latter have to go out
to cook they will certainly
eat in the sun that which
would be disagreeable

I can't write letters
for Oth Herold & Aly Sally
H.S.C.
Nov. 24

Salem, Oreg., Nov. 24th, 1877.

My dear:
O. C. Howard, Jr.
Portland, Oreg.

Yours:

I come to you again this passing upon your valuable time, but as Mr. Bicknell received a telegram from any father, instructing him to draw on him for the sum of "Two hundred and fifty dollars" &c., I have taken the liberty to acting quite up your credit in favor of Mr. Bicknell on him, it \
will I shall hand this to Mr. Bicknell can enclose the letter, for a sum of money I will be pleased hoping you will not think
me to forward in this address you. I remain yours,
H. L. Emery
San Francisco, Cal.,
Nov. 24, 1874

Gen. O.O. Howard.

Dear Sir:

Have just learned that several letters for me were sent in pursuit of our outfit, but as we traveled too fast for the mails, they never overtook me. As they were addressed in your care, General, perhaps they found their way to your headquarters and got pigeon-holed. If such is the case, please forward them to this city.

In this connection, General, allow me to express my complete disgust at the many harsh newspaper
criticisms which have appeared in regard to you. It is a burning shame that you should be vilified and ridiculed as you have been. I assure you that in every dispatch I sent I always endeavored to show that you were doing your whole duty, and in future, every line I ever write in my connection with the press in regard to the Vez Perce campaign will be favorable to you. In fact, General, I could not conscientiously write anything else.

Yours truly,

J. W. Redington.

[Handwritten date and stamp: Nov. 24, 1877]
New York, November 24th, 1877.

Gen. O. O. Howard, Portland Oregon.

My Dear Brother. Enquiries made of us by various persons in the Southern States and some of them eminent in the churches, and in educational work there as to the nature and extent of the right and title of the A.M.A. to certain lands, buildings and tenements in those States have prompted us to make investigation, the results of which lead us to apply to you.

The lands referred to were the proper fee simple estate of the A.M.A. and the buildings are those which the Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau rented upon them for educational purposes, and which were afterwards by deeds of the Commissioner surrendered and transferred to the A.M.A., under a form of Indenture, with guarantee of the A.M.A. appended, a copy of which will appear in paper marked No. 1, accompanying this letter; a deed dated 1st Mehl, 1869.

Preceding this deed there was a circular letter, printed, dated Nov. 11th, 1868, subscribed by the
Commissioner of the Bureau, and attested as "approved by the Secretary of War, then J. M. Schafel, a copy of which marked No. 2. is also enclosed.

The deed (No 1) is without consideration and transfers and transfers to the A.M.A. the building erected for educational purposes by the Bureau, on certain "real-estate owned by the A.M.A." and then particularly described.

A resolution of our Ex. Com. having been submitted to our counsel, Mr. Edgar Ketchum, the question of our title there mentioned, he made answer as follows:

"I have looked into your acts of Congress relating to the Freedman's Bureau, passed prior to the date of the deeds in 1869 for the authority of the Secretary of War, executed as that under which this surrender and transfer is made, but do not find any express authority of this kind. The acts I refer to are as follows: Mech. 8th 1865: v 13 Stat. at large p. 507, creating the Bureau, July 16th 1866 v 14. p. 173 continuing it; and particularly Dec. 13 - Mech. 20th 1867 v 14. p. 486, and July 6th 1868 v 15 p. 83.

The first act (1865) shows nothing in point. The second act (1866) provides that "The Commissioner shall cooperate with private benevolent asso
American Missionary Association:
50 READE STREET, NEW YORK.

HON. E. S. TOBEY, MASS., President.
REV. G. D. PIKE, Dist. Sec'y, N.Y.
H. W. HUBBARD, Ass't Treas., N.Y.

NEW YORK, 1879

Citations in aid of Freedmen, &c. and shall hire or provide by lease buildings for purposes of education when such Associations shall provide teachers without cost to the Government. The third act (1867) says, 'Provided that the Commissioner is hereby authorized to apply any balance on hand at this date of the Rifle and Fr. Fund accounted for in his last annual report to aid educational institutions actually incorporated for Refugees and Freedmen.' The fourth act (1868) at sec. 5 says, 'The Commissioner is hereby empowered to sell for cash, or on good security, school buildings or other buildings constructed for Refugees and Freedmen by the Bureau to the Associations, corporate bodies, or trustees, who may use them for purposes of education upon suitable guarantees, &c.

Then in the year preceding 1869, that in which the two deeds were made, that are now before an act of Congress empowered the Commissioner to sell school buildings, &c. to associations, &c. as just cited. In these four acts, the Secretary of War whose authority
given to the Commissioner is related in the last deed, is not referred to, and I have no means of knowing what particular authority given by the Secretary of War is alluded to. It might be very useful to write to him. Toward on this subject.

When the letter was written from which the above extract is made the writer had not seen the paper marked No. 2 upon which appear the words "Approved J. M. Schofield, Secretary of War," nor a minute in the records of the A.M.A. of Proceedings of the Ex. Com. of Dec. 7th 1868, in the 7 words following:

"Yes (see Whipple) reported letters from Gen. O. O. Howard proposing to Transfer to the Association certain school buildings, now on the Bureau papers, on receiving a guarantee for the perpetual use of the buildings, of the avails of them, for educational purposes, without respect to color."

We have strong hope, dear General, that you will be able, with your full knowledge of all affairs and proceedings of the Bureau, to aid us with the information we need. The letter of our counsel referring to the acts of Congress and citing portions of them with comments as quoted above, will serve to lay before you what we have need to know. In addition to this after examining with him the paper No. 2, we are led to inquire:
Did the approval of the Secretary of War, certified upon that paper constitute the sole authority recited in the deed of the Commissioner shown in the paper marked No. 1? If there so, was there anything in any act of Congress empowering the Secretary of War to give that authority, whether contained in an act concerning the Bureau or in any other? If so, a reference to the provision thus made would be of great value. If there was no provision in any act of Congress, giving such authority to the Secretary of War, did he have such authority? If he did, it would be of great advantage to the A.M.A. to explain how.

Our difficulty is, that by the above-cited act of Congress of July 6th, 1868, Sec. 5 (vol. 15 Stat. at large p. 83) the Comin is empowered to sell for cash the school buildings, &c. to the associations, &c. who now use them, &c. from which it might be questioned whether any government officer could in view of so explicit a provision “SURRENDER” without consider
atin such buildings to such associations.

Of what was done by the Bureau in this direc-
tion, and what was relied on by the A.M.A. was
without authority of law, we are placed now in a
condition quite embarrassing. Yet, we come to you,
dear General, anxious to have the benefit of your
knowledge and information upon it, and this as
early as your convenience will allow.

If in the meantime you could favor us at
our charge, with a brief telegram, we would
be the more obliged.

With very great esteem,

Yours truly,

M. E. Strieby
Cor. Sec. of A.M.A.
or sale thereof, on account of race or previous
condition of servitude.

And the said American Missionary Association
by its agent for that purpose duly authorized
by resolution of its Executive Committee, dated
Dec. 7th, 1868, does hereby accept such buildings
on the conditions above stated and does guar-
anteel the use thereof, or of the proceeds of the
rental or sale thereof, for the purposes stated in
said conditions.

In witness whereof the said party of the first
and second parts have hereunto set their hands
and seals this first day of March A.D. 1869.

In Presence of:

O.O. Howard Seal


Commissioner B. F. F. A. L.

Geo. Whipple

Secretary Seal

Edgar Knowtham,

Treasurer

Rooms of the American Missionary Association,

Dec. 7th, 1868.

At a regular meeting of the Ex. Com. of the Am. Miss.
Asse., a quorum being present, it was
Resolved: That in every instance wherein the
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands
shall transfer to the Am. Miss. Asse., in accordance
with law, any buildings over, or hereafter, held on
the property farms of said Bureau, either of the
Secretary of the Association, together with its Treas.
or Asst. Treas., is hereby fully authorized to accept
of such transfer, and guarantee in the name of the
Association, the perpetual use of said building or
buildings, or the proceeds of the rental or sale there-
of, for educational purposes, never excluding prof-
ites on account of race, or previous condition of
servitude.

A true copy from the minutes of the Ex. Com. of the
Am. Miss. Assoc.

Att’y Geo. Whipple, 1869.
Know All Men by These Presents, That I, Prov. Major Gen'l O. O. Howard, U.S.A., Commissioner of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, for and on behalf of the United States of America, party of the first part, by authority of the Secretary of War, do hereby surrender and transfer to The American Missionary Association, a corporation created by and existing under the laws of the State of New York, party of the second part (subject to the conditions hereinafter stated), the buildings erected for educational purposes by the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, or carried on the property returns of the said Bureau on certain real estate situated in the State of Kentucky, owned by said American Missionary Association and described as follows:—

A certain lot of ground in Louisville on the north side of Broadway Street, commencing at the corner of Broadway and Fourteenth Streets, thence west on Broadway one hundred feet, thence north two hundred feet more or less to an alley, thence east along said alley to Fourteenth Street, thence along Fourteenth Street to the place of beginning above the same lot of ground conveyed to said John Webb, Jr. by William L. Murphy and wife by deed dated June 1, 1867 and recorded in the Jefferson County clerk's office in Deed Book No. 182 p. 29.

This conveyance is made on the express condition that the buildings above described, or the proceeds of the rental or sale thereof, shall be perpetually devoted to educational purposes, and that pupils shall never be excluded therefrom, or from the benefits arising from this use.
(Copy)

War Department.
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands.
Washington, D.C., Nov. 11th, 1863.

To Secretary
American Missionary Association.
New York.

Sir:

Having constructed or repaired school buildings situated in the Southern States upon land owned by your Association's Corporate Body or Board of Trustees, and said buildings being now borne upon the Property Returns of this Bureau as the property of the Government, you are hereby notified that, upon filing in this Office a guarantee (embracing a legal description of the land) signed by the proper officers of your body duly empowered for that purpose, that such buildings, or the proceeds of their rental or sale, shall be devoted perpetually to educational purposes, never excluding pupils on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude, the same will be transferred to your Association in accordance with law.

Very respectfully,
your obedient servant,

(Signed) O. O. Howard
Major Genl. Comr.

Approved
(Signed) J. M. Schofield
Secretary of War.

Official copy.
March 1877

O. O. Howard

Comdy. Dept. of the Columbia
Portland, Oregon

General

In compliance with your request, I forward you, as soon as possibly a copy of the Battle-field of "Bear's Paw Mkt.,"

five after reaching the Cantonment. I was ordered to the Bear's Paw, having one time allamed one to make an extra copy of the map, had the original photographed, a copy of which I send you. It should be from satisfactory.

Very Respectfully,

A. O. Olmstead

Ofl. 1st. A.G. O. D.

2d Div. 5th. Inf.

R. C. Dunn. Adj. 1st. Montana
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Chicago Nov 26 1877

Hon. O. C. Howard
Pottat, Oregon

Farn supporter

Please forward me a copy of the proceedings of Court Martial as Weller-Wollen.

I am glad to hear that you are in good health.

As far as possible, I have heard from him. I am told that he is in the hospital. I am sure he is very ill.

I know what the poor boy is going through, and I will do without any pay, and without any rank, for the interest of the nation.

Very truly, Jas. Field B. J. Pratt
After the War Forces, Jan. 17. Stolen by the Cheekok who came to the fort at that time. Among his clothing were some neck clasps send him by his mother. I thought of what you said to me here that you did not consider it such a serious offense, giving false alarm. And I can imagine that his sentence could have been, or what crime he need convicted of, to give him such a sentence, as a mitigation of which, is, "Loss of pay and dismissal," I hope in hopes he might have been examined by a competent surgeon, and discharged as certificate of disability, then he would not have been troubled.
Nov. 27

St. Louis, Mo.,
Nov. 27, 1877—

Sir,

Major D. O. Howard, B. D. A. C.
Commanding Department

The General,

Dear Sir,

Your note of Nov. 20th, enclosing cutting from Portland Oregonian of Nov. 19th, reached me at 4. 00 P.M. today. I write at once to intimate

Wentworth on the pulpit and because from here this coming the following date on the pulpit.

On the 5th or 6th December as near as possible, with the two localities ask to hear from them as soon as possible. 1044 (ten hundred...
and forty-four persons.

Accord as follows:

Men 287

Women 431

Boys 149

Girls 177

There are in different localities

outside the Reservation as re-

ported by Agent Montith

about 400 men—on the

Reservation including the two

localities rush to be head from,

his reports show (1100) slaves

hundred in all.

A list is being prepared of all

the men by name, it will be

printed and one forwarded to

you as soon as received.

Mr. Montith asserts that

Mr. Craig's statement cannot be

credited on.

I am yours, with great

regard yours respectfully,

Frank Wheaton, Esq.
Lewiston, 9. 1877

General Howard,

Sir,

It has become my duty to write this to you to see if you can compel Captain Forgioli to pay me back the sum of $200 which he never answered my letter. Often are my vouchers made out and Lieut. Romance sent it for me, and to that he has not made any reply. Now I will tell you what I done to earn that money. I carried your dispatch to Walla Walla when you preceded the Salmon River, and your destruction of the fight on the Clearwater, and on my return from Walla Walla I acted as Storekeeper. Now now wanting my pay and wish him to send it to me. If it would not take this course I would never get it. I am hoping for a charitable over look for annoying you with this.

I remain Yours,

To Command

C. M. Lyon
Amherst, Dec. 29, 1877

Mr. Gen. C. L. Howard

Dear Sir,

I regret very much that I was not present at Bolling's Hill in giving you a hearty welcome on your arrival at home and find an expression of gratitude on behalf of the people of Amherst for your safe return after the hardships of a long and dangerous march and successful campaign. There is a few of the innumerable cases that found fault with your generous and forbearing manner, but the great mass of the whole quantity of brave and true men that did break with their tongues in praise of the merit of the solid and intelligent people of our community fully appreciated the nature of the case and yield you the credit you honestly deserve.

With great pleasure and surprise, I am

San Francisco, about the fourth of January.
...the matter...and...with...friends and also
have some business...and...in San Francisco...will...to get an appreciation for...of our...Earl's Valentin...which...a committee...and...Lieutenant-Colonel. We furnished our men know...then...provision a portion...and ammunition...had...horses killed in battle as well...as many others...and...we should be compensated for them. Why, suppose...promised to write you and ask your opinion...as the best course...and...if so...please write me at Washington...c/o Hon. J. S. Rand H. B. with full suggestions...and recommendations...and...the...completely...will...acquainted with...Officers...Militia...Mrs. B. B. Weston's...and...come with...as far as...made...in...Boston...They were...arranged...transported...by...Government...secured...through her brother...a man of much influence in...Washington...
Portland Mar 28th 1877
Hon. 28th 1877

Received at

To: Gen A. A. Howard

Senator Cover

Action to see you on
Indian affairs, tomorrow.
(Sig)

Wilmot
Aide

17th

= 5 0 =
Dear Sir,

Will you please have the kindness to enclose me your autograph and greatly oblige

Respectfully,

William C. Grimes
Balavia
Ills
My dear General

I wish you to express my admiration of your military conduct during the late Indian Campaign, and also of your noble and selfless act at the serious of death.

If it will be of any comfort to you, I will also assure you that I have conversed with many Army Officers here in Washington, and they have the same opinion.

In a long conversation with Col. Sontagott of General Sherman's Staff, he expressed most warmly the same sentiment.

Very truly, your friend,

Col. O. O. Howard
Huntington, Ky.
Nov 30/77

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard

Enclose
complimentary article
from the Cici. Gazette
of Nov 19. All who
know you love you
for noble qualities and
many public services.
I used to meet you
in Washington in Dem.
ference circles and have
with pleasure kept track
of you.

Respectfully,

J. W. S. Waukherd

Anl U. S. S. 1st totel