

THE ADVANCE, 250

151 & 153 Fifth Ave.

Chicago Dec 7 1877

Genl. A. S. Howard

Portland, Or.

Dear Friend ~

I inclose note
taken up to-day by your draft.

I saw Scient. Wood as he passed
through the other day - he will
bring you news of Chas. sickness, but
I am glad to see that he is no
more now & seems likely to get
along favorably - The Dr. tells
me Chas. has the lung fever but
he apprehends no serious results &
thinks that Chas. with care, will be out
in a few weeks -

Others are well & all goes smoothly
at office -

Very Truly Yours
Arthur H. Day.

Dec 7,

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Wm. D. Lusk

Dear Sir

I have the honor

to acknowledge

the receipt of your letter of the 5th inst.

in relation to the matter of the

advance of the sum of \$100.00

to the Chicago & North Western

Railroad Company for the

purpose of the purchase of

land for the construction of

a branch line from Chicago to

the city of St. Paul.

I am very pleased to hear

that the project is so well

advanced.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,





Dec. 9. 1877.

Bureau, Dec. 9. 1877.

Fort Vancouver T. P.

Dec 7th 1877. 251

Brig. Gen. O. O. Howard U. S. A.
Comdg. Dept of the Columbia
Hd. Qrs. Portland. Or.

General: I respectfully invite your attention to the following statement and request. Upon reaching your Hd. Qrs. in the field, Expedition against hostile Nez-Percé Indians last June, in the capacity of "Special Correspondent" I was, owing to the exigency of the situation, immediately employed as Clerk, but owing to the vigorous prosecution of the Campaign, and the absence of the Dr. Mr. my name was not taken up on the Rolls, until July 27th 1877, at Kamiah, I. T. when Lt. Edwin Metz, Chief Dr. Mr. "in the field" informed me that he had placed it on his papers at a salary of \$125 = coin, per month. I had understood that it would be \$150 = per month, but did not consider the matter of sufficient importance to mention to you at that busy time, trusting that when matters were more settled, the error (if an error) could be rectified. I accompanied the Expedition throughout, returning by your Order,

via Ft. Ellis and Corinne to this Post, as Clerk to the A.C.P.M. (Lt. Ebstein)

Lt. Bums A.C.P.M. at Fort Lapwai, has had during the Campaign, and still retains, two (2) Clerks at an authorized salary of \$150= and \$125= per month, respectively. The Chief Dr. M's Clerk at your Hd. Qrs. if Portland receives \$150= per month, permanently, the Depot Dr. M's Clerk at Vancouver Depot, receives \$150= per month, permanently, and during the past summer, an additional Clerk was employed at Lewiston I. P. Depot at \$150= per month, and an additional Clerk at Hd. Qrs. in Portland at \$125= per month. Not one of the gentlemen referred to, saw any "field service"

Lt. Ebstein, on whom as A.C.P.M. in the field, the burden of Dr. M's duties of the Campaign devolved, has had but one (1) Clerk (myself) in his employ. In the field as well as since my return here, I have worked day and night, and am now at my own expense, having for me copied, in order to settle accounts by Dec 31st 1877, on which date my discharge is ordered.

Being fully aware General, of your sentiments of strict justice, I earnestly request impartiality of my services

to the Government, have not been worth the salary of \$150= per month, paid to other Dr. M's Clerks, then I most emphatically do not desire that amount.

There has never (to my knowledge) been any order issued, authorizing my employment (Par 6. S. O. No. 170. Hd. Qrs. Dept of the Columbia & S. (the only one on the subject) authorizes the retention in his employ, of one (1) Citizen Clerk by Lt. Ebstein) which omission may cause difficulty in my payment when funds are ready.

In view of the foregoing statement, I have the honor, to request, that an Order may be issued from your Hd. Qrs. authorizing my employment (by 1st Lt. P. H. E. Ebstein R.P.M. 2nd Infantry, Regt. Chief 2nd Lt. Regt - Forcé Expedition) from the date on which my name first appears upon the Rolls, June 24th 1877, to Dec 31st 1877, (or such further time as may be deemed expedient) at a compensation of One hundred and fifty (150=) dollars, Coin. per month, and that Par 6. S. O. No. 170. Hd. Qrs. Dept of the Columbia, may be so amended as to conform thereto.

Yours truly,
Very respectfully, Yr. Obedt. Servt.
George A. Bums

Salem Oregon Dec 8th 1877
Gen. O. O. Howard

Portland Oregon
Dear Sir

I rec'd your reply to the
very appropriate reception
speech, delivered at Portland on
your return from your very
long and toilsome forsmarch
after Chief Joseph and his band,
You spoke of the diferent parts of
the country that you passed
over - but mentioned the Big
Hole Creek and its fine timber
good water and plenty of grass.
Will you please write me at your
leisure what Ter- Big Hole
Creek is in how far from

The settlements what road
and what you think of
the climate and if it is
a good stock country, and
what kind of grain will
grow best, Also the probable
softy from wild and mousing
Indians

By complying with the
above request you will confer
a great favor upon an ex
federal soldier

truly
Wm¹¹ Greene

Dec 8

Genl O. O. Howard
Portland
Oregon

and by Clenden Dec 22, 1877.

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Chicago Ill. Dec 8
1877

My dear General

My last to you was Nov 26
after receiving yours of 13th
informing me of ~~the~~
your decision in the
matter of the Court Martial
case of Frank. I wrote
him same day informing
him of the mitigation of
his sentence &c, by you,
and have been expecting
for some time to receive
a letter from him, giving
me the same information.
But it seems by a letter
I received from him
yesterday, dated Nov 25th

It looked a little strange to me, that
he should still be in the Guard House
two weeks after you had written and
that he was dismissed the Service.
But I have faith and Confidence will
say, that it is all right, and that you
see that no injustice is done him. Please
forward me a printed copy (as last year)
of proceedings of Court Martial in this
case with findings &c, and oblige, very truly,
Your friend, Benj. F. Powell

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that he had then received
no notice of the fact from
any Source, and was
still in Confinement in the
Guard House at Wella Wella.
And ^{says he} can't understand it, why
he hears nothing in regard to
his fate, what it is to be. Says
he can't solve it. Says he tries
to keep up courage, but it is
hard, with such usage
and such treatment as he
has to undergo, and is compel-
led to bear. Says he has the
hands to do, being a
prisoner, and his treatment
is very bad. I do hope
my dear General, that
if his release is withheld
from him by any one of
the Officers or the Fort,
you will look into it,
and have matters righted.

THE UNION LEAGUE CLUB,

MADISON AVENUE, COR. OF TWENTY-SIXTH STREET,

New-York, Dec. 8th 1877

Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir:

Although not personally acquainted with you, I take the liberty to write you a brief note, drawing your attention to a copy of the "Tampabay Argus", which I send to you by mail; which paper contains a brief note to the Editor by myself, and a full copy of an article ~~in the~~ taken from the "Chicago Inter-Ocean", touching your recent campaign against the Indians.

That article in the "Inter-Ocean" and Genl Sherman's recent official report have placed you right upon the record. General, in connection with that campaign; and

You need have no further fears - if you have
at any time entertained any - of being forced
into a false position, or being misrepresented
in relation to ^{your} recent important Military
services.

The truth of history has been vindicated:
and justice done to a gallant American
Officer: And I congratulate you not
only upon your conscientiousness of duties
nobly and faithfully discharged,
but also upon your highly honorable
position before the Country, and upon
the pages of American History.

Though personally unacquainted with
you. I take the liberty to subscribe myself
Very Cordially & Respectfully

Your sincere friend
C. F. Davey *

* 1238 Broadway
New York

State of North Carolina,

Executive Department

Hon.

Raleigh Dec. 9. 1877.

Zachary Chandler,

Secretary of the Interior,

Dear Sir: Permit us most respectfully to recommend to your favorable consideration our worthy friend Lewis P. Old, Esq., who is a gentleman of high literary and legal attainments, and of unblemished character for honesty, virtue, integrity and truth. He is a statesman of comprehensive judgment and liberal views, and has been uniformly actuated and governed by a strict sense of propriety and justice.

He was at one time Attorney General of North Carolina, and discharged the duties pertaining to that high and important office with honor

to himself and the state.

He was afterwards a prominent and leading member of our state Senate from the Metropolitan District, and acquitted himself as senator in an able and satisfactory manner.

He is a patriot, a gentleman and a scholar, and in whom public trust and confidence may be at all times safely confided.

Mr Olds is industrious in his habits, and possesses excellent qualifications for an efficient discharge of almost any duty in the public service.

We hope he may receive your favor and recognition.

This slight testimony to the merits of our friend is respectfully submitted.

C. H. Bearden
Gov. of North Carolina

D. A. Jenkins
State of Treasurer.

J. L. Hargrove
Attorney General
of C.

Wm H. Horvath
Sec of State

John Reilly
State Auditor

A copy from the State Dept. Archives
where I have other reference deposited.

Dec 10,

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East Portland Oregon

Dec. 10th 1877

Gen. O O Howard,

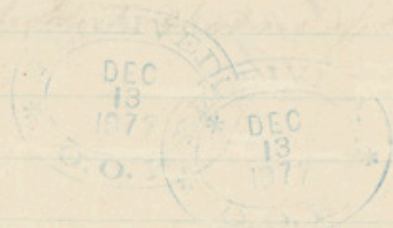
Dear Sir:

Excuse me for taking this liberty, if it were not that necessity compells me ~~to~~ to resort to most any honorable expedient, I would ^{not} trouble you, But knowing your sympathising nature, I have boldness to address you.

I was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion, served in Co B. 1154 Regt. Ill. Vol. Inf., Was in Gen. Strangers Reserve Corps until after the battle of Chickamauga, after which the army was reorganised, and we were transferred, or organised into the fourth Corps, Gen. O O Howard Commanding, You know the rest,

Used by Staden

Dec. 19. 1877.



I served my time of three years
and was honorably discharged.

This I state by way of preliminary.

I followed the Carpenter trade
for a livelihood since the war, until
about two years ago. When owing
to an injury received by falling
from a building, was compelled
to abandon my trade. Bought
a place 2 1/2 miles east of East Portland
paid part down. Now my lower
limbs are partially paralysed, which
renders me unfit for hard labor,
such as is necessary with my ~~best~~
limited means, And I fear I will
lose my place unless I can find
other employment. My object then
in writing to you is to ascertain
if you know of any Government
or other position I could fill.
Can give the best of reference.
You can enquire of E. J. Tiller DD

or any of the members of the
M. E. Church of East Portland.

My necessity is very great, would
tell you more, but fear I would
 weary your patience.

Would you be so kind as
to reply as early as convenient,
or if it is your pleasure, drop
me a note stating when and
where I can ^{have} an interview with
you. May the Lord bless you
in the future as he has in the
past, that you may live long
to be a blessing to mankind

Yours Truly
W. H. Conzill
East Portland

Oregon

W. H. Conzill
East Portland, Oregon

JOHN H. COOK,

Attorney-at-Law,

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Le Droit Building, 520 Eighth Street,

Dear General:

Washington, D. C., Dec 10th 1877

I have your letter, announcing receipt of my telegram, sent to Chicago. I heard of your being there, and being at that time hard pressed to meet assumed interest, insurance, etc, I thought your coming might aid me in disposing of the burdens. I managed without you, and of course would not have you incur the expense of a trip from Portland.

I regret to say that property here is still very cheap. Your house was resold and bought by Mrs Costin for \$14,250⁰⁰. Mrs Schoolcraft finally retired giving a quit ~~claim~~ of any interest she might have in the Avenue part last purchased by you.

The house next to Bishop Brown was sold by the German Bank to J B Johnson Esq for \$2,100⁰⁰, and I hear he has surrendered it to the bank itself. As a rule, nothing mortgaged years past brings more than the mortgage; in many cases much less. No prospect therefore for an advantageous private sale, while Speculators can buy at auction for half price. Of course I shall watch for chances.

I will send you statement of account as soon as I can settle taxes on Buffalo property and receive back ^{the} bills.

I received the paper sent in regard to your Indian

campaign. Many were the expressions here of indignation and disgust at the treatment accorded you. The truth is, these times seem to be especially fruitful of treachery and shabby treatments, Those who are weak and those who have been devoted to the interests of the nation are likely to take rear seats for a while. Many of us, unlike you, are not disposed gracefully to bear the ills. Ah! Well! On with the life struggle!

Do you expect to continue on the Pacific coast next year? or will you have an opportunity to come eastward? We all hope you may come.

Hoping that the rapidly approaching new year will shower blessings upon you and yours,

I am sincerely, yours,
J. M. Cook



file!

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Junction City Dec 11-77.

Gen O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir:

Excuse this

intrusion but I would like to ask
a small favor at your hands
(having some acquaintance with you
at Wallula during my sickness.)
we want to play a drama here
for the benefit of the Sabbath
School in which we need the
use of a Major's uniform in
U. S. Army, and if you could
lend me one for one evening
New Years Eve, I will pay the
expressage up and down and
return in as good condition as
received

Yours very truly

J. E. Houston

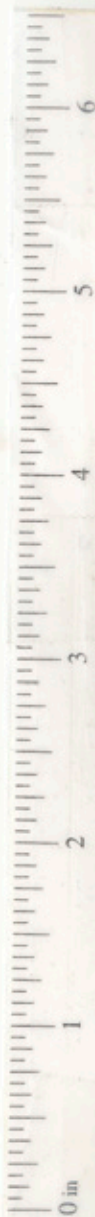
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Que. by Sturges
Dec. 14th 1894

Mr. Sturges

Dear Mr. Sturges

I have just received
from the Bureau of
Agriculture some
plants and some
seeds which I
am sending you



Dec 12

to the war -

I will bear in mind your
desire to come East next Spring
and will if possible endeavor to
save you the expense - which is
all you desire - for you know
you can come at any time at
your own option and cost -

Very yr friend.

W. L. Sherman
General.

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Headquarters Army of the United States.

Washington, D. C., Dec 12 1877

General Oot Howard -

Portland Oregon.

Dear General.

I have your letter
of Nov 27. and assure you
of my disposition to stretch
my friendship to the extreme
limit in your interest. I
saw the Secretary of War, and
in yesterday. to know if he
had any possible pretext on
which we could order you East
for a time, but he said not -
he has so many affairs as
you know a drift in nominal

day, that I am ashamed
to ask for any more -

As to those Indian prisoners
still in your hands, must
assuredly we don't want them
as we already have at Fort
Leavenworth 431, to provide
for until the Indian Bureau
can make arrangements to provide
for them in the Indian Territory.
Now you have should be taken
to the Nez Percé Agent at
Kamiah, or Fort Lapwai
to be employed on the tribe
located on that Reservation.
He cannot induce them
to submit to your
continued propensities. They
want to war, and must
now submit to whatever

fate is allowed them. Thankful
that their lives are spared.

Now Captives at the Bear River
Mountain are not sent back
to Lapwai, because it is judged
that it would a night cause
trouble with other Indians of
that Nation, who would conclude
that they might flee and be
pardoned when tried - Now
these are lost to this tribe -
So as to those, and the Spokanes -
Bannocks & Flatheads will take
warning - The same reasoning
will not apply to those capti-
ved by you at Clearwater -
Now you may deliver to the
Agent of this tribe, under
the original orders, which had

Unofficial

Board of Trade,

Portland, Oregon, December 12 1877

Major General Minard

My dear General

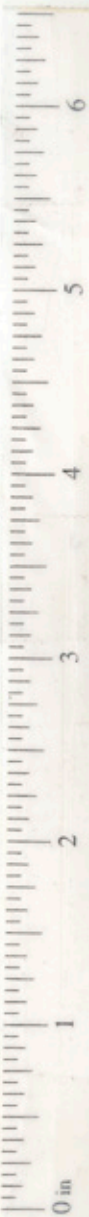
It is said that the
Head Quarters are talked of being removed.
If there is any chance of this would
you name the proper quarter to whom
the Board of Trade might apply to
indueavor to get the Head Quarters to
remain. - We are naturally proud of

Portland's keeping the honor now & are
mutilly if we could avoid it to let
it slip from us. - If there is no
truth in it I shall understand your
silence. I called but missed you & we
met tonight any how.

Yours truly
William Reid

Dec 12

Under by line
Dec 12. 1877



defeat in this cloud that looms above us, or whether
there is any hope of success. And I mean especially
dear General as to this bond.

Believe me indeed your friend

Edgar Ketchum

Dec 13

Ans'd by Gen. O. H.
Dec 27, 1877.



Warren Dec. 13. 1877 261

Dear General Howard seeing recently in a Wash-
ington paper mention that certain suits against
"Gen. O. O. H." were on the following Monday to be set
down for a time of trial. I wrote to Col. Dyer an inqui-
ry about it. To day I received an answer. He said it was
long since he had read the papers and his recollection
had faded somewhat. He said there were three suits.
That one was for matters on account of which Gen Bal-
lock had been sued and upon which he had settled. That
another was on the retained bounty fund. And that the
third was on your paper bond as disbursing agent.
That the former must be tried before the latter could
be, so as to know what was due upon this.

Right here I will say that I would like to know what
this means. The bond read of money, you should
receive - not of money, you had received. As to
those received in the past who would have been
willing to sign for them? You said to me - how
well I remember it! "Don't you think I will har-
rassly apply the money I shall receive?" and I
said yes. Col Dyer says that suit No 1, is a
hotch potch of matters which the Dist Atty. himself does
not understand. That No 2, (the R. B. Fund) both
sides agree upon the facts and he thinks the law sustains
you. He tells me that you are unable to pay any

thing and that if friends of yours in N.Y. would
raise \$1000 he ~~might~~^{would} be able to call in Gen.
Butler whose great ability in such cases, and
large influence with the Court would be very
useful. I should feel comforted in some degree
if I knew the very truth of the matters of
these suits - had a clear statement of them.
But I have not this, and have not had.

Dear General can you tell me? Think
what anxiety this is to me! I little thought
that at my years and in such times as these
I was to be overwhelmed with an avalanche
from the great Govt Mountain of accounts and
claims. I am wiser off than Danvers in his
time, for he could step out from under the surfeited
board. Real estate is not to be sold, and Gov.
will take only money. And I had by long toil ob-
tained a little real estate!

- But pardon me - I am wandering.

Do you dear General understand that your sure-
ties on that bond signed for any other money
than such as you received as Dis. Agent after

that bond was executed? And, do they not
claim the affirmative of this question?

We heard from you, as you heard from them,
that your affairs under that bond were settled.
Was not that because the money rec^d under
that bond were duly accounted for? I pray you
to give me the comfort of answering each of these
questions: for I know your excellent ability in all such
matters, and hunger for information. Since writing
what precedes this I have been reading in the Cong. Doc. "Howard Investi-
gation" on p.p. 283, 284. Tell me dear General Did you answer to your
Dis. Agency have money on hand of the Reb. Bounty Fund? Did it
remain with you and continue to be held by you when you were
Dis. agent? Was it duly accounted for by you afterwards, or not?
If accounted for, how? If it was not accounted for why was it
not so? Did the fact of its having come from ^{some of} the States relieve you
from the obligation to account for it to the U. States, by the author-
ity of whose officers you took charge of it (see p. 283). I have
just looked at p. 283 at foot and over to top of p. 284. I have exp^d the Stat. at
Large vol 15 and confess I can't find that act of Mar. 2^d 1867 tho' I find another.
But taking it as it is here on p.p. 283-4, is not the Com^r of T.B. to account
for it to the Treas^r of the U.S.? Was it so?

- But about Col Dyer's suggestion, God what do you think of
it? How I w^d like to hear from you at full!
Do write to me and let me know if there is only

THE LEADING HOUSE.

Metropolitan

BEST ACCOMMODATION 236

Hotel,

BUTTON & PERKINS, Proprietors.

Office of California and Oregon Stage Co.

Office of Coos Bay Line of Stages.

Roseburg, Or

Dec. 13th

1877

Maj Genl.

O. V. Howard, U.S.A.

Portland.

Sir:

I was pardoned this morning, and I leave here for "Omaha" to-morrow at 6 am. Please accept my thanks for your past-kindness, I would have written you before, but I was too much excited to do anything.

Give my respects to Capt. Wilkinson.

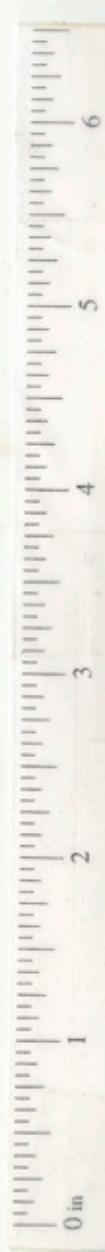
Yours faithfully
Henry L. Emery.

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Russburg, Oregon }
15 Dec - 1899.

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Wheaton, Gen. Frank

a few days they had to
tell the truth and do
justice - hope you are
to rest after your
journey and tedious campaign.

I don't now see
indication of any trouble
Dept with Indians in the
doubt if many of your
will care to join those
Mountains in any
outbreak.

When you are
lessor would be glad of
from you about your
plans for posts hereafter.
must begin early to be
housed before winter of 78
probably no difficulty
doing the work economically
with traps after sites are

Compliments to Mrs Howard &
Ladue & Wilkinson - Yours
Gen. O. O. Howard, U.S.A. Frank

Spokane Dec 12th 77-

Gen. General,

Your letter con-
cerning Thomas Chapman
was handed me today, I
have directed his employ-
ment and will instruct
the C. O. W. E. Dales regarding
him. Chapman says Mr
Ogleby has already been
employed by Col. Waucock
here and care for the horse
animals on Salmon River
left by parties and that
this same Ogleby was one of
a large party that had been
employed by parties who were trying

to steal them, I will
advise Hancock to look into
this and discharge Mr. Ogleby
at once.

Next to Reservations
Indians, Post Commanders in
the Army are the most help-
less people I know of on the
Frontier where there are swamp
lands and civil courts, or
may see all sorts of dilly-dy
perpetrated by evil disposed
frontiersmen and be unable
to prevent it. The Laramie
Indians have been shamefully
molested by cattle thieves who
have several times robbed them
under pretence of gathering
hostile stock for the Government.

The civil law and justice
cannot be made to do even
handed justice to an honest
Indian, that we need not
look for, nor will the Govt
incure the expense of an Army
large enough to patrol
Reservations and keep thieves
off them. If I can catch
any of these cattle thieves
and get an order a N. S.
Judge I will be fortunate
they are slippery fellows.

Was glad to see that
Portland gave you such a
proper reception on your return
what less than N. Y. Reporters
gave me about Joseph's capture
studiously ignored you and
your orders to Miles, but after

Pg 4 - last words of
each line:

...had to
...do you
...are inclined
[?]
...campaign
...see much
...trouble in your
...the spring
...your Indians
...East [of they
...anticipation
...are with
...of a letter
...spring
...hereabout, troops
...properly
...78 + 9 will
...about
...+ mainly
[decided upon]
...+ regards to
...Faithfully
Frank Wheaton