to whom I have showed the letter. For I regard letters as sacred, but sometimes in special cases I show a convict letter to a friend whose prayers I wish to solicit for the individuals he half. I know not if I can recommend him to you as a brother in Christ for I have been so ill for three months that I have not been able to lie at the prison one Sabbath in all the time. But I believe I am safe in saying that he is sorry for his crimes and that he is heartily willing to return to his duty under your command and I also believe he is desirous of receiving a pardon in the person of our dear Redeemer.

May God give you wisdom as your duty demands in your critical position. If you may not grant a free pardon in Mr. Nolan's case, may it please our
months had been an inmate of the State Prison, and who is now under arrest as a deserter from the United States army, having I understand, deserted during the time of hostilities.

I know very little of the merits of the case and do not presume to dictate to you as to your duty in the matter. But I do wish again to deal as gently with the young man as the circumstances will at all justify.

If there are mitigating considerations I am sure that you, in your Christian charity, will give them due weight and deal leniently with this person. I believe that he is sincerely sorry for the crime he has committed in deserting, and that he is ready and willing to return to his duty.

My attention was first direct ed to him in the prison by this quiet deaconess in the chapel on Sab bath days. I was persuaded of him and of his companion and particularly of his friend, and they both manifested an earnestness to converse upon the great theme of their souls' salvation. They made no appeal to our tenderness to call up to my pity for them or to think of us prisoners. But they seemed anxious to receive religious instruction. The few letters I have received from them have been read with feelings of deep interest by me. Watch your classroom and one of our most gentle and undeceived pastors. These are the only persons...
Heavenly Father, to enable you to see your way clear to deal with him leniently. I pray
God that, hence forth, you may find this man not only a faithful soldier in arms but also
a true brother in Christ.

I should have written earlier, but owing to my illness I have not been able until today to
learn with certainty his situation.

I ask the continuance of your prayers and interest on his behalf. May Christ in his
person be magnified in the penitentiary. There are many means of->{$c

P. S.

There is a Mrs. George

Mrs. Golani, from whom I was not able to see him, or I am sure he would have
been able to speak favorably of this young man.

Mrs. Thornton.
sent it is owned of the Master.
For no labor of love done in
his name is overlooked or for-
gotten. I feel assured that
when He comes to gather His
redeemed among them, will
be found precious ones who
will ascribe praise to God for
the words of truth spoken
to them while convicts in
the Oregon State Prison.

Please pardon me if I
have taken too great a liberty
in addressing you at this present
occasion. Please, also, to overlook
object in my communication
for I am writing under consid-
able physical fatigue, and amidst frequent interrup-
tions.

When you come to Salem
please always to visit the Pries-
ton and hold religious services
with the prisoners. If not
here over the Sabbath, the
authorities will grant you
as a stranger, the privilege
on a week day evening.

The Prince of Peace is no
respects of persons. We are
not as men see. That in what
importance does the fact of the
Son of God having died for the
salvation of one to the each
individual soul. How great
the obligation of all who believe
that they have been made
actual partakers in this
redemption to labor diligently
to lead others to become converts
with them in its benefits. It is
the privilege and duty of every
child of God to be a co-worker
with Jesus in humiliation
on earth. An eternity of glory
awaits all such. Some times it-
San Francisco Cal.
April 13, 1878

A. O. Howard

Dear Sir,

I am ashamed to trouble you again, but am obliged to do so. My work has been cut down again and I have heard nothing from Washington. I do not know what I shall do. I intended to ask you about my paper, but think I understand now. To say that Lord Butter had them, now find what am I to do, I am getting in debt every day with no prospect of paying. If what I do I must do briskly, the times are too hard. I cannot yet

Am. Apr. 30.
O.O.H.

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1878

O. O. R.
work to do outside the home
ment if it will not be asking
of you as much as you imagined it
that you advise me in the
matter as soon as possible.
by doing so you will place
me under still greater obligation
to you, remember me kindly
to your wife and family. Believe
me to be very truly,
\[Signature\]
\[Date\]
I freely promise Gen. O. C. Howard that I will never drink strong drink (I mean liquor, wine, or otherwise that intoxicates) except as medicine regularly prescribed by a physician.

This I do without any mental reservation.

And I pray Almighty God to help me keep this pledge.

Given this 23rd day of April, 1878, at Portland, O. S.

W. L. Black
Second Auditor’s Office,

April 23, 1878.

Sir,

I respectfully invite your attention to explanations received on the 15th ultimo relating to the disposition of property for which you are accountable as Special Commissioner to the Indians in 1872, viz.: Vouchers 63 & 64. Frank Reyger $26.54 for supplies, and J. H. Harwood $1,676.00 for cattle.

It is important that the certificates of those who witnessed the issues of the property to the Indians, those of your interpreter, if possible, be furnished. If from lapse of time or other reason the interpreters cannot be found, the witnessed certificates of any disinterested
persons who had personal knowledge of the issues will be received.

Very respectfully.

E. P. French
Second Auditor

O. O. Howard.
Through War. Dept.
Offic. State Penitentiary
Salem April 24th
1878

Sen. O. O. Howard
Portland O.

Dear Sir:

Holan's crime was
Adultery, look up for six (6) months
excepting perhaps a couple of weeks. He was a brisly during the
whole time of his imprisonment
kept at work on the out side of
the Prison enclosure.
The soldiers sent to arrest
and take charge of him Came
out to the prison the day before
his release. Nolan was then on
the out-side: alone at once
he saw them. Knowing their object,
after they had left he came in
and told the landlord that he was a
deserter and those soldiers came
to arrest me. I shall come once
more. I am tired of being an
outlaw and submit to my pun-
ishment whatever it may be.

Very Respectfully,
Your obedient servant
B.D. Becher

Quire To
Mr. Old Wood

Dear sir,

you letter of March 22nd 1878 to Mrs. Margaret Jeffreys in regard to the discharge of her son who is under age. You state that Mr. Howard said he would do all he could to aid Mr. Jeffreys in getting his discharge and directed him to write to the Secretary of War which has been done and the enclosed is his reply. The old lady is in a suffering condition and can not get along without the help of her son now you will please be kind enough to aid her in this trying and destitute time. I don’t think that the gentleman who replies to our letter from Washington has had time to get any reply from you. Gentleman let alone refer it to Mr. Howard. You can see from the date in his and the date of ours Apr 3, 1878 therefore I the under signed in the interest of Mrs. Margaret Jeffreys wish to send this letter.
of Mrs. Margaret Defrancesco do pray you may use your influence in her behalf hoping to hear from you at an early date. I remain your
most obedient servant.
Winfield Pedersen
Headquarters of the Army,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, April 19, 1878.

W. J. Bridwell, Esq.
Newbern, Ind.

SIR:

In reply to the application of the 3rd Jackson color, signed by yourself and others, for the discharge from service of George Jefferson Enzer, 7th Ohio, I respectfully inform you that the General of the Army, to whom the application has been referred, considers that discharge for the reasons advanced in this case, would not be coincident with the interests and economy of the public service.

Very respectfully,

Your most obedient,

[Signature]


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that she could not go with you when you went home. But if she had been able to have her go her health would not have been good enough.

As you may imagine I was not very well and feel it hard to keep up. I am sorry I have not written such a delightful letter. Full things do look very dark. I knew if I wrote of anything that someone could do, your friends would not write to you at all. I am sure of your sympathy and I trust you will do what you can to learn when we found you here gone home.

If Addie in these letters at home ever here met you on the train. But he has been away since December 11th. If I had not seen by the papers how long it would be before another steamer sailed I would have been certain of seeing you at the house. Your rooms are all ready, but still I felt almost sure you would go on.

I remember your note.
From the Palace, and we are much obliged for the attention. 
For sending in our permit. 

I suppose something else to support us. (Since if we are all right, I will write for you next. 

He has two good spirits, as in February. He was much encouraged by his prospect of going in his field, and his progress with the county. Since then, he has found nothing to pay them for their trouble. 

Now a tax suit has been commenced against the company, another assessment levied, which will take more than all of his time. 

He has been unsuccessful in his efforts, and he is to go on with his studies, but he will have to wait for more than all of his time. 

He is discouraged, but he is still well in health, and he says we are to do as we have made up our minds, and we have agreed that she needs to be in a convalescent hospital before it ends, as she keeps about the house, to be in the good house. But cannot go out much, as she sometimes feels the cold. 

The house has been disappointed.
Portland, Oregon.
April 30, 1875

To
A. B. W. W. Pullen
Second Comptroller of the Treasury
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Your communication of April 30, 1875, is received. I am unable to
find any record of any claim against the Comptroller in the sum of the hundred and sixty-five dollars.

My abstract of disbursements for the fourth quarter of 1874, shows a credit in my favor of three hundred and sixty-five dollars, and there is one in the hands of the Assistant Treasurer in New York, three hundred dollars, to my credit, amounting to the sum of three hundred and sixty-five dollars, that I may draw it in part payment of the same, being an error of the Assistant Treasurer of New York at that time when the Treasury account was
paid from this fund until the error and only recently suspected, and the amount refunded to my credit at present.

Yours very truly,

A. B. W. W. Pullen
Second Comptroller of the Treasury

I've enclosed herewith an affidavit of my last abstract of disbursements, which testifies to the fact that it is correct.
for your own advantage that show of work of 1879, 1st quarter.
And if duplicate and assume support, and that shown 1st
of the same quarter in a sum of Tris 100 and desirable
in the United States in the above mentioned capacity 1879, 1st
(foreign account, dated 1879, 1st).

And it is certainly some misunderstanding about the above
from quarter 1879, in for the authorized expenses of the interpreter,
and as there are only few words. I find no such in, as alleges,
and recorded 1st, is for the thanking expense of the authorized
notes in this committee, and I do not remember to have
admitted any portion of it as correct.

The only evidence of correspondence that I was able to
was in a letter, dated 1879, 1st, and I do this, because my
attention was called, in the Indian Department, to the letter
only in the amount and the name of the person, but I
judged by examination that there was no error. I shall re-
wright forward amount and of different states, and the reason
for that amount being the same, it because what you in the
kind of shipping from Cape Grant to a distant point.
Duplicate on record 1879, the amount of these purchased on
record 1879, and those probably were not time to obtain and
identified bills.

Thus seems to be examination of my accounts and
receipts, if so and not right.
S. Orange A. F. Apr 26

Dear Brother

I sent you an article on "Cochineal." Charles is back in Florida getting out Orange Trees. Ed. H. Young on Salem Street. Sunmaker in Warren. Store 80 cents. The man H. was disappointed not to see you. He says he wants one from Aloha to take an agency of his terms in Oregon. It is a great business of fine articles.

I wrote him Jamie would want to catch the ship with us. He also men times are also men times can begun as far as your Salem place. He lives on the St. Thomas where he gets his in which he lives in which he gets his in. Forest. Frank will publish Lee's shepard. I will anticipate the story book will be more interesting than this. They said nothing to their about. Poulson
Clarendon Hotel,

Yieber & Knowles, Prop's
Portland, Oregon, April 29th 1878

Gentlemen,

Mr. O. O. Howard

Respec Sir

I have in the morning for Victoria - expect to return the last of the week - will then see you.

Yours truly,

James W. Miller
Western Union Telegraph Company.

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JAS. GAMBLE, General Sup't, SAN FRANCISCO.
WILLIAM ORTON, President, NEW YORK.
L. R. BREWER, Secretary.

Washington, D.C., April 29, 1878.

Received at Portland, Oreg., April 29, 1878.

To Gen. O. O. Howard.

There's a fair draughtsman, not a topographical engineer.

F. H. Smith.

9:30 a.m. Oct.
Washington, D. C. April 30, 1878

General O. O. Nevars,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear General,

I take occasion of forwarding the enclosed letter to say that I sent you some two weeks ago the quittance of the Second Compt., and shortly after wards saw District Attorney Wells, who told me that he had received the same information, and considered the suit at an end.

I hope that you had a pleasant journey home, and found your wife and family in good health. Please remember me kindly to them and also to Capt.哈登 and family.

Yours truly,

Geo. W. Dyer.
Dyer & Co.
Apr. 30.

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