to whom I have showed the letters — for I regard letters as sacred; but sometimes in special cases I show a convict's letter to a friend whose prayers I wish to solicit on the individuals behalf. 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 be 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, can say that I believe he is desirous of becoming a soldier in the service of our dear Redeemer.

May God give you wisdom as your day demands in your critical position. If you may not grant a free pardon in Mr. Nolan's case, may it please our

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Salem, Apr. 22d 1878

Gen. O. H. Howard —

Dear Sir —

Please pardon the liberty I now assume in writing to you. While I take this liberty I confess that I feel straitened as to the manner in which I should address you. I must, therefore, appeal to you, simply, as a brother in the faith and hope of the Gospel of our Blessed Lord and Savior, that you will bear with me patiently, and take under your most prayerful consideration the case of the young man, Hayden Nolan, who for some

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 battle.

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 you 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 directed to him in the prison by his quiet demeanor in the chapel on Sabbath days. I approached him and one who seemed to be his companion and particular ~~free~~ friend, and they both manifested an eagerness to converse upon the great theme of their souls' salvation. They made no appeals to me tending to call forth my sympathies on their behalf as prisoners, but did seem anxious to receive religious instruction. The few letters I have received from these persons have been read with feelings of deep interest by Mrs. Hatch Mrs. Closson, and one of our most spiritually minded pastors. These are the only persons

seems that we must, in looking back from heaven over our service, while in the flesh, that we will feel regret at our want of faithfulness.

I most respectfully subscribe myself your sister in Christ

M. M. Thornton.

P. S.

There is a Mr. George Litchfield doing business in this city, who, for a short six months, has been laboring in the Prison work most faithfully, as an exhorter, who has taken a deep interest in Mr. Nolan, but I am not able to see him, or I am sure he would speak favorably of this young man—

M. M. Thornton

Heavenly Father to enable you to see your way clear to deal with him leniently— I pray God that, henceforth, 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 to day, to learn, with certainty, his situation—

I ask the continuance of your prayerful interest on behalf of the cause of Christ in the penitentiary. There are many weary spirits there. But we who labor among them have not that power with God which would enable us promptly to lead them to Him, who gives the weary rest— Yet, I feel assured that weak as is the ef-

yet it is owned of the Master, for no labor of love done in his name is overlooked or forgotten. 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 upon the present occasion. Please, also, to overlook defects in my communication for I am writing under considerable physical prostration, and amidst frequent interruptions.

When you come to Salem, please, always, to visit the Prison and to have 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 Triune God is no respecter of persons. He sees not as man sees. With what importance does the fact of the Son of God having died for the salvation of our souls clothe 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 co-heirs 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. Sometimes it

San Francisco Cal
April 23rd 1878

Genl O. O. Howard
Dear Sir

I am ashamed to trouble you again, but am obliged to do so. my work has been cut down again & as I have heard nothing from Washington I do not know what to do. I intended to ask you about my papers, but think I understood you to say that Genl Butler had them, now Genl what am I to do, I am getting in debt every day with no prospects of paying & what I do I must do quickly, the times are so hard that I cannot get

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work to do out side the Govern-
ment, if it will not be asking
to much if you would like
that you advise me in this
matter as soon as possible
by so doing you will place
me under still greater obligations
to you, remember me kindly
to your wife & family & believe
me to be very truly

Amos S. Trueheart

#204, 22nd St.

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C.C.W.

I pledge promise Gen. O. O. Howard 77½

that I will never drink strong drink, (I mean liquor, malt 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 23d day of April, 1878. at Portland, Or.

W. L. Black

Vif. Vouchers 63 & 64. Frank Prenger

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Official Letters to this Office must be addressed to the "Second Auditor of the Treasury," and in replying to Letters from this Office the initials on the upper left-hand corner should be referred to.

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Treasury Department, 78

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 Frenger $626.54 for supplies, and J. F. 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 Interpreters, if possible, be furnished.

If from lapse of time or other reason the Interpreters cannot be found, the witnessed certificates of any disinterested

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persons who had personal knowledge of the issues will be received.

Very respectfully.

E. P. Kinch
Second Auditor.

Brevet Maj Gen.
O. O. Howard.
Through War. Dep't.

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Office State Penitentiary
Salem April 24th
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Gen: O. O. Howard
Portland
Or

Dear Sir:

Holand's Crime was Adultery, Cut up for Six (6) months expiring perhaps a couple of weeks. He was a trusty 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, Holan was then on

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the out-side; alone at work
he saw them. Knew their object,
after they had left He came in
told the Warden that he was a
deserter and those Soldiers came
to arrest me, I shall run no
more. I am tired of being an-
Outlaw and submit to my pun-
ishment whatever it may be.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
B. F. Beach
Supt.

To
Marion Co

Hoosierville Ind Clay Co Apr 24
1878

Mr. C R L Wood

Dear Sir in
your letter of March 22nd 1878 to Mrs Margret
Jefferties in regard to the discharge of her son
who is under Gen O O Howard. you state that Mr
Howard said he would do all he could to aid
her in getting his discharge and directed her to write
to the Sec 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 dont think that the
gentleman who replies to our letter from
Washington has had time to get any reply
from you Gentleman let alone referring it to
Gen Howard as you can see from the date
of his and the date of ours Apr 3 1878
Therefore I the under signed in the interest-

of Mrs Margret Pefferteller 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

Winfred J Bridges

Headquarters of the Army,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

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Washington, April 19th, 1878.

W. J. Bridwell, Esq.
Hoosierville, Ind.

Sir:-

In reply to the application of the 3d inst. signed by yourself and others, for the discharge from service of George Jefferstiller, Co. "B", 1st Cav., I respectfully inform you that the General of the Army, to whom the application has been referred, considers that discharges for the reasons advanced in this case, would not be consistent with the interests and economy of the public service.

Very respfly
Your obt. Servt.
C. W. Longmuir
Asst. Adjt. Genl.

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Brooklyn April 25th 1868

My dear Sister & brother

I am afraid you will think I have forgotten your kind invitation to visit you, but I assure you I have not, I have been disappointed in a very great degree. When we found you had gone home and we had not seen you. If Addison had been at home he would have met you on the train, but he has been away since December 17th

If I had not seen by the papers how long it would be before another steamer sailed I should have been certain of seeing you at the house, your room was all ready, but still I felt almost sure you would go on.

I received your note there, and intended to do so, but Addison decided the weather was too cold for me to go, the Bridgeport & Milford Oystermen had been disappointed in a very great degree, I can not tell you how I felt when we found you had gone home and we had not seen you.

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I received your note

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

As you may imagine I am not very well, and find it hard to keep up. I am sorry to have to write such a doleful letter but things do look very dark, & I knew if you heard of anything that Addison could do, you would let him know; at any rate, I pride be sure of your sympathy, and I trust you will soon write to him.

I hope this will find you & yours all well. Please give my love to Mr. Is the Miss Brodie of Boston whose wedding cards we received this week and who is to marry a Mr Kimbele (a relation of mine) any relation of the one with whose we have Guy's name mentioned?

Answ'd

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from the Palace, and was
much obliged for the attention,
you mention receiving one poem
Secession - I suppose written when
he was in good spirits, as in
February he was much encouraged
by his prospects; but in his
progress with the work, since
then, he has found nothing to
pay them for their trouble,
a law-suit has been commenced
against the company, another
assessment levied, which will
take more than all of his back
pay: he has resigned - and expects
to be at home the first of the
month - He is discouraged &
disheartened, but well in health
he says; what we are to do, I
know not, as we have used up
every thing that we had except
the house - to live on the past two
years: sometimes he feels he will
succeed in finding something that
will support us. (and if we are
all together I will not ask for
more, but I am very tired of living
in this way.) then again he feels
he cannot try to do any thing.

Ollie will finish at the Grammar
School, next month, and thinks
he can take care of himself, after
that, of course, there are many
trenches he would like to go on
with in his studies, but he will
have to wait.

Dora has been miserably
since January - when returning
home to be the trouble, she
is a little better but we have
had very cold weather and all
agree that she needs to be in a
warmer climate, before it leaves
her entirely, she keeps about the
house but cannot go out much.

She was much disappointed

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Portland, Oregon.
April 25, 1878

To.
Hon. W. W. Upton
Second Comptroller of the Treasury
Washington D. C.

Sir:

Your communication of April 6. 1878, is received. I am unable, from my retained papers to ascertain how I am indebted to the Government in the sum of six hundred and sixty-seven $\frac{68}{100}$ dollars. My abstract of disbursements for the fourth quarter of 1872, shows a credit in my favor of Three hundred and sixty two $\frac{82}{100}$ dollars, and there is now in the hands of the Assistant Treasurer in New-York, three hundred dollars to my credit, awaiting the settlement of these accounts that I may draw it in part payment of this sum. By an error of the Assistant Treasurer at New-York a check drawn on the Freedmen's Bureau account was paid from this fund and the error was only recently reported to me, and the amount replaced to my credit as Special Indian Commissioner.

I enclose you herewith an official copy of my last abstract of disbursements alluded to above. You state "It also appears

"from your own admission that item y of voucher 119, 4th quarter "1872, is a duplicate and erroneous payment, and that voucher 51 "of the same quarter is erroneous thus making your indebtedness "to the United States in the above mentioned capacity $667.$\frac{68}{100}$" (first amount stated at $637.$\frac{8}{100}$).

There is certainly some misunderstanding about this voucher 119, fourth quarter 1872 is for the authorized expenses of the interpreter and as there are only five items. I find no item y, as alleged; and voucher No. 51, is for the traveling expenses of the authorized clerk to the commission, and I do not remember to have admitted any portion of it as erroneous.

The only admission of error, that I recollect having made, was in either voucher 10 or 12, and I did this, because my attention was called, in the Indian Department to the similarity in the amounts and the name of the payee, but I find on re-examination, that there was no error. I hold receipts for each amount and of different dates, and the reason for the amounts being the same, is because when just on the point of starting from Camp Grant to a distant point I duplicate in voucher 12 the amount of stores purchased in voucher 10, and there probably was not time to obtain an itemized bill.

Please cause a re-examination of my accounts and see if I am not right.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
(signed) O. O. Howard
Brigadier General U.S. Army.

E. Orange N.J. Apr 26, 78

Dear Brother

I sent you article on "Cochise" - Charles is back in Fla. setting out orange trees - Edw. Boynton of Salem Mass. Lace-maker in Newark - Store 80. Beckman St. was disappointed not to see you - says he wants "one your logs" to take agency of his sewing in Oregon. It is a great business & fine articles - I wrote him Jennie would want to go to School & they were in Army - He also mentioned an agency for some steamer on P.R. River on the Potomac in which he had an interest - Jennie writes that Lee & Shepard will publish in Sept & anticipate the Army book will be more interesting than this. They said nothing to Frank about seeing Rowland


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C. W. Knowles M. Zieber.

Clarendon Hotel,

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Zieber & Knowles, Prop's

Portland, Oregon, April 29th 1878

Gen O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

I leave in the morning for Victory – Expect to Return the last of the week – will then see you

Yours Truly

James H. Wilson

Wilbur - Rev. J. H.

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To Gen. O. O. Howard

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GEO. W. DYER,

Attorney and Counsellor at Law,

519 Seventh Street, Lock Box 100.

Washington, D. C. April 30 1878

General O. O. Howard,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear General. I take occasion of forwarding the enclosed letters to say, that I sent you some two weeks ago the quittance of the Second Comptr.n and shortly after words 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 Sladen and family.

Yours truly
Geo. W. Dyer.

Dyer Geo. W.
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