Mr. Vancouver
May 18, 1878

Dear Son,

When at Pittsboro I intended to write to you about the want of men 5 Subs at this post. Please have it about a week at Duncan with no doubt be promoted de soon for his Co on 10th lactalt. That will leave only 5 Subs to the 6 Captains. Their officer of guard & other duties a little hard Stone now at Duncan is 17. seas of Co I one of the Captains here. He has never been with it always cow in J. M. shir
ah some part. I wonder

-stand he in trouble with

the motion I can't do any hard duty such

in active service. Your

Fletcher in 1st Art of C

Co 2nd Volunteer. I do

not know when you

intend to go with him

when you go. Don't put

through with him. But

if you intend to send

him to his Co I would

it not be wise to send

him three or four months

till the face clear. But

like join a also some

sort in place of Duncan

Bailey. I believe I am F-

never served at a fort

of even 1 Country.

I care With

Love Horner

US
1504 PINE STREET,
St. Louis, May 20th 1878

Wmj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

We have sent you sample copies of the National Prohibitionist and hope you are pleased with the paper and endorse its sentiments. We desire to obtain short, characteristic articles from the most prominent and able temperance writers in the country. Will you favor the National Prohibitionist with an article at your earliest convenience, and oblige.

Yours for entire Prohibition
Frank M. Bemis
May 20, 1875

File
Major General O. O. Howard

Dear General,

Yours of April 18th came to hand some days since. I will take the liberty of handing it for publication to the Editor of the "Northern Christian Advocate" for publication.

Mr. Nottingham pleased no one in his Memoir of Gerrit Smith. Mr. Smith's family were so thoroughly dissatisfied that they have called in the work, stopping the issue & buying up what copies they could. They are justly dissatisfied. Nottingham has made out that Gerrit Smith was at the very best a whistling politician if not an out and out liar. You know how impossible that would be.

Of course no one who loved not the Lord Jesus Christ could understand or write the life of Gerrit Smith. But we
Who knew him well, saw Christ in him.

Thanking you for your great kindness in writing to me, and thanking God, Gen. Gen. that you have come off more than conqueror from your own trials.

I remain,

Yours Very Truly,

David R. Phillips

Rydell Tamp. Co. N. Y. 2
May 22nd 1878
May 22, 1878

G. M. Wilson

The Dallas Or. May 22

Genl. O. O. Howard

Dr. Sir,

Your telegram came to day. I write because I think you may better understand the mail delays if I say that there is no direct mail from Tompkins or Fakema to this place but only by way of St. Mary's. Still going ahead.

I have not heard from Capt. I. P. had sent a messenger back no news from him could reach this before next Sunday. I saw today a letter from Fakema, this tells one Capt. I. P. was at Fakema city en route for the land of roses. No company with
"Are the Agency, Blacksmith, he thinks, they were in a light spring wagon, but is not positive. I tried to have him say what day he saw them, but there was nothing which he could recall that would enable him to state the time definitely—only that we judged he was travelling with due speed, and that no messenger could overtake him.

Mr. James thinks the community perfectly quiet and easy. If there is any apprehension he is not aware of it.

Your second telegram is at hand— I shall do as you request—

But no mail communication would start from Umatilla until next Monday.

Very sincerely,

E. W. Nelson
Office Tahanau Indian Agency

Fort Simcoe 0.S. May 22d 1878.

Gen O. C. Howard

Dear Sir,

Capt. McPherson has just returned from a visit with Chief Mass and his people at Kettap Valley. I sent a messenger two days ahead of the chief to inform Mass that we would meet him and his people on the 22d at Shuebi's Stone Kettap Valley for a friendly talk. At the time fixed for having him here, his health was such that I deemed it unsafe for me to go. I sent Chief Sundew who understands and talks the English and Kettapat well. So the captain might be fully understood in all his communications.

Mass came as he was requested at the time and place, and was free in his talk with the chief, showing that his mind was not changed towards the whites from what he represented in the council here last June. I am fully persuaded that the elements of war are not in these hearts - the streets in commanding this people and will continue the strong friends of the whites.
The Capt will give you all the particulars of the interview, and enable you to judge correctly of the standing of these officers who have from time to time during the past year been falsely represented as the war party.

I am Sir,
Your obedient servant,

James W. Miller
W. S. and Gent
Briefly. (For, I realize that even extending my idea
on one whose time is as precious as yours
must be, I ought to be very brief. Briefly you
express your wish to aid me. Now I beg you
not to remember that I am no petitioner for
commissions in view of any self-interest in my
aid, that is in view of any self-interest in my
aid. But if you think that the ideas are correct
that the results are grand, that the modification
for the military bridge is very important,
and might be the turning point of great
military events—last perhaps not least, if
knowing that you have consecrated whole soul
and body to the service of God and his king-
dom—then why shrink from a partnership
in a concern that may easily bring you many
millions to do good with? And now as I feel
quite as honored that I am not yet in position
to make a present of the right of Oregon, but to
propose what you may
consider a petition for assistance, I will
say briefly that these last two years I have
felt extremely difficult among the poor I have
felt obliged to give so much as to get myself
materially in my efforts for any thing.
For example, one man an inventor of
an important machine with a large
beautiful young family, I have spent enough
to have nearly patented my idea. But
what could I do? I would go in anxious
about them, I find they would have to go
sufferers, to bed or to suffer,
I need not lengthen such details.
Then I have a considerable amount of
property but all the financially available
that they had got considerable into debt
I have ruins at a sort of insurrection
of my financial affairs rather than have
steadily crippled in paying their debts. And this has

on my financial means, which they have crept into, rather seems to grow on them than diminish now that their debts are nearly paid. Briefly my wife (now deceased near this town a few years ago) had a great dread about my expenditures. I defended to the family indulge the same (blind) obsession to call it) dispassion, and I suppose think they are doing God's service by opposing me, or sanctify in their own view the getting as much of my means into their hands as they can; at the present that I am visionary.

I would like to engage your sympathy by giving you some small detail of my history in this and other respects, but it would be selfish in me; I would be enroaching on you. But briefly, my family have inspected the public with the idea that I am visionary. I was almost the earliest settler here. The earliest professor I trust I was at the field—constantly vacated it in order to have preachers come—do so on some one there all over the city as it grew, but all over the surrounding country within a diameter of 50 miles—proceeding every where—vacating constantly to give room to an open door to any who might seem to wish to go in to preach the gospel. They have come in a needful good harvest spiritually and temporally where I have. In these excursions which have been all pedestrian I have walked 26,000 miles in these 20 years, in the heat of summer, and deep snow of winter, and the storm has ever deterred me. But all this voluntary, no recommendation. But why bother you with these details. My apology is that I feel as ashamed at not being able to this time...
to offer you a handsome gift as I expected at first, & that now you really have to hint about assisting me, & that what I now propose may appear to you as such a thing, as such a thing as my part of your assistance.

Well, then, to crystallize, as you express it, my ideas, with regard to your assistance.

I am finding the ideas correct, very correct, & likely to be very remunerative important, & likely to be very remunerative & up to millions in one such bridge as the Brooklyn, & if this claim be well justified by the testing of as many models as you may choose to test models as you will patent merely, & if you will delay patent the ideas, I will offer $500. within one year for pushing the same, just as much above $500. as a sense of justice to you modified by a due regard to your own self-interest may dictate.

Then I will give every second country.

I sent a letter to you in the address you mentioned in Washington but you take no notice of it. In that letter I mentioned that I had models in the hands of Lewellyn Deane in the hands of Lewellyn Deane in the hands of Lewellyn Deane in the hands of Lewellyn Deane in the hands of Lewellyn Deane in the hands of Lewellyn Deane in the hands of Lewellyn Deane in the hands of Lewellyn Deane.
understand to have formerly been connected with the Post Office. You probably know him. At first he seemed to wince at the claim of great advantage on economy which I insisted on being embodied in the application. He said he would not present such an idea without much time and study to see that there was no error. Finally, however, he wrote saying that if I was young and had means he would urge me to go on with it, which was substantially endorsing my strong claims with regard to advantage.

I will try to send within a few days a model beam. It will likely be of the following singular construction: 2 1/2 inch iron cord of from 4 to 8 ft. having a tenon at each end reduced to 3 lbs. incapable of weighing over 10 lbs. The illustration bearing several hundred The illustration of the principle on this plan will be good in several respects especially as showing how from many small, easily packed up, and easily transportable parts a bridge may be sent, easily constructed on the spot, or carried to again easily taken down, in short packed up and as before, in short, surpasses every other bridge, especially for military purposes. Respectfully.

Thos. B. Oiland

May 22, 1878
My dear Cousin:

My wife received your very welcome letter & the note to Miss Dean &c. in good time.

I called at the office, but Mr. Longden, the Manager, is in N.Y.

I left the note, at the request of the Gentleman in charge, and he said he would let me know when the Manager returns. I cannot tell you how thankful I feel for the note, & trust something near a cure of it.

Yours, W. P. gave me the charge of this office, Equitable Life Society.
till their new agent arrive. I have
also the promise of some work
for June 1 July. If I get the letter
it will give me an opportunity
to look for something permanent.
I hope you are all well
and enjoying the quiet in your
Department.

We are well, except Dora, who
is troubled with a rheumatic difficulty.
We hope the warm weather will
Cure it off.

I notice Guy is in the City occasionally.
I shall try and see him.

All desire to be kindly remembered
of you & yours. Ever yours affectionally,

A. Martin.
Dallas City, May 23rd, 1878
Gen. O. O. Howard
Head Quarters of Columbia

Dear Sir,

I take pleasure in saying to you that Capt. Willerson who has been to visit Messrs. Has made the best time in going & returning, that it is possible for a man to make to meet county & back. Your will understand something of the difficulty of the journey & visit, where you know that to reach Moses I had to send messengers at least one hundred and twenty-five miles from Fort Sillman over so rugged mountains county to inform him the Capt. would meet him at Shewdies in Hittaf Valley, and that from the Fort to Shewdies where the interview was held the distance is about eighty miles.
The Capt in returning from Mattock  
Cause the Eighty Miles Arrive at My  
house between twelve and one in  
the night, and when he was rested  
enough and a Team could be  
Selected from the Pit it was done  
and we Came in about one  
Day. There is Mail facility once a  
week on Telegraph. So you will see  
that any Slumpup that was apparent to  
you in the Dispatches, either not have  
been Betterre. I am Prompted to  
Say this from the reading your  
Dispatch read to day, in which  
it Appeared to me you were a  
Little Nervous, Trusting you will  
find the Report of the Capt  
Perfetty Satisfacitng  
I am Sir  
Your obid Servant  
A.H. Wilson  
W S Dec 04
Wilkeson W. Ty.
May 25th, 1878.

To

Gen. O.O. Howard, U.S.A.
Adjrs. Portland Or.

General,

I have the honor to respectfully make application for a situation as messenger in any one of the Staff Department, Dept. of the Col.

I make this application on the grounds of being an Ex-Soldier, having served in Capt. B. Cohoes' Co. A, 21st Inf'y, the term of 5 years from which I was honorably discharged the 3rd Feb'y 1878.

I can get recommendations from my Coy. Capt. and Coy. Officers and Lieut. H. P. C. Winwright 1st Cav'y.
regards my Honesty, Sobriety, Integrity, and Faithfulness.
May 25, 78.

Hoping this application meets with favorable consideration.

Jas. Sir,

Very Respectfully,
Your Obd't. Serv.
John Pyne
Wilkeson.

W. T.

P.S. General, I respectfully solicit an answer.

J.P.

Jno. Crews.
May 25, 1878

My dear General

Your dispatch about the Meramec and the capture of the Standard is hereby received, and will be published in the newspapers. I am now in receipt of your letter and your kind invitation to visit the Meramec. I am on my way there now. I was sorry not to get an order a few weeks ago directing the discharge of a made-up book. The Intercom offers to help me with this matter. I hope I will be able to do so.

I am with my compliments,

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

[Inscribed: Frank Wheaton]
his Turkish and family
of the Steke, and his cap
family connections, I was
able to obtain accurate
information; truth is, we
are utterly helpless with-
out such people as
interpreters, guides, scouts &
and they fast away in
the Military service now,
mean of their positions to
secure a faithful and de-

ter performance of their
delicate important duties.
I feel the loss of Herring
very I know how much
This is now needed by Marnier.
and usual to go, when our
head is an Indian
Country with a hundred
of men, but they set
that some Indians can
now call aboard and a very
different seeing.

The disencumments made here
by Eleuther burn had a
most salutory influence,
the best Indians his army,
rapidly losing all faith in
Military promises to pay.

Now, if he should meet the
promises of the late Key Pou
he could think it likely we
might obtain some.

The troops
at all our frontiers, set in
Your Hfe have as much to do
this summer as preparing for
their shelter from next winter.

North to Walla Walla
or near the Columbia
and maybe as far as
Cape Cook, it five
hundred men — let them

from a summer camp, they
under confidential circumstances
unknown to any citizen or
clerk or employer in Portland
or elsewhere — not to speak to,
so far near Moses a any of his
people for some weeks until
Citizens and Indians come quiet,
them to send a message to
Moses and tell him what he
must do. I wish he must
go there or theirs without any
discussion or temporizing.

That is my impression on
this
matters — if the
Indians were under the War
Department, we could arrange
for their location where
friendly as well as for their
quartering where hostile
I imagine it would not
be difficult to treat these
clearances. He would be contented
I suppose — but a force
would be required to keep the
white off his Reserve.
The Reserve he wants part of the Columbia had last 3
white settlers on it last fall,
now I suppose there are
many more, and the problem
is dealing justly and fairly with
the Indian. I protecting the
advancing tide of immigration.
becomes more difficult
daily. Mortishe tells me
that of Messrs. Indian, were keen
to visit their own. They hope
to come to the future.
Haugman's Creek, and about
3 weeks, Messrs. canted for
him lent, did not want to
fight. Mortishe thinks
for cannot be too watchful
and their may be trouble
ahead. If it should be
necessary to make a cam-
paign against Mr. Mosse or
his people, I would suggest
the use of an ample force.
I remember the time when
as a funny cavalry it was
Silence with the Lake train came her a week ago and his simply wages
stalled in formal places, had we not really dry 2 in fair
order up her until August.
I am remained 5 additional leagues 2 trains complete, he is
during care 2 all goes smoothly
all the fame well except the
Pioneer had reached them before
the 615 unit. You may lead
their with more charity if I
assure you that it was not
my original intention to
influence to say a letter when
you come I began - What did
find Mr. D. think of your
prepared plans for the car.
Mr. W: Mr: Montecino.
Sallei and Amy are quite
well and send much love to
you all, I fear I fear that