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Lapwai, Idaho, June 1878

Gen. C. C. Howard

Dear Sir

Only about

ten minutes ago. I know that the Scouts were starting to you.

Septestimmah will tell you. Perhaps, that Miss Mc B. is praying for Gen. Howard, and those with him - I know you will care for the Nez Perce boys to the extent of your power - May God guide and guard Gen. Howard, and give him every needed grace, and speedily bring peace - prays.

(In haste)

Respectfully

S. L. Mc Belt

McPart, S. D.

June 1878.





Dear by letter
June 21, 1878

New York
June 11, 1878

Can. Claire / Wis.
3^d June 78

My Friend


With much pleasure rec.
your last. Am sorry that your pecc.
affairs are worse than mine. That how-
ever, be assured, will not diminish my
regard for you, but rather increase my desire
to benefit you, if possible. Be assured your
benediction expressed falls soothingly on my
heart. For, I have loved much, & alas! it
has sometimes happened that "the ^{abundantly} more I have
loved the less I have been loved". I am now
nearly two years a widow, & long & yearn
for some one, man, woman, or child on
whom I may pour my solitary, aching
yearning heart. So, seeing from your letter
that I can familiarly love you, I feel
somewhat soothed in my many labors,
& afflictions, & in the fear that I had,
that you would be worried by ^{my} many intru-
sive letters. We all live in an ideal world
more or less. My experience, no doubt,
has been yours. Besides Abraham &
of the Old Test., the "Lord of Glory, the
disciples, the martyrs, Socrates the gentile
sage, then in our own time Garibaldi.
^{These have to me in the language of imagery been an ideal world.}
Can be assured I was so overcome
with the ever increasing persecution of Gen.
Grant by the Chic. Times on account of
alleged Cesarism that I shed many a
tear. Then I cannot tell the vexation
I felt when the same fire in the rear
followed you in your trying campaign. So,
seeing your kindness in bearing with my
letters I feel like shaking with you, the
hands of Christian communion across the

Rocky mountains. And, I hope that God will return an hundred times into your own heart, your kindness to me. — But to descend from the ideal world to the actualities of the bridge. — Let us imagine the wire (or its substitutes). It has the advantage of being a very long continuous burden-bearing power, needing no bolts or rivets. It is a very long beam (in the case I mentioned before, 1 in. \times cross-section, capable of bearing a burden of 10 tons over a span of 6 miles) whose construction is in the Factory. But it has a great disadvantage. It has no rigidity, or little. It is flexible, that is, bendable (to coin a word) perhaps every millionth of an inch — Consequently the burden, at each point of impact, produces a bend approximating to a rupture unless so very much wire be added as to compensate for this. But how does it compensate? It adds strength. But strength is a vague word. It only indicates the result. But ~~to~~ to analyse — How does it strengthen? By stiffening & By hindering the flexure or bending. But that is a very inefficient & consequently expensive way compared to the ^{use of the} envelopes, especially when the wire is screwed up against its own envelopes.

Now let us consider the spools or blocks. They seem very unlike a beam, but it must be acknowledged they are very trans-

portable, which transportability, if they can only be formed into good beams is a matter of great importance. But, behold them on the wire or wires, especially when the wire is screwed up. The two elementary parts combined, supplement ^{each} the deficiencies of the other. The ~~is~~ wire is long, but it wants rigidity. The spools or blocks supply rigidity. They ~~are~~ ^{the blocks} too short for a beam. The wire constructs these short pieces into a long beam. And the weight added need not be taken as an element into consideration because as before-mentioned in the case of the spools the wire is able to bear from two to three times more than without that weight. But I must stop, & perhaps you will be glad that I do stop. Still I trust that my reasoning is logical, & therefore not unpleasant as an exercise to your rational powers, & perhaps if you conclude that my ideas are very important you yourself will become an amateur bridge builder, in campaigns, at least, which, I fear, are inevitable.

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Certificate of Character.

To

Gen. O. O. Howard:

Col. D. P. Jenk-
ins of Seattle, W. T. wishes
your signature to a recom-
mendation for the Port Townsend
Collectorship.

In his behalf I am willing
to say that I have known him
since my removal to Seattle and
have uniformly found him to be
a man of conscientious integrity.

He belongs to no "rings" and
cannot be controlled by political
buyers and sellers.

You can safely endorse him.

Very truly,

Forest Grove, Oregon.
June 3, 1898.

J. T. Ellis.



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Copy

Treasury Department,
Second Comptroller's Office,
Washington, D.C. June 3rd 1878

Sir:

Your letter of April 25th 1878, relative to your account as Special Commissioner of Indian Affairs with enclosure has been received. In reply, I have the honor to state, that in accordance with your request, I have caused a re-examination of your accounts for the 2nd 3rd 4th & 11th Qrs. 1872, to be made, and find that on your account current rendered for the entire period Dec. 31st 1872 you acknowledge to have received the sum of \$14,000.00 and disbursed for same period - \$13,362.82 leaving a balance due U.S. of \$637.18 as fully appears by a copy of your account current herewith enclosed, differing from your abstract of disbursements for the 11th Qr. 1872 in the sum of \$1000.00, the amount you acknowledge to have received from Nathaniel Pope, Supt. of Ind. Affrs, but which you fail to carry -

W. H. Odell.

Second Comptroller.

June 3. 1878.

(3 Enclosures.)

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forward to said abstract of disbursements.

The items of disallowances amounting to \$30.25 which increases the above balance to \$67.68 you will perceive by copies of your statements in vouchers 50th & 51st 11th Jr. 1872 herewith enclosed, were made by your direction, in your own handwriting, and if upon examination you find that you erred in making such statements, your explanation regarding the same, will be duly considered.

Very Respectfully
(Sgd) W. W. Upton
Comptroller

Genl. O. O. Howard
Portland Oregon

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Fort Monroe, Va.

4 June 1878

Dear General,

I have just received a communication from the Commissary General informing me that he had disallowed the excess of extra duty pay over .20¢ away paid Private August Behrens Co. S. 4th Art. for services as butcher in Sept. and October and that it would be charged against you. I write specially to ask you to let me know if you cannot have the disallowance removed on the ground of the exceptional nature of the man's work on the Campaign, which began at the end of the days march, when the rest of the command, as a rule, could rest.

If you cannot have it removed, please let me know and I will send you a

post office money order for the excess
\$10.05, which you can cover into
the Treasury. Regretting very much
that you should be so annoyed and
with my kindest regards to Mrs.
Hawes and all your family,
I am, General,

Most respectfully yours -
Peter Leary Jr.
1st Lt. 4th Art.

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Washington, D. C.
June 5th 1878.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

Though your efforts in behalf of my husband, Mr. Patrick O'Brien, have been unsuccessful, I cannot permit the occasion to pass without expressing my everlasting obligations to you for the generous action you displayed in his behalf.

Mr. O. with over six hundred others, was subjected to a competitive examination for the position he sought, and although he passed the examination successfully, the Secretary of War, to whom the subject was referred, excluded Mr. O. on the preference of another.

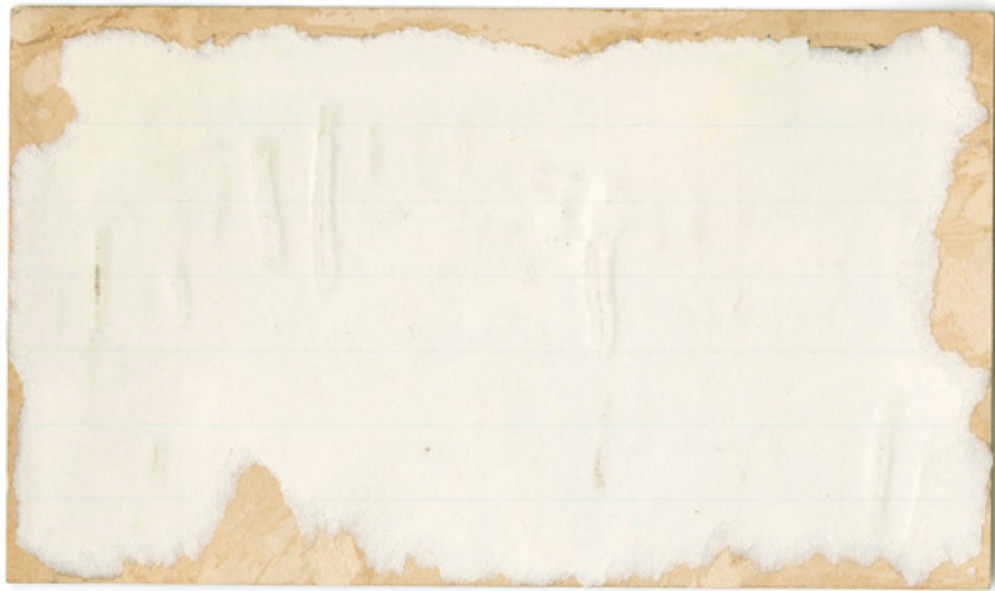
Hoping that your efforts in
his behalf may be continued
and that health and prosperi-
ty, and above all the favor
of Almighty God may ever
attend you. I remain

Yours very sincerely
Margaret C. Allen
109 New Jersey Avenue
N. Y.

P.S. I hope you will aid me
some way, as I am in a
destitute condition. M^{rs} Stickney
has been kind to me, and
wanted me to write to you although
far away. I would like to have
your Photograph to keep in
remembrance of you. I assure
you I shall never forget you in
my prayers. Hoping to hear from
you soon. Yours truly.

June 6th 1878

Message learns by Ochocho stage
at 4 Am. June 6 - Have done
my best to have it sent so as to
receive an answer by return
stage - but may not. The next-
mail comes on Saturday but
unless the letter is carried on in
the way I have referred to. Capt
S. cannot get a reply into that
mail - E.H.B.



annui and can only promise ten
for certain a more than hearty
welcome - and Jamie too should stay
as long as he can bear the monotony
and not hurry back as you intimate.
I shall be glad to join you with Smith
Co, we can arrange by telegraph where,
& where, perhaps at Pine Tree P.O.
where the road to Spokane Falls from
Sawtooth, interests the Muller
road from Colfax. Perhaps this new
Bannock row may change your arrangements,
what a pity if it should necessitate an im-
mediate enlargement of Boise, & the locating
of a Cavalry Regt - Hd: Qrs: there. Wouldn't
that be a shame!! Those miscreant
Northern Democrats & the Confed Brigadiers
are determined to hunt the Army I fear,
but after all the Senate may induce delay,
hard to guess what will occur, though we are
growing accustomed to seeing a few Regts cut off
& their promotion blocked for years to train Capt &
Lt, while a little more rank is added to the Staff.
Now so topheavy that Six Officers must be detailed to
do all their work that must be done off & on all
Capts - I am to all, Yours faithfully,
Frank Wheaton

Head-Quarters, Second U. S. Infantry,

Fort Lapwai, I. T. June 5 1878.

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My Dear General,
Your letter of 28th
ultimo reached me, I was about to
say yesterday, but I have misdated
my letter, it should be, the 6th today
is Thursday, and yesterday, the 5th, I
received Yours. How long our mail
is in coming up from Portland -
We are all more than delighted at
the prospect of Francis's visit, &
Jamie too. If your dear
Grace craves rest, sleep, peace &
quiet, she'll get it here, our only
excitement or indeed sensation during
the slow days in the week is to look
out of our windows Sundays, & see the

Andrew's side by to church,
rather an unsatisfactory substitute
for going oneself but its a comfort
to see them go if we cannot —

Andrew W. D. G. O. No. 24. that came
yesterday I shall speedily ask for the
separate fund for constructing a
Chapel & school room &c &c here. We
were never so badly off at a Post
before, except in Arizona's worst days
when it was a District a part of
adjunct to ^{the} California Dept. There &
here we have been in the habit of
leading Sunday Service regularly in my
rooms & the officers & their families all
come, to hear our blessed through our
beautiful Service — but I must leave
a room large enough for the families
use, with our limited quarters I have
been compelled to turn our old School
room into a Mess Room, leaving me no

place where the men may meet on
Sunday and hear something done
to mark the day — tho I do not feel
at home or at ease in such positions,
& am utterly unable to address an as-
sembly, I am willing to read our
Primer and encourage singing of Hymns
&c. &c. to the yeoman as I do now
to its officers & their families. and my
dear wife & Fannie will do here as
they have done elsewhere all possible to
help in a choir & Sunday School —
It is disgraceful that so little is done
in the Army in this direction, so few
opportunities or facilities afforded men
to improve themselves, I have tried
everywhere to help such matters along
but its always been my bad luck to
strike a Post without a Fund and a
Regiment in the same poverty stricken
condition. We will try our best but
to prevent grace from dying of

to the trail. That instead
of your planning my move-
ments-giving me "the cue"
if I had not have anticipated
your wants, you would have
arrived on the Missouri
River without a pound of
food for man or beast
and none within two hundred
miles. That in going up
to Cow Island you proposed
to send a small party with
a dispatch to me but
decided to go yourself



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Yellowstone
Fort Keogh Montana
June 8 1878

Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Sir,

In reply to
your letter I have to say
that I have not seen
your official reports, but
have noted the accounts
of your interviews with
reporters, the substance
of your congratulatory
order as it appeared

in the "Army and Navy Journal"
also your public speeches
and if anything but an
unfair inference can be
drawn therefrom I am very
much mistaken.

Now the following is the
way the case appears
to me and my opinion
is based on the statements
of officers and others
who were present and
claim to know. That you
virtually gave up the
pursuit of the "My Peres"
soon after crossing the
Mississippi. Turned back
your country, left the

trail - and marched to Carroll
with the intent of moving
your command down the
"Missouri". That you wrote
me the same in substance,
requesting me to secure
steambot transportation
for that purpose and
also wrote me that you
hoped I would hurry
them over the line
that they would not
fight two hundred men"
That you received no
request from me to
"slow up" but on the
contrary urging you
by all means to stick

in order that you might
"date your despatches nearer
the British line". That no
movement was made
north of the Missouri
until Gen^l Sturges received
a despatch from me
when he ordered the
movement. In view
of these positive state-
ments and facts I
do not think you need
be surprised if I am
not pleased with hav-
ing my movements
and command entirely
ignored and representations

made that there had
been one (and of course
only one) continuous and
successful Indian campaign
from the time you started
until Col Miles stood
by your side to receive
the surrender.

I remain

Very Respectfully
Yours

Nelson A. Miles
U.S.A.

Portland June 7. 1890.
All well, and have had much more
sleep than when you left. Thamma
received your note from the Steamer.
Jamie has gone to Vancouver this evening to
see Dr. W. will return on early boat in
the morning. Tell Mr. Wood his things
were sent by Mr. Fishel to the Station
and packed with his bedding by
Springer. Hope he will find them
all right. I took his book back to the
Portland Library this evening. The matter
here is moderating, hope it is with you.
Mrs. Genl. Eaton spoke of your speeches
the Scott School thought it would help
much in "advertising" the school & "suffer"
tell Mr. Wood I didn't give but only lent
him those scissors, so that he need not
fear the saying that "the gift of a sharp
instrument will cut friendship" off.
He finds them useful he may keep
them if he likes. Harry Beebe attended
Kennie's party this P.M. John went to
the Library with the knives. Ingraham &
Mrs. Chalmers cut a mast for his boat in
the woods, but found it too heavy to bring
home tonight. Mrs. William was absent to hear
about your reading her little hymn, & made
me explain what you meant when you spoke
of Mr. Wood's going away (East) from you. Kit
reads her goodbyes. Sander does her best
to cheer us up. We are lonely enough now
because I think of what it will be when you
are no, but I hope you will be back with
us soon.
S. E. O.



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Washington June 8th 1878.

Dear Sir

Dear Sir

Mr Flood

informed me yesterday, that, in view, of the sickness of your Agent, you have been looking for another. I should be pleased to act in that capacity for you, should you be compelled, or have occasion to make a change. I have ~~been~~ had large experience in such business, and should hope to satisfy you in the matter. You are quite as well informed about my fitness as any one to whom I would refer. I should be pleased to hear from you should you require any more. With the highest respect
your obt. servt C. Shivers

Attorney at Law,

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No. ~~984 F St.~~, near Interior Department,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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