Portland, 7th July 1876

My Dear General,

I am fully persuaded from what you told me when here that you have had an erroneous impression about my desire to go to Vancouver. I was perfectly satisfied with my duty at Fort Vancouver Head and was and resigned that I had to leave. My changing stations during the Indian troubles has insufficiently been some what expansion for me which I can really afford. After leaving Vancouver on the 6th June I moved...
by ship March 1st and I was informed that the hotel was moving towards
Holmenj and that the City was closely packed with people at John Day
Valley. At once upon their arrival at one cent my family to Portland left
My trip with general reputation and went through.

In March all the others have not been seen by me since the date and
left their, and stopped rapid forwarding to suit
as circumstances might
the date. To the best of my
recollection there is no
officer in this Dept, who
has served longer at
frontier posts than I
have. I have renewed contact
family with my Company

Since 1865 Steeds of month
in duty and I have
presented care of absence,
one month of this, I have
without refusal to refer to I
believe this is correct, I have
requested Mrs. Miller
local on you for
any information and
advice you can give her
when she passes through
Portland in order to join
me. I have written her to
come as it will be partly
to her advantage to travel
from this place to St. Mary
when I move there with
my Company, any assis-
tance she will render will be
highly appreciated by me.

I would glad to have
an opportunity to go as
far as Wallace line
our impression to meeting
me, and I enclose an
application for passes.
Willis Tharp to J. A. Scims [Steads Coolat? J] Weelu Terr., August 20, 1878

Attached to and filed with letter # 14607:

Wm. D. [Farren?] 40 00t, Parker City, Oregon. August 10, 1878
Boise City 21 Aug 3rd 1878

Gen. O O Howard
Portland Oregon

My esteemed friend,

Since I last conversed with you, there have been many things come to my knowledge which more pleasantly occur to my mind that certain parties with whom you are compelled to be thrown in contact with have not only been indolent in doing duty which grave must demand sufficient attention, but they have been putting in their time most carelessly at the expense of the general downfall of O O Howard General while many parties say if one thing of you & of your Military Conduct to your face they are ready to throw any words upon the streets as soon as you are back as turned such as a fine Campaign of Gen. [illegible] or Moore Harley & Home. This is true.
All continuing from a direction that I personally know that you have not the slightest knowledge of the cause. But, I will now give you a brief of the doings of Howard, in the following:
The army Jack Master, at the anger to me was sent to Egberto Command to disburse some 10,000 dollars to furnish by more to the same expense. The order intended from Member of your staff as day the story, upon the arrival of Chief Pack Master, he found 17 times of more & one & when he saw the character of the unnecessary stuff that was being transported, he executed his order & left 7 teams to care for the Cane & stuff & 86 Pack Animals not being sufficient to carry the provisions of Egberto Command. Again they say that 66 Animals was sufficient to carry.
The supplies of Capt. Miles Command, together with a good portion of those belonging to Major Rabbit's Ordnance stores, Miles Command being 300. In 2/3 of Eights, being 150. While this Chief Parker was taking an invoice of the goods & provisions he also wrote an invoice of a certain conversation between the Field A.P.C. of Eights Command and Mr. Jones which was as follows:

"Get up and make me another chorken Answer well mix me up another pot of tea. I have this information from a source that I know to be truthful. The business portion of the conversation are as follows:

Yet there are many like myself who know that you are not to be held responsible & that you would given such orders against the army much harm against the true prayer of our proud Nation."
Gentleman I write you this in strict confidence, not knowing as to what extent you may regard it. 2nd, notwithstanding I being in the commercial world & ambitious to make money yet I do not wish to stop to any step of discredit or dishonor to make it. This is a portion of the cause of those ungrateful People crying against Gen. Howard & the fact is universally known that the contract taken in the name of John Stanley to furnish the supplies & transportation for this campaign is a dark uncle man which Moore and Colon are operating extensively detrimental to all honest Army officers and particularly against the good name of Gen O O Howard. Gen I hope you will pardon me for imposing upon you this
Lengthy Epistle beating no in
does with what topics best effecting
me in the least. But with
the Honor of a Man & say
you that I only write upon
whom the subject from
a sense of justice and a
Friendly Feeling toward you.
There is Mr. Indian New her
at this time worth mentioning.
I hope that you arrive safe
at your home in Portland
and enjoyed the greeting of
your many friends.
I write any that I should be
pleased to have the honor
of receiving a line from
you at any and all
times. Again I write you
房租 me for the liberty
I have imposed and with
Kindest Requests believe me
your true friend
Mr. H. Biggerstaff.
Dayton, Ind., Aug. 22, 1878.

Gen. O. O. Howard:

Knowing by experience too much good a kind word sometimes does, I write you now to say that I am a warm friend of yours, not politically, but personally and religiously, and that I heartily endorse your conduct as a military commander. I send you a number of my papers, the "News," and will continue to do so unless you order otherwise. I have not said much editorially in your favor, because the state of the public mind in this region is such, at present, that I could not do you any good and would injure myself.
have friends here, however, and we are all gradually getting bolder and more outspoken and when the time shall come, as once it will, when I can do you good, I will do as I am satisfied that nine-tenths of the unfriendly criticism of the press all over the country, relative to your conduct of the late Indian uprising, really springs from a covert hostility to religion. They really strike religion in your person. Prejudice in the course you have adopted. The God of hosts will preserve and defend you. I also have passed through very fiery trials—not of the same kind you have passed—but still they are absolutely appalling to a man constituted as I am—but I have had God's blessed promises most fully verified in my behalf. I would not surrender my religious belief for all this world, even though it were one solid globe of gold.

Yours, 
Mr. N. A. Abbott
WADHAMS & ELLIOTT, Wholesale Grocers
FORWARDING AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS
28 AND 30 FRONT STREET,
Portland, Oregon. 28th Aug. 1878

Mr. O. D. Howard U.S.A.
Vancouver B. T.
Dear Brother,

I am to send you circular and programs for a general Sabbath School Convention as soon as announced. The committee having the matter in charge are not personally acquainted with the representative Sabbath School bodies in Oregon and Washington. I wish to have this Convention a success and earnest hope to have your assistance. You are requested to prepare a paper or address upon the relation of the Sunday School to Evangelistic efforts—i.e. in the work of preparing material for use outside in starting the germ of the future Church. Of course take your own course. The time allotted to each address is respectfully limited to 20 minutes.

Please send reply to Wm. Wadhams as early a date as convenient.

Very truly yours,
J. H. Mitchell.
Aug. 24th, 1878.

Dear Sir:-

Will you do me the favor to place upon the enclosed postal card, the full name of the Capt. Sperry who was killed some time since by the Indians? I have a relative by the name of Sperry in the service, and fear that he is the one mentioned. The favor will be appreciated by your old servant,

Curry C. Chase
Fort Vancouver
Aug 24. 1818

Dear Sene,

I received your letter of the 22d today. I did not say to Cole, Miles, that I presumed his Cow by should remain here, but what I did say now, that H.C. was by the roster first to be received. Next came I 0. Next D. & E. were the fourth. According to the date of their arrival at this port, I have a high regard for Cole Miles as an officer, and should be pleased to have him in his Company again next season. My immediate Con
-Med. but to assign him to this post near without sending the Capt. here. Would facilitate the sending away to some other post one of the Companies you mentioned to Johnson this part.

We have quartered him for the men for six Companies but cannot presently acc. Companies at present. The officers of more than four Companies. The assignment of Mills Center to this post would indicate that the men which we have men sent to spare.

Yours Truly

R. Tully
Beaver Creek, P.O.
Mark, Co. 1st
Aug. 27th 1878

General

You will recollect occupying my premises with your troops after the battle of Gettysburg and at which time all my hay, wheat and in fact all my farm products were and by the army. I write you now to ask you to give me a certificate as to your being on my farm and to the care of my property so far as you know, so as to enable me to procure something from the
government for my losses.
I have never yet been paid
one cent for all that was consumed
and as store officers failed to give
me the proper certificates although as
instructed to do by yourself, I now
ask that you will do their act
of justice to me. You will
recollect advising me to move my
family and personal effects, only
to the probability of a battle, leaving
me in full possession of my
premises. You left my place
on Sunday the 12th of July 1863
and moved toward Frankfort.
I mention these facts so as to call
your attention to my place.

[Signature]

[Signature]

To Maj. Gen. P. H. Howard
My dear girl,

I sent you a copy of your book and had it sent to me; they expected to receive the vol. in Octo. I found it correct, so it reads ad...
Nov. 7th -

The publishers wish to call it "Donald's School Days", the title I suggested being already used, and I have no doubt it will be, I hope you will like it. I hope you meet with much profit out of it. I should be very much interested in the review if you write one. I hope you are well.