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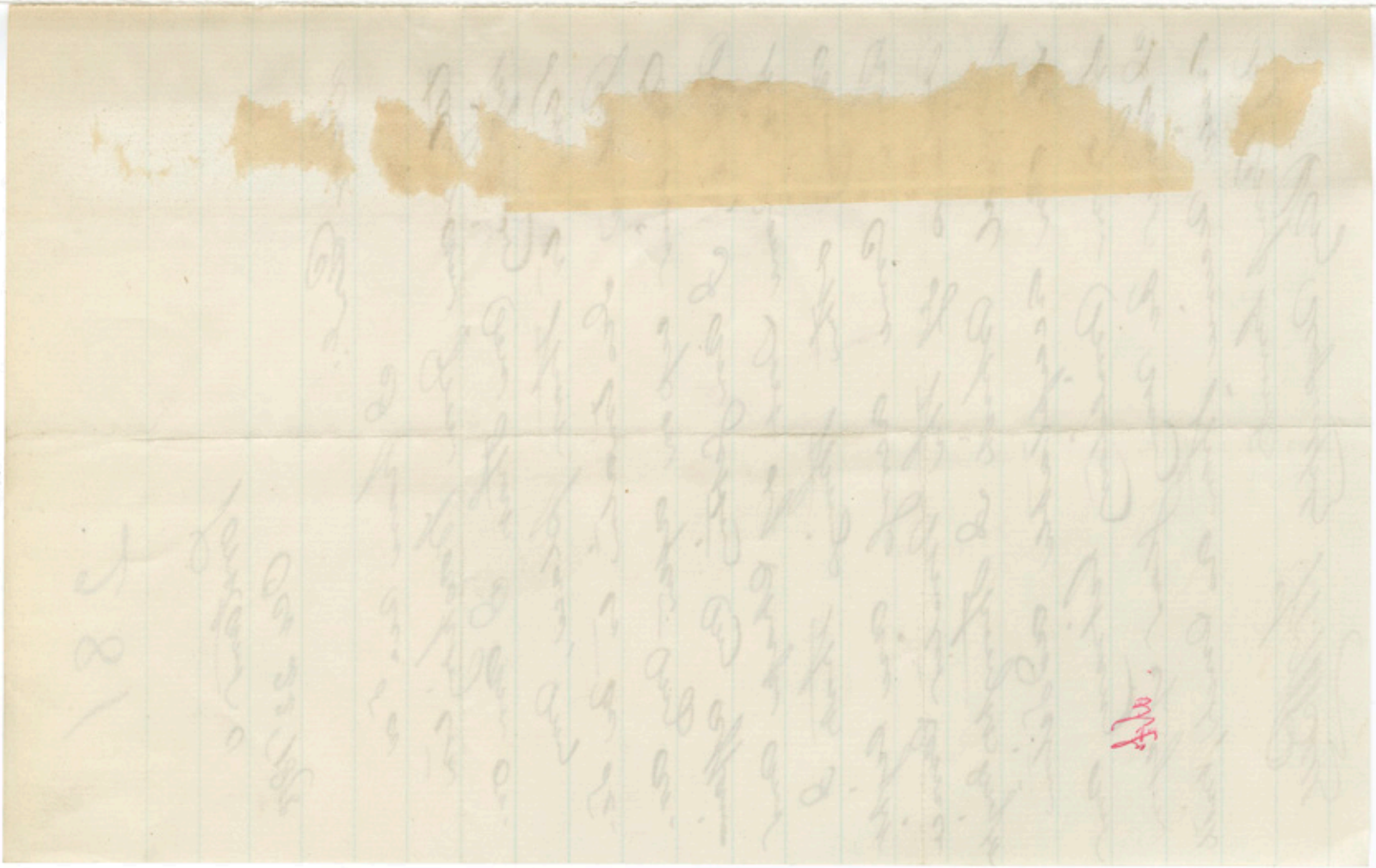
Portland O
Oct 22 1878

Dear Genl:

I have recd a telegram from Washington informing me that I am ordered to that place, my future destination to be determined upon upon my arrival, I am getting my affairs into some sort of shape and among other things that I have come across are eight volumes of the Military Service Journal which I thought might be an acceptable addition to your military library and I would be very glad if you will receive them as such, with my compliments

Very respectfully W. M. Bell



Washington D.C.
Oct. 22. 1878.

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My dear General

I write in haste. I presume personal letters will do for all this business, as I send a synopsis in official telegrams. If not I can write officially afterwards. I have had one or several interviews with Mr. Pratt. Mr. Dyer. John Cook. F. H. Smith Mr. Upton. his clerk Mr Tisiel. Dr Silvester

etc. First I will go back to an omission from my last letter.

In New York last Thursday night just before I left for Washn. I went to the Hotel telegraph box and wrote the enclosed telegram. While waiting to present it the operator looked up and said, "I am sorry to keep you waiting but I must take this Govt. message and he calls it 70 words and I can't make out that many."

Do you know how to count a Cut. Message? I asked "No" I told her and said is the message for Lt. Wood. "Yes. for Lt. Cockwood. Signed Howard? "Yes. Howard commanding." You see said I, I am the person. Let me look at the message, so she handed me her rough copy. I read it told her there were 78. words and handed it back. She said it was called. I said there must be a mistake as it would

not be sent from our
office in Vancouver
collect. it might give
for a part. She asked
the main operator, He
said very crusty it
was collect the whole
thing. Well the fact
was I had put most
of my money into
Taylors hands to forward
by draft from Chicago.
I had settled my hotel
bill bought my ticket
and had fifteen cents
in my pocket, so
I could not take a 70
word collect message
from Vancouver I had
send it carelessly, she

sadly read it to me again but dared not give it to me and telegraphed back that I refused to take the message collect.

Now there was something about Otis Presby's statement that with all his interpretation I could not make head nor tail of.

Mr. Upton gave me every facility and said if you could make a satisfactory showing to ~~us~~ him even if it was not satisfactory to the Ld Auditor. It

would be all right
but I can get no
insight into anything
that will relieve you.
Of course I am not
half through and shall
leave no stone unturned
. I will hire Dr Gilbert to
work it up faithfully
if I think that necessary.

As far as we have
got I find the entire
fight is in Gilbert's
office. Your account
current for 2. 3. 4.
Qur. 1872 is on a
regular blank of the
Indian Dept. in a
strangers handwriting

with no date as to transfer of the $1000 from Pope to you. but Pope's papers give it as done July 27. 1872 on the previous Dec. (5th) the Act. Curt. shows "To requisition No. 4448 collecting and subsisting Apaches $1000. Gilbert thinks you may have omitted to take account of this 4448 and thereby got the impression the U.S. owed you the three hundred and odd dollars

I shall investigate this 4448 in the Indian Office before I am through. Your receipt to N. Pope for the $2000 they say seems to be a temporary transaction. It is not shown on Pope's papers. Neither is there any transfer of $1000 to him, nor any account of the ambulance or mules. Nothing in fact that will explain away the difficulty. Tisil, the 2d Comptroller's clerk

says it was the
omission to file a voucher
that now renders the
$100 unaccounted for.
But he could not find
that voucher nor any
trace of it. nor the
endorsement he said
he had just put on
your letter of Sept. 17.
Gilbert as yet has
found no account of
a particular voucher you ought
to have filed, except
generally the fact that
a voucher, some kind
of a voucher is needed
to cover the $100.
I return to Gilbert

day after tomorrow when I have a special appointment to go carefully through all your and Popes papers. I cannot ascertain Popes whereabouts.

I have received a list of your property with descriptions from John Cook. This I at once gave to F. H. Smith. I will today mail the Deed executed by Cook transferring or conveying the Buffalo property to Mr. Barney. The deed explains itself. I have looked over it and can

Rec'd Nov. 4, 1898.

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see nothing more
said in the matt
Mr. Smith a
I agreed it would
better to sell the
estate even at pre
low sales than
have you proved
meet your liabil
One of your note
has been overdue
months. The one
Dr Lindsey is due
a few days. The
property only the
has been so overla
by newer and better
building that it is

to rent it for even
low rents. The 7th
Street. store is your
best piece of encumbered
property, it is in
good order but the
rental does not even
pay the interest on
the mortgage. It is
at 10% interest and
people are glad to get
8%. I think that is
wrong and it would
be better to get a new
mortgage if possible,
I think it would stand
to have the rent raised

also. I have an
engagement with Mr
Smith to drive with
him this afternoon and
look at all the property.
He is now threatening
faint and he may not
go. It is extremely
probable that your
life insurance money
may be saved to you.
I cannot say positively
yet. General
McDowell is still here.
The President is baiting
our friends the Shoemakers
so I am stirring the
Indian affairs no more
at present.

Gen. Ballock asked kindly for you today.

I am sorry to give you so gloomy a prospect for the $1000. and will gladly work save for that sum. If any new light is shed on the matter by your or Sladen's thoughts or researches telegraph me 812 Eighteenth st. Or Irving Hills according as you know whether I am in Washn. or Balto Co. at the time.

Ever dear General
Yours faithfully Lowell.

General Howard 282½
Candy. VC.
My dear Sir:

I am here mainly for the purchase of goods, but am exceedingly anxious to confer with you concerning some recently developed Indian matters in our section [Kittitas valley] - matters concerning which you should be informed. Will you be in this city wednesday thursday or friday of this week, and can you make an appointment to meet me at General Eatons (pay master) office? or can I best see you next friday at your own Headquarters?

Please address me

Ansd.

c/o Hawley Dodd & Co—
Respectfully & sincerely
Yours,
J D Olmstead
P M
Portland Oregon
Oct. 22. 78

H Eitlitofs
Esq

OFFICE, 401 NINTH STREET. 2 8 3 ADDRESS, BOX 52.

A. S. PRATT & SON,

Washington, D. C., Oct 22d *187* 8

Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Sir.

We have rec'd your letter of 26th sept. and have written Mr Pratt the Pres't of National, urging him to give you credit for amt paid as extra prem. on your future prems. as you suggest. Will you please give us the date the risk commenced & when it ceased.

All well here & glad to hear from you, with kind regards in haste truly yours

A S Pratt & Son

Answd by Slater
Nov. 6. 1878.

Comd't Room. Vancouver W T Oct 23 1878
Brig Genl O O Howard
Comd'g Dpt Columbia
Respected Sir

Believing I have done you an injustice in the Yakima country and elsewhere in making statements respecting Indian matters with which you have had connection, I now take occasion in this letter, and, as my return home shall publicly in speeches and in letters to the Press disabuse the public mind as far as in me lies respecting matters of which I have heretofore spoken.

Of course my position in life does not enable me to injure you more I inclined; still, you and I belong to the same common humanity, are susceptible to like influences and moved, more or less, by like passions, and a duty we owe ourselves and our creator is to right what we have wronged.

Being impressed by a feeling I cannot explain, since I

parted with you to day, having bled under our common flag, when assailed by Rebels, where you too were in the thickest of the fight, I could not leave here without saying thus much.

I am Sir

Very Truly

Your obt serv't

D P Ballard

school. Rowland made me a short visit when
Dora went to Thollowell. was some disappointed
Laura
about James not coming to go with him
Theresa has been sick most of the Spring and
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summer. she has a little girl 6 week's old and
is getting along nicely now it does not
weigh but 5lb tend it on a pillow and bring
it up by hand Mr Lafon Libby buried his
wife last Spring and his health is very poor.
they think he is going into consumption. they
had word to day that their Sister that married
George Stanchfield is dead. I had a good
letter from your Mother Abbie Deane is going
out to Dellie this fall and take his little
boy with her. we have had a remarkable
pleasant fall. but the leaves are falling
and it begins to look like winter soon
after Etta death I wrote Johns folks
long letter they did not notice it & have not
seen any of them since I heard Etta was
dead. I did all I could to be recovered I see
by this week paper that Helen Brother Ensign
Wething was buried last Monday truly Helen
has been sorely afflicted my love to the Chenam

P.S. why can't you both write me a good long letter I shall
ever be grateful for all you have done for me and my
Father will reward you tenfold does little Harry
remember me and how I should like to see
Bessie I did love them I hope the time will come
when I shall see you all I hope James will come
down next summer I'll him to come
Laura
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Leeds Oct 27 1878
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Dear Cousin

I have been thinking of writing
you for sometime. last week I received a paper
I am so glad you are restored again to your
dear family. I have thought much about you
both the past summer. I think you have
more than your part of the fighting of the
Indians. how anxious Lizzie must of been all
the time you were gone. I feel to rejoice that
you are again with your dear ones. how I should
like to just step in and have a good social
chat so many things I want to tell you. how
the Lord has blest me the past year how
good everybody is to me. truly I can say bless
the Lord O my soul and all that is within me
praise his Holy name. for my many blessings
your visit how much I enjoyed it I know
the Lord sent you to me. I shall never
doubt his loving care over those that put

their trust in him. Oh I have reason to mourn that I do not love him more, and serve him better. our association met here in Sept and since then Mr Snyder has seemed very much engaged and is so anxious to see a revival. but the church is in a low state. I had the prayer meeting at my house last Sunday eve. my neighbors came in and we had a good time. I have taken Mrs Mathilda Turner to board and let my parlor and bedroom to her. it will be quite a care for me. she is 82 but quite smart for an old lady I enjoy her company. Ensign is attending the high school at the corner this fall. and talks of going down there this winter so that he can keep along with his Latin and Algebra they will not let it be taught in our school. and he is very anxious to keep along with his studies so as to go to the Latin school at Lewiston in the Spring. I am in hopes with my pension and what I can earn to be able to send him so that he can get prepared for college his health is better his Teacher stept with us last night. he is a Bates College student and takes quite and interest in Emmie. says he has done well this fall. my pension comes quarterly. I have drawn two quarters and spent it as I have had to make some repairs on my house and barn new Piazza floor and new shingled. clapboard the front of my barn and painted it. and shingled the back of it I had the boards and shingles got out last winter. Mrs Potter was here last summer with Otie a fortnight I did enjoy it much she gave me $10.00 I have sold one of my cows got $27 for it we are raising 2 heifers I have a nice pig that Seth Howard gave me in the Spring think it will weigh 200 I had some corn and 17 bushels of good potatoes put in the cellar a good garden, 8½ bushels of pears and plenty of apples made 65 gallons of cider Emmie has done all his harvesting with my help and has not lost but two days of his

P.S.

Commissioner Hayt and Mr. Kingsley of our Board are down in the Indian Territory, unless they have returned within a day or two. They were to see Joseph and his Band.

File.

A. C. BARSTOW, Chairman,
Providence, R. I.

WM. STICKNEY, Secretary,
Washington, D. C.

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Board of Indian Commissioners,

Washington, D. C.,

Providence Oct. 26th 1878.

Genl. O. O. Howard

My Dear Sir

I welcome with joy, every honorable mention of your name, and therefore, enclose a slip from a Methodist paper, which some unknown friend has sent for my perusal, calling my special attention to what is said of the Board of Indian Commissioners.

I have watched your progress in your Campaign of this Summer, as I did that of last season, with great interest. I was sorry of course, as you was, for any collision between the Government and its much wronged wards, but glad

that the forces of the Government were handled by one, ~~whose fidelity~~ and Compassion stand ~~out as prominently~~ as his loyal and courageous devotion to his Country's service.

I hope we shall have peace with the Indians before they are exterminated. In a conversation with a San Francisco Merchant a few days since, when the Indians were referred to, he said "well, we must exterminate them, and I favor turning them over to the Army, increasing its numbers, and commencing the job at once".

Mr. Stickney has seen Joseph twice — the last time in company with General Howard, since he has reached the Indian Territory. He (Joseph) was very unwilling to go there and claimed that General Miles promised that he should go back to Idaho as a condition of surrender. How is this? Whatever was said to him, the Government became assured that his life would ~~not~~ be ~~safe~~ imperilled there. Agent Monteith was very clear in his judgment that it would not be safe for him to return.

I think of you and your beautiful family often. Would like to be remembered to Mr. Howard and the children — especially to little Bessie. I spent two weeks in September at the Agencies in Wisconsin. Agent Bridgman at Keshena, near Green Bay, a good Christian man, had a little girl who reminded me of Bessie.

Very truly yours

J. O. Paxton.

P.S. If you come to New England again I hope you will come and see us.

— over —

Washington Oct 28 1878

Dear General

I leave for New York in a few moments. I have just sent you a telegram and have only time to say that the opinion seems to be that your $1000. indebtedness to Pope slipped your memory and you never took any account of it

memoranda extracted from the reply of the President of the Co. to Mr. Pratt.

I do not know when I will be married – Stat Lanier (her cousin, in the same house) is sick with typhoid fever. and besides that I cannot yet tell when I will have all official business cleared up. My love to all and as his to Bess. – Yours faithfully Wood.

I can find nothing as yet to relieve you of the burden. But I will do my best. My brother in law Col. Morgan has just given me letters to the Asst. T. Secretary so that I may be promptly assisted and I will immediately let you know the result. Though they tell me here my journey will be useless for if a draft had been sent you some record would be in Washington.

I send a list of papers in John Cook's hands. Some verbal explanations I will make on them when I return. Probably you can recover all but $75. of your insurance risk. I enclose my

The Ebbitt:

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Washington, D.C. Oct 28 1878

Dear Sul

I am under order to report to you, and will start about last of November — I am desirous of keeping house & write to ask ~~that~~ if you will do me the favor to have the ~~one~~ house designed for me, put in order, as I wish to get settled as soon as possible —

Yours Truly
Geo C Sullivan

Genl O. O. Howard
Cavalry Dept Columbia
Fort Vancouver
W. T.

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Oct 28, 1898 –

Dear Gen Howard,

I did not mean to appear to flatter you by sending you the article from Mr Mallack, for any reason. That incident of your teaching the 'ex negro slave' was what gratified me, I saw in it that you was not afraid to speak to and do good to those inferior to you. Weak minds in high places are afraid of being lowered by such humble duties. But a good great man is always himself, whether in speaking kindly to a poor slave or to a common soldier. Some day I want to explain to you the philosophy of the failure of your chaplains.

But that is all right about your trying to explain that Army men were particularly knitted together,

I understand.

I want to learn of you. I want you to teach me & help me to do good, I want you to teach me the real philosophy of avoiding being spoiled by praise P.

Our church was jammed last night to its fullest capacity, and many went away for want of room, Pray for us that we may lead the people to Jesus our Savior and theirs Savior. Come down to our evening meeting when you can

Yours P.

M Jindy

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329 Washington Avenue,
Philadelphia, Pa. October 29th/78

O. O. Howard,
Brig. Genl. U.S.A.

Dear General,

I am authorized to extend an invitation to you, inviting you to be with us, the survivors of the 81st Regt Penna Vols, which Regt. was for long attached to your Old Brigade, 1st Div. 2nd Corps, at their re-union and supper, which is to take place on Monday Evening November 25th, 1878.

We trust that if convenient you will be with us, as we desire to meet with our Old Commander again. It is expected that a number of the Old Brigade officers will be on hand at this time.

I Remain Your Obt Svt
Thos. M. Leester,
President 81st Association

Please give Answer.

Phila. Feb. 29.

Ans Jan. 13. 1878.

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New York Oct 30th 1878

Received at Van. 30 1878 4 20 M.

To Genl Howard Van W.T

Telegram of twenty ninth rec'd no draft nor Check in favor of Pope in subtreasury except Check fifty seven thousand nine hundred eighty seven for two thousand dollars paid Sept fourteenth seventy two endorsed two Check Brown & Co no check of one thousand dollars in sub treasury except one in favor of J H Stout Indian Agent transfer of

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New York Oct 30 1878

Received at

Dated Nov 30 1878 at 2 P.M.

To Hunt Attorney Nev. N.Y.

Telegram of Twenty nine th received
and that Our Check in
favor of Tyler on Attorney
Merrill Check of Fifty seven
thousand dollars has been
for two thousand dollars have
been Fifty seven thousand two hundred
two Check Bearer 3 Co
the Check of one thousand
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Business Cypher [illegible]

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Received at _____ 187 _____ M.

To funds January sixteenth seventy three paid March thirty first seventy three endorsed to C.H. — Lord will leave New York tomorrow at one P.M. will be at Owings Mills till Monday then in Washington

Wood

Aide

10 x Collect $8.16

" F Dr "