Clarendon Hotel
Sieber & Knowles, Props.
Portland, Oregon, April 17, 1879

Dear Sir:

Your kind invitation only reached me this evening, which I accept with much pleasure. As the time for the Court to convene has been postponed until the middle of next week, I have thought it best to remain in Portland till then.

Please accept thanks and believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

C. W. Whipple

Gen. R. B. Howard
Fort Vanouver.
My will I was sent on the Board of Trustees. Our debt is now 23,600, @ 8% interest. The congregation is large, but not rich. If we get Grant for our next President, and a good MPEG Administration, our members will stay, we shall see ten or fifteen years more get rid of the load. You would be interested to look into the Capitol now. Sen. Wade Hampton in the Senate. Sen. Joe and 100 more with poisoning Johnson in the House legislating for the Union which they tried hard to ruin. Well the Republicans from the President town are becoming more united as the plans of the enemy are developed. Be safe the night, with love to all your family.

May 1, 1877

Henry E. Wilbur

Board of Indian Commissioners,
Washington, D.C.

Feb. 17, 1877

Dear Grand

I am very glad to hear from you again. The Oregon, Wash., delegation are still here, I have had several private interviews with the Secretary of the Interior. I learn that Sec. Sherman is inclined to grant all that过多瑞克 asks for. A home on the West coast of Colville Res. I little difficult, however, is found in the charter of the W. P. H. Co., one of whose branches (of Eng. built) will include as its land...
Mr. Howard & wife are board at Gen. Ballard's, but expect to go out next month.

Dr. Patton & my neighbor is very happy over the action of Congress, giving to H. M. ten thousand dollars towards next year's expenses.

My own family as well as Mrs. W. has an occasional spell of rheumatism, the doctors hope that your next assignment may place you on the Atlantic.

At our Annual meeting of the 1st. Cong. Society the house reported all current expenses paid and a reduction of the principal of the debt $200. Among the last year's collection, Mr. Hutto's from my President, and many others.

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Washington D.C.
April 17th, 1879.

Sirs,

Jane Carter, a colored woman of this City has visited my office several times, giving me the following statement. She says, some time in January of the year 1879, a colored man by the name of Jefferson Berry died at the Small Pox Hospital in this City, leaving the sum of eight hundred dollars in money. That the money was left in your hands; that she wrote several times to tell you about it; that you also identified her as the person to whom Berry had left the said sum of money and that you gave it to a colored man of some rank in the City who has since died. That Mr. Cook, in his official capacity, has the said money, that Mr. Cook has given it to her, and that he has never received it. She knows one man named Jefferson Berry well and distinctly remembers the circumstance. A number of colored people have made statements to me in regard to the matter, but I can get no definite or
Harriet for them. The object of my letter is to ask if you can recall any of the circumstances of the above transaction by which I can be put in the track to procure the money for the old woman, that you and unto them to my address, as indicated by the enclosed card. On this employer me as her counsel, and request that I should do for you the best. You will do as an act of humanity on behalf of the old woman by an early reply.

Very respectfully,

James E. D. B. Carrington.
We have a Spring day, after a long winter & a backward April.
With much love for you all I am yours.

E.B. Webb
330 Walnut St.
Providence, R.I.

My dear Gen.
I suppose Jamie has told you that he spent his vacation with us, that Mrs. Webb is suffering, has been for 3 months, with inflammatory rheumatism. She is now much better, if at all yet. We hope the warm weather may do something for her. But this enemy does not yield. Let go, once he gets hold.

Jamie seems an
bitions to do well. So far as I can judge is desiring himself to study. I was at Andover on Friday last to talk to the students in the Theological department. Saege Jamie for a moment. He seemed well enough.

For myself I can report an improvement in health since January. A greater improvement than.

I have a few years more of hard work. Then I hope you think Howard are well. That you will not be called upon to fight Indians this summer. Poor things! they have a hard time.

I am writing with a Stylograph pen. It flows bad & has this Yale.

I hope to write you the end of May.
Reply next from Lloyd Brooke.

Reply to be written.
Dear Sir,

I am further trespassing on your kindness. Mrs. Jett Demeur did not call upon me to write, nor did I ask me to write and you would be doing me the information desired, th"
9 M. Apr. 4 P.M. 94th

Dear General,

In 77 I think it was. Remain inpecter
Newport N.Y. R.J. Montgomery
in command. He informed me
on his return that Capt. X
was entirely broken down
through long service & danger
and was unfit for further
active service. Perhaps
Col. M. could be a more in-
portant witness than any
other. Could not depositions
be taken at some place of
long journeys. I hope "Wong" &
"Hankins" will both be ordered
before the Board. Can't you push
their special claims with Gen.

Best regards,

[Signature]

April 14th
I must practice with telephone. I cannot see it if you talk as rapidly as those who are accustomed to its manipulation.

You know I am just from the country and not up to the modern improvements of most civilized regions. But by a little practice, a little patience, and a little strength and awkwardness, I may do better next time.

Waltzer
Washington, D.C., April 24, 1876

Cdr. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir,

Your kind letter came just when I began to fear that John's letter had not reached you. I have had many letters from John's classmates and Oberlin friends, but I looked anxiously every day for your letter. I felt sure that it would come. It is a very great comfort to me to have you speak well of John. He loved you for above the men with whom he had come in contact. In his extremity sickness he did not forget you.

John you perhaps remember was brought in April, one year ago, with hemorrhages. In June we carried him to Harper's Ferry, where he remained until Sept.

In November hemorrhage again came on. And about the 4th of February he was again overtaken with hemorrhages. I cannot tell you all that I have suffered during the year. I thought I had suffered all that one could suffer, before death came. But I did not know I thought before John's death that my belief in the hereafter was firmly fixed, but when he died I began to doubt. I felt that there was to God no heaven. Nothing all seemed dark to me, and does to this day. John said to me many times before his death: "Mannaa I will. I might live for you and the boys, but God knows best. You have only to take on little boys and steer straight for heaven and you will find me there." Mrs. Rawlin came of you to see him and the week before his death administered communion to him. John regretted that he had not gathered his children about.
Through his whole years illness he was so patient and so hopeful. During the winter months he would say to friends “I intend to make a fight for my life in March and if I get through March I shall live.” He hoped by the first of May to be able to go to Minnesota. I feared that he would never be able to get away, yet I hoped even when there was no reason for hope. He desired very much to go hunting during the winter, but was unable to go alone. We had very little money, not enough to have our children cared for and pay board and traveling expenses for two seasons. Though the two humorous stories of the winter puzzles have not been as free as usual they have been paid for.

Two hundred and eighty-two dollars. A few months before his sickness he bought in at auction sale the property of a friend, who came and appealed to John to help save the property. This friend thought that in a few months he would have been able to sell his place to an advantage and pay John his money with interest. He was unable however to do this and John himself being unable to attend to any work could not get the property off his hands. In this transaction he lost $333.00 money paid at sale. The place was afterward resold and in this way only were we able to meet the payment of $282.00.
to write me in paradise, I found it for him and on the Sabbath following the day on which John died, and just about the hour that he died, Dr. Rankins preached from this text: After the sermon Dr. Rankins went to his house, came directly to the house not knowing that John had just passed away.

His mind was so upset to clear itself until within ten minutes of his death. I sat by his bedside only fifteen minutes before he died, and he touched my face and laid gently in his hand saying, "Dear mamma, do you want me?" I said "No, John!" He said, "I love you!"

Often the world says, "poor John," with "poor John." He would take his Bible unto him; but that is subject to wish and desire only. I am very grateful to you for your kindness through all these years to John. He was grateful and loved you very much. He regarded you as one of the dearest men that God ever created." Thanking both you and Mrs. Howard for your sympathy and kindly feeling toward my Uncle,

Bell W. Cook.

to him night and morning to pray with them and teach them about Christ. He had been so anxious to accumulate something for them that they might have an easier time than he had known. He thought that he had made a mistake in giving so much time and thought to the worldly interests of his family, and so little to their spiritual needs. Oh! we prayed so earnestly that God might spare him, and I almost believed that by some means, perhaps a miracle, he would live. I cannot tell you how great was my anguish when I knew that my pleading had all been in vain. I said, if any one had asked of me a favor, as earnestly as I had prayed for John's life, I would have granted this favor.

God is so much more merciful than I am, so much better, and
yet he turned me away and I am left alone in my tears.

It was a very hard matter for him to give up his little boy. He said, “If I could have lived a few years longer so that I might have seen and the boys in comfortable circumstances, I would not regret my passing away.”

He was so perfectly unselfish. He had worked so diligently allowing himself no rest, that he might make his family comfortable.

I know now that he is at rest.

But we are so lonely without him. I seem to be commencing life over again with all the odds against me. I am like a ship at sea.

Here live we might retire on steps often and escape dangers but we never knew until it is too late.

If John had known two years ago that he could not live here, he would have given up his work and gone elsewhere. Knowing that we go on so blindly, I cannot but be fearful as to what shall befall me. I have leaned on John so long fourteen years that I seem not to be able to depend on myself.

I have said we so long. I now find it hard to say.

I am stunned by this terrible blow, but I hope by and by to feel that heaven is nearer now than with me. I have thought of this before. Several days before John died, we were talking about the Bible when he asked me to find this passage, we are about to read that fatal in the Bible, “This day shall strange...”
Dear General,

We are working on a Military Dept. of the Pacific Fleet, life ins. Co. to consist of policy holders of the Army, Navy + Militia. The following will be on the Board of managers:

Jones, Gordon, Steenflrey, Greenough + Milburn of the 1st Anti.
yourself, probably the largest life ins. on several of our best militia officers.

The Board to represent 100,000 in insurance. After organization to be entitled to 10% of any premiums obtained by such Board or any member. Each member in addition to receive 25% of the premium of any additional insurance procured by him. These percentages to come off first Jews premiums only.

You have, I understand, just taken 10000 in this Co. and we would like to have you as a member.
9th April 1865.

My dear sir,

I have just received your letter of the 30th March, and am 

very much pleased to hear from you. I have been 

in London for the past month, and have been 

very busy with the affairs of our office. I hope 

that your business is going on well.

I have been in the North of England for the past 

few days, and have been overwhelmed with 

 compliments from my old friends. I trust that 

you are well, and that your health is improving.

I am looking forward to your visit, and hope to 

see you soon.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
Portland, Nov. 27, 79.

Dear General,

I received your telegram of Saturday and inquired at Witherells the blue dye. There are situations for able-bodied men as follows:

One for a farm hand at one dollar per day and board; must be filled Monday.

Situation to chop wood at one dollar per cord.

Situation to get one rail road tie, a good man can make as two ruble from one every piece to two dollars per day, and some make more than this.
If the person looking for work would like any of these situations he should apply to Witham at once. I will on Monday look in other directions, and if I find anything, will report.

We are sorry to hear today a report of G. Dibley’s death and hope it will prove a false rumor.

Please remember Mrs. Dandy and myself to your family.

Very truly yours,

W. B. Dandy
Umatilla Agency—07 April 28, 1879

Dear General Howard:

I am continuing to plan a transfer from the line. At war my attention is focused elsewhere. In this matter, if I had received a leave of absence, as per application submitted while I was at Fort Townsend, if you think it proper, I will ask for a leave of absence to take effect at such times as you can spare me. I will proceed Eastward from this point. In the meantime I will use my transparencies.
And I feel, General, that a word from you in the effort that I have rendered a faithful performance of duty while in the line, will help me in completing my projects. I am a young man and ambitious and am not satisfied with my present position. Even a word of encouragement from you will be met up by my gratitude.

Yours sincerely,

Edward T. Farrand
2nd Lt. 2nd Inf.
Portland April 29th, 1879

General Howard,

I am impossibly disappointed that since Col. Canby has not quarters at the Ford, he is not ordered to Portland. If Gen. E. P. McGowans Gen. Fully I should now be able to keep feeling you are the cause.

Mrs. H. I am quite fond of you for awhile but I find it hard to say the closing prayer now in your account.
Please feel once we came here Col. C. and taken the place of our oldest son the good his society dulls Gen. E is greater than them to admire.

Only ask you to ask as a Christian.

P. B. Eaton
wife of Gen. J. H. Eaton

Be pleased to send my reply to me. I need not say I write without to my husband and I know you are too sincere a Christian to think in the same.
Head Qrs G.A.R.
Seattle April 30th 79

Dear General,

On behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic, I am requested to ask you to officiate at our G.A.R. upon the 30th day of May (Decoration day). It is also suggested that upon the opening of the 30th you might give us in Seattle Hall your famous Gettysburg address. There is no doubt that the Hall will be filled and that enough of funds will be raised to defray all expenses incident to your trip here on that occasion. Whether or not the Grand Army will take care of that matter.

S. G. M. very truly,
Your old comrade,

[Signature]

P.S. An early answer is requested.