Fairfield, Iowa.
May 2, 1879.

Genl. O. P. Howard
Commanding Rfl. of the Colossus.
Dear Genl.

I hasten to express from my sincere thanks for your ready and kind response to my request, also for your high commendation of my husband and myself to Genl. Meigs, and for your request made to him on my behalf. I am hardly conscious of deserving so high praise as you have given me, but if Genl. M. favors me with an appointment, I shall do my best to conform to what you have said of me. I very much fear, however, that I shall not have the opportunity. Myself and one in love to Mr. Howard, yourself & family.

Very truly yours,

T. H. Ester
Portland, Oregon, May 8th, 1879

Dear Brother,—I have been suffering from quite a severe attack of appendicitis. It has left my throat very weak. I am positively prohibited by my physician from over-taxing my throat, and especially from speaking at night. — Our people are always glad to hear Rev. O. D. Howard. Will you do me a favor and ask the church the special favor of giving us a Sunday night Lecture next Sunday Eve., May 14th. — Will you please let me know as soon as convenient?

Mrs. Jones me in regards to yourself and family. —
Looking for a favorable reply,

I remain yours with esteem,

J. A. Cowan.
Portland Or Agency, May 6th 1879

Gen. O. O. Howard
Fort Vancouver

Dear Sir,

As I promised to write you just what it would cost you for ten thousand dollars insurance in the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company of California, I beg leave to submit the following proposition. We will give you a policy for ten thousand dollars, on the twenty year labor rate plan, for the annual payment of three hundred and six dollars per year, and make you a member of this Department with all the rights of the present members.

One condition of the Contract that this Branch Office holds with the parent office, gives them ten per cent of all the new business done in this State in the future, which per cent will be during the term of your Policy and will in all probability be nearer if not quite the amount of the Premium each year after the first.
Am quite sure that this is not as much as you are now paying on the same amount in your Eastern Co. I and in addition to this we will allow you seventeen and a half per cent on all the first five years minimum on all money can endure through your introductions. Hoping this will prove satisfactory and you will make up your mind to come in with us.

I am as ever,

Yours truly,

A. B. Covalt
Manager
to Mrs. Howard—your children
must be quite grown.
Please to direct to 1232 Mass. Ave.
and send to the University.
Very sincerely yours,
Lorenz Westert

Washington, May 6th 1879
1232 Mass. Avenue

Gen. O. C. Howard,
My dear friend,

In the course of the
past four years in the management
of the Theological Department, it
has become the deliberate conclusion of
the friends of this work in the Presbytery
that it would be better to sell this
house which we bought a while ago
as Trustees to put the cash proceeds into
an investment yielding an income—
I am fully of this opinion— I have agreed
to take the house—it was appraised
by two of our best Real Estate men who
put it at $7000—only $20 less than the
original cost in the full title of real estate in the spring of '73 - having been wisely
we bought - in order that a little may
over it in me. It is necessary to deed to
a third party; so I arranged to deed to
Mr. Ballantyne who will deed it
and - I have already made a payment
to him as he is Treasurer of the Trustees
of the fleet, who are now doing their
best so efficiently now will you join with me in
making this deed to Mr. Ballantyne.
Mr. Bradley has indicated who may
take acknowledgment. I will return
it a very great kindness if you will
have this done & return the deed by
the next mail, as some of my
business will be broken by the
earliest return - & I wish to make
some payments on the mortgage, drawing a high interest which I must
I can do the last till I get the deed.
Besides, arrangements will take place
away very early. I have been
this particular that you may under-
stand me. My heart: Every week
of that interest will anny me.
I think our Theological School never
stood so high; was never so efficient;
never so promising. It has been a
dreadful drain upon me - these
four years since it was abandonment
by all except Dr. Butter & myself: &
we shouldered it. The consequence
is I am run broken down, but I
trust the Lord will restore me this
summer - we had pity me this year.
I trust you are well & your
family. My very kind regards
May 7, 1849

J. D. McMillan

Wenti, U.T., May 7th, 1849

Dear Sir,

I trust you will excuse the liberty I take in addressing you upon the subject I propose designing. But knowing no other possible way to presume upon the little acquaintance I had with you while we performed in Portland two years ago, if you remember we took Mr. Lathrop from the American House there sick and helped financially, unable really to get a dose of medicine. We were poor ourselves but we were sorry for the poor fellow. We boarded him eight weeks at five dollars a day, and I let him have $20 in money all of which he was to return to me when he could get employment. Well I had some luck in Vancouver and took gold for goods which I gave Lathrop.

Passed by Lathrop.
June 28, 1849.
I find it close getting along

My absence in Walla Walla County. He got the goods from
the expense office and then set
instead of giving me the money
as he promised. She promised
How much he realized I know not
but the profits as he & I counted
would be $175.00. After allowing him
it would leave him indebted to
one $75.00 which added to this $75
for board, borrowed money would
leave $47.50. I am unable to decide
now I would like if you could inform me
of his whereabouts or the facts about
him told that he is sick. I am
a poor student of theology & am
in any among the mornings.
Dear Sir,

I wrote you more than two weeks since and suppose that ere this my letter has reached you. I told you of my desire to obtain employment. I think it barely possible that I might get something in the Agricultural Department. I do not desire the place permanently. If nothing else comes to me, I shall apply for a school and go into the examinations next January.

Mr. Blood has written a letter to Gen'l Le Duc for me. Gen'l Balloch will do anything for me that he can and I think Mrs. Key, wife of Post Master Keys, will also use her influence for me. I am not sure of the latter since she is not in Washington at present.

I write now to ask if you will write a letter to Gen'l Le Duc in my interest. I think that a letter sent directly from you to the Gent would accomplish more than if it should pass through my hands.
I want to say also General, that if there is a way why you prefer not to write this letter I will not ask you to do so. I know that for years you have been come down with your own cares and troubles and I do not desire to add to them.

I do not like to ask favors for myself and nothing save the responsibility of caring for these little boys could induce me ask anything.

I have my desipendent days of course but I try to be cheerful and hopeful.

I am sure there will be some way opened for me not because I am deserving but because God has given his promises especially to us, the orphan and widows.

We have returned to the hill again. It seems more like home than the house in the city.

I am ashamed to have troubled you so much and yet I am sure you will pardon me knowing how anxious I am to make an honest living and take the feeling of fatigue as well as mother to my little ones. I trust that at some time I may have an opportunity of showing my gratitude to you for all your kindness to me and mine.

Sincerely,

Belle M. Cook
Seattle May 8, 1879

Gent. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir,

Some days since, Dr. J. W. Sprangly wrote you on behalf of Stevens Post
Grand Army of the Republic
asking you to deliver the Oration here on May 30th
on the occasion of the ceremonies attendant upon
the decoration of the graves of our fallen soldiers, as we
have not heard from you, we are more than anxious, and
in behalf of this post I would earnestly beg of you to unite
with us and deliver a brief oration on that day. We have
made extensive preparations.
for the largest gathering ever
held on Puget Sound— and
are looking to you as the
Orator of the day— Geo. Ferry
informs us he will be here unless
unavoidably detained by official
business east of the Mountains.
Most of the old Army officers
on the Sound will be present.
An early acceptance is desired.

Yours Respectfully

Roswell Scott

of Committee on invitation.
Portland, May 8th, 79.

Dear Brother,

Will you let me know in regard to the lecture for Sunday night next? I am anxious about it, as I have no other resource, and am very loth to close the church, as it has been closed so much this winter during our long series of meetings. If you are helped for time for preparation, give our young people your address delivered last June at Forest Grove. Although published at that time, it will be new now.

Please telegraph me at my expense.

Yours with regard,

J. A. [Signature]
Portland,
May 7th, 1879.

General Howard,

Sir,

I have just opened at Messrs. Evis & Co.'s Book Store
some rare and fine engravings
such as have become so much
prized of late by people of
taste in the East.

They are by the best
Italian, French, and English
Engravers, and are remarkable
for their artistic excellence,
and their rarity. They
are specially appropriate for framing and are nearly as low in price as the ordinary engravings.
When next in town I corded respectfully solicited a visit to my Collection which I am sure you will find of interest to you.

Respectfully,

W. H. Hickory
War Department,
Quartermaster General’s Office,
Washington, D. C. May 9th 1879

Dear General:

Your letter in favor of the widow of Col. D. L. Eaton, Paymaster, is received, and will, with her application, be placed on file.

I try to persuade the Secretary to limit appointments to places of Copyists in this office to those who, like Mrs. Eaton, have military claims, and succeed pretty well. But vacancies do not often occur.
There are twenty copyists in the office. Like officers of the Army they all want promotion but also are not willing to resign, and it is only when death or marriage removes one that another can be appointed.

Hoping that you are well I remain,

Your friend and servant,

[Signature]

Quartermaster General, U.S.A.

Brig. Gen. O.O. Howard,

Command Dept. of the Columbia

Vancouver Barracks

21st April 1879