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Fairfield, Iowa,
May 2, 1879.

Genl. O. O. Howard
Commanding Dept. of the Columbia.
Dear Genl.

I hasten to express to you 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 confirm what you have said of me. I very much fear, however that I shall not have the opportunity. Kate joins me in love to Mrs Howard, yourself & family. Very truly, yours.

T. W. Eaton

W. C. JOHNSON.
F. O. McCOWN.
I. A. MACRUM.

LAW OFFICES
OF
Johnson, McCown & Macrum,
AT
PORTLAND AND OREGON CITY.

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Portland, Oregon, May 5th 1879

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Brother:— I have been suffering from quite a severe attack of diphtheria. 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 Gen. O. O. Howard. Will you do myself and the church the special favor of giving us a Sunday night Lecture next Sunday Eve. May 11th?—

Will you please let me know as soon as convenient?—

Wife joins me in regards to yourself and family.—

Hoping for a favorable reply

I remain yours with esteem,

J. A. Cruzan.

A. B. COVALT,
General Manager for State of Oregon, and Washington and Idaho Territories.

Office

J. H. CARROLL, President.
GEO. A. MOORE, Vice President,
J. C. CARROLL, Secretary.

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Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company

OF CALIFORNIA.

Portland Or Agency, May 6" 1879

Gen, O. O. Howard
Fort-Vancoover

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 low 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 probibility be nearly if not quite the amt, of the Premium each year after the first.

A. B. COVALT,
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Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company

OF CALIFORNIA.

Agency, 187

Am quite sure that this is not as much as you are now paying on the same amount in your Eastern Co, And in addition to this we will allow you seventeen & a half per cent on all the first Years Premiums of all men $ can secure 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

Washington, May 6th '79
1232 Mass. avenue.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
My Dear Friend,

In the changes of the last four years in the management & support of the Medical Department of Howard University, it has become the deliberate conclusion of the Friends of our work in the Presbytery that it would be better to sell this house which we bought & hold as Trustees, & to put the cash results 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 pct. less than the

to Mrs. Howard — your children must be quite grown —
Please to direct to 1232 Mass. ave. and not to the University —
Very sincerely yours —
Lorenzo Weston —

May 6. 1879

Answ'd by sending deed, executed — to Mr. Ballentine June 27, 1879.

original cost in the full tide of real estate in the spring of '73 - showing how wisely we bought - In order that a title may rest in me, it is necessary to deed to a third party; so I arranged to deed to Mr. Ballantyne who will deed to me - I have already made a payment to him as he is Treasurer of the Trustees of the Fresh. who are rounding their work so efficiently - I send their names.

Now will you join with me in making this deed to Mr. Ballantyne - (who by the ways is a Trustee of the University -)

Mr. Brady has indicated who may take acknowlegement - I will esteem 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 postponed by the earliest return - i.e. I wish to make some payments on the mortgage, bearing a high interest - which I must & can stop, but can not till I get the deed. Besides, arrangements will take me away very early - I have been thus particular that you may understand me, & my haste. Every week of that interest will annoy 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 abandoned by all except Dr. Butler & myself: & we shouldered it. The consequence is I am sore broken down, but I trust the Lord will restore me this summer - We had forty one this year -

I trust you are well & your family - My very kind regards

J. D. McMillan

May 7. 1879

Ansd by Howard
June 28. 1879.

Recd May 20. 1879.

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Wanti U. T. May 7th 1879

Gen O. O. Howard

Dear Sir.

I trust you will excuse the liberty I take in addressing you upon the subject I propose herein. But knowing no other possible way to get information I presume upon the little acquaintance I had with you while we sojourned in Portland two years ago. If you remember we took M. Lathrop from the American House there sick and helpless 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 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 done some prospecting in Vancouver and taken orders for goods which I gave Lathrop

half interest in with the understanding that he was to get money & take them from the Express office in Portland & deliver goods at Vancouver during my absence in Walla Walla Country. He got the goods from the express office delivered there & instead of giving my wife the money as he promised he vamoosed. How much he realized I know not but the profits as he & I counted would be $175.00 Still allowing him so would leave his indebtedness to me $75.00 which added to the $60. for board borrowed money would leave $147.50 indebtedness to me. Now I would like if you could inform me of his whereabouts or his fathers address. I am told that he is well off. I am a poor student of theology & a missionary among the mormons here & I find it close getting along here with my family. This money would be a great help now to us. If Lathrop or his people will pay me the amount of his board & the borrowed money in all $60.00 I shall be willing to give him a receipt in full for balance. My wife taught in the Market St. school in P. & we used to meet you at the Rooms of Y. M. C. A. frequently in P.

With kindest regards I am
Your bro. in Christ

J. S. McMillan

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JOHN H. COOK,

Attorney-at-Law,

Le Droit Building, 520 Eighth Street,

Washington, D. C., May 7th 1879.

Genl O. O. Howard

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 examination next January.

Mr Alvord has written a letter to Genl Le Duc for me. Genl Balloch will do any thing for me that he can, and I think Mrs Key, wife of Post Master General, 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 Genl Le Duc in my interest. I think that a letter sent directly from you to the Genl would accomplish more than if it should pass through my hands.

Genl; you understand that I only want this place temporarily until I can do something better. I prefer to teach but desire some time for reviewing before going into an examination B.W.C.

Rec'd May 21, 1865.

Belle M. Cook
May 1865

I want to say also General, that if there is any reason why you prefer not to write this letter. I will not urge you to do so. I know that for years, you have been borne 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 three little boys could induce me ask anything.

I have my despondent 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 promise especially to us, the orphan and widow.

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 that you will pardon me, knowing how anxious I am to make an honest living and take the place of father 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 kindnesses to me and mine.

Sincerely

Belle M. Cook.

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Seattle May 8th 1879

Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir,

Some days since, Dr F.W. Sparling 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 the 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 - Gov 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 invitations

Portland, May 8th 79.

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Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Brother:

Will you let me know in regard to 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 prepared 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. Duncan.

Rare Engravings.

Modern Artists' Etchings.

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Portland.

May 9th 1879.

General Howard.

Sir,

I have just opened at Messrs Gill & 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 would respectfully solicit a visit to my Collection which I am sure you will find of interest to you.

Respectfully,

N. K. Hickery

J. B. J.

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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,

M C M

Quartermaster General U.S.A.

Brig. Genl. O. O. Howard,
Comdg Dept. of the Columbia
Vancouver Barracks
W. T.

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