

WM. BALLANTYNE & SON,
BOOKSELLERS AND STATIONERS.

No. 428 Seventh Street, N. W.

Washington, D. C., July 10, 1879.

Genl. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please
find \$2.⁵⁰ to pay costs for execu-
ting deed.

You will please sign receipt
& return it to me

I remain

Yours &c
Wm Ballantyne
per Wm Ballantyne & son.

Ballantyne, W^m

July 10. 1879.

Acad. General
July 22, 79

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My Dear General

It is announced in the Times & other papers here that up to this date there exist 35 vacancies in the grade of 2^d Lt. Regular Army & that a portion of these vacancies will be filled by appointment from Civil life. These vacancies it appears have occurred or remained subsequent to the assignment to grade of 2^d Lt. of this year's graduates.

My desire is to enter the army - not by reason of my being on the lookout for a sinecure nor that I regard the position ^{and duties} to be assumed under it as involving any less ^{or responsibilities} exertion of conscientiously discharged than any position in civil life but simply and solely because of a strong & growing predilection towards the profession of arms. I have ventured to trespass upon your time & good nature General in consequence of old associations not yet obliterated I hope and thinking that pleasant memories of my father which my name may not possibly call up may prove a successful defense. Can you & will you assist me in this matter? I have written to Col. Thos Casey Washington

J. H. August

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who I believe holds intimate personal
relations with the President to inform me as
to the "Modus Operandi" of placing my
application & as to my chances if
any. I am also in communication with Prof.
Philetus on the subject.

And now General as to my qualifications
it would not be modest for me to touch upon
but I will say that the influences under which I
have been brought up & educated have been
such that I feel I would at least appreciate and
respect the responsibilities devolving upon an officer of
the U.S.A. ^{no matter how low in rank} more than those of the ^{this year} best ~~of~~ have been
Counterbalanced & depurated by the very acts of a position of
either honor or trust. As to the question of the justice to
the army of making any civil appointments at all if you
have any scruples on that head (as I presume some
army officers, naturally have), I beg leave to call
your consideration to the fact that these appoint-
ments are to be made whether or no and
as several army officers themselves expect to
be favored in this manner on the part of their sons
I can't see that if ~~their~~ sons have
any claim on that score that mine are

not just as valid.

I do not know Gen. Sherman personally
& the date of his graduation was identical with that
of the appointment of my father as teacher at W.R.
so that his (Gen. S.) personal contact with my father
has not been so intimate as that of graduates
of a more recent date yet I presume if I could
through any kindly influence obtain Gen. Sherman's
or even Sherman's recommendation or properly
request (as there is nothing to recommend in the ^{particular}
connection personally of mine) to the Presdt. that
it would go far towards obtaining for me the
desired nomination. Again Excusing myself for
trusting these personal aims upon your General
in the midst of your official duties and
with many kind wishes for you and
Yours I am

Very truly & Respl. Yrs
J. W. Agnew

W. D. Hare.

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Yankton Agency, S.D.
July 11/79

Major Genl Howard:

U. S. Army

My dear Sir:

Your Communica-
tion under date of Ap-
14th reached me just as
I was starting off on a
long journey across the open
country. Hence this delay
in acknowledging it.

I had nothing whatsoever
to do with Joseph's statement
except to write a few lines.

any words in which I was
careful to guard your repu-
tation & to draw attention
to the fact that Joseph's nar-
rative was ex parte.

I am glad to have your
statement, for while an En-
glish (Niles) said to a friend
of a mine that Joseph was
'coached', another (Gibbons) told
me that he thought the story
a fair one.

Now I know from expe-
rience that we cannot
mix in this Indian business
but receive hits wh. he does

not deliver.

Very Resp^{ly}
E. H. Sent
W. H. Stare

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Portland Oregon -
July 12th 1879

Maj Genl. Howard,
Comdr. Dept. of the Columbia.
Vancouver B.Cs.
W.T.

Dear Sir. Upon being informed by you in Dec^r
& Jan'y last that in view of opposition made by
Lieut Ebstein D. Q. M. you would be unable to
order a satisfactory settlement of my claim
account liability of having amount in excess
of figure named by that Officer charged back
to your private account &c &c I was compelled,
owing to dire personal necessities and the
closing of Campaign Creditors, to accept any
terms named by Lieut Ebstein, going away from
Vancouver B.Cs with the well defined idea that
"whether intentional or otherwise my ^{needs} necess-
ities had never-the-less been taken advantage of,"
resolving at the same time, if possible for me
to liquidate my obligations & live, that I would
consign the financial difference to oblivion
leaving in remembrance none but the

Shelton, November 2.

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^{pleasant} episodes of campaign life. Through four months enforced idleness (result of being discharged in mid-winter &c &c) accompanied by sickness & other ills, hoping against hope, I have persisted in this course until my obligations to family, creditors, & self will permit my doing so no longer, in consequence of which I have, by advice of several gentlemen, submitted my "claim" for Lieut. Eastein's recom^{-eration} asking that he acquaint himself with its details & say "if I have been justly dealt with" Remembering (with gratitude) your kindly & earnest efforts in my behalf and with the ever present knowledge of the correctness of my claim & of my full integrity of purpose in serving the department I feel assured that Lieut. Eastein cannot fail to admit that he did not recognize the merit of my claim upon its previous presentation & hasten to set me right to do otherwise would be to admit that he had wilfully taken advantage of my weakness which I do not

believe he is prepared to do. I have set forth also that everything considered I think I am entitled to receive fair compensation for at least three months immediately following my discharge (Dec 1st '78).

Should I be correct in my assumption that the Disbursing Q. M. will be disposed to accord me justice, favor me, I pray, with your official countenance to that end in order that I may speedily receive that for which I labored and be enabled to rid myself of an unspeakably vindictive state of mind for the possession of which and its constant growth I am indebted to the unfortunate chain of circumstances surrounding this affair. Requesting your early & favorable reply-

I remain

Very Respy Yr Obt-Servant-
Howard C. Walters.
P.O. Box 54.

of duty, and fills the measure
of law & justice, and may well
be detailed for detached service
always with the understanding
that his Dept Commander can
span his services. You know
that you can always count
on my personal friendship, but
I must be just & impartial
Even you friend,

W. T. Sherman

July 13. 1879

General

W. T. Sherman

Headquarters Army of the United States,

Washington, D. C., July 13 1879

Dear Howard,

I am just back from a
tour of the Northern Lakes,
and find in a mass of
letters requiring my personal
attention yours of June 29,
asking that you son, Lieut
Guy Howard be detailed for
two years instruction at the
Artillery School at Fort
Monroe. I am embarrassed
by similar most worthy
applications, and know

that the Capacity of the
School at Fort Monroe
is not sufficient for the
Artillery Officers much less
those who properly desire
the advantages of the School
for the Infantry & Cavalry.
I contemplate as soon
as the Indians will permit
to establish a similar
School at Fort Leavenworth
for the Infantry & Cavalry.
This your matters are
ticklish north of the Mexican
but in Texas, Arizona
and in your Department

things seem Exceptionally quiet
and regular - In another
year, he may be able to
make a beginning - All I
now promise is that I want
to find every young Officer the
best possible chance to
learn every thing which will
increase their professional
usefulness, and I am sure
you Gen Lury is worthy of
every care & attention. He
has fulfilled his post man-
fully & well. He has now
served three years continuously
with his Regt at his post

Babbitt. L.S.

to them.

And believe me
to remain
most truly & deeply
Yours
L.S. Babbitt

Gen. O. A. Howard

LAWRENCE S. BABBITT,
Major of Ordnance.

Headquarters Department of the Columbia,

Office of Chief Ordnance Officer,

Lake View N.P.R.R.U.S.
~~Fort Vancouver, W. T.~~ July 13. 1879

Dear General; My boy
will start East about
next Friday (on Elden)
and would be most
glad if Chauncey
could go at the same
time. Mrs Howard

Recd July 16. 1879. O.A.H.

has said something
to me on the subject
and possibly she
would still desire
to have C. go with E.

Edwin is pretty well
posted on the route
now and would be
quite a help to
Chauncey.

We go over on
Wednesday

and on Thursday
I shall report at
Vancouver, at
which time it is
more than probable
my orders will
have arrived.

Mrs B sends love,
to all the family (not
excluding yourself)

Please present my
kindest regards

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Oregon City
July 24th 1879

General Howard.

Friend Sir.

I have just rec^d two letters
from Washington, ^{from} P. Malville.
a nephew of Father Mesplie.
he sends his note for two thou-
sand dollars, payable in one
year, but says nothing of the
interest, and I do not know
anything in regard to his circum-
stances. he may be as poor as
the chaplain. I would like your
advice in regard to the note.

and contents of the letters.

Respectfully

A. C. LaRue

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Mrs. John H. Cook.

application was not to be consid-
ered. I desired Dr. Purvis who was
interested in the matter, to say
this much for me to the trustees.

The Trustees referred the matter
to the executive committee, and
I received the appointment. I am
to have the small house, formerly
occupied by Mrs Thomas, free
of rent, and six hundred dollars
per annum. Miss Bowen is
to ~~teach~~ ^{supervise} and teach two hours
per day. She is not very well,
and therefore does not care
for much work at present. I
think she is satisfied with
the arrangement. Dr. Presbury
told me a few days since that
there was no opposition to me at
all. Every one feeling that my ap-
pointment was "just right". I am
sure I feel grateful to Mr Cook's
friends for their kindness to me.

Recd O.O.H. Aug 4. 1879.



Washington, July 14, 1879

Genl Howard,

Dear Sir,

I certainly
owe you an apology for not
having made known to you
the result of your efforts, and
that of other friends, to secure
my appointment at the University.

Your letter written in my favor
to Genl Le Sue, received a few
days since, reminds me all
the more of my lack of courtesy
in not acknowledging sooner
your very kind letter of May 10th.

If I had written, I might
have saved you the trouble of
writing this second letter. I assure
you though, that I am not un-
grateful for your kindness to
me and mine. I have been
exceedingly troubled in

mind during the past months
and therefore put off writing
from day to day.

When I wrote to you, at Mr
Gregory's suggestion, concerning
the position of matron, I knew
that Miss Bowen did not desire
the position herself. She received
little compensation as matron
and beside she preferred sim-
ply ^{the} teaching.

A week however before your
letter, May 10, came she sent
in her resignation as matron
and teacher. At once some
of my friends said Mrs Cook
must have the position, made
vacant by Miss Bowen's resignation.

I was much troubled, for I
feared that I could not fill
the vacancy, and talking
with Miss B. I found that

she would be unhappy to go away.
She is a very kind, christian woman
and felt that she would like to
have me in the University.

I feared, though she did not say
as much, that a desire to help me
had perhaps led her to resign
the position of matron, not expect-
ing to resign her place in ^{the} school.

Dr. Patton felt that they could
not afford to employ another

person, that Miss Bowen must,
if she held her position as teacher,
continue to act as matron.

This is I think the way in which
the full resignation came
about. I talked with Miss B.
and finally made application
for the position with the un-
derstanding that if Miss Bowen
was not to be retained, I desired
the position, otherwise my

5-Since the death of John I
have received nothing but kindness.
I am so completely wrecked that I could not have
lived had it been otherwise.
I am surprised to find my-
self shrinking from everything.

I have little confidence
in myself-I feel however that I
must succeed. I must for the
sake of my boys. I must prove
myself worthy of all the aid
that has been given me.

A school in the county
has been offered me. Had
not the University matter been
arranged I should have gladly
accepted the school.

I fear that my letter has been
long, tiresome and not very
clear. I feel that I cannot
sufficiently thank you for your
kindness to me and my boys.

I am sure that John looking
down from heaven blesses you.

It may be that some day,
when my boys have grown

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to be good men, they may in
some way repay you.

I can do nothing. Yes, I
can pray that you may have
the happiness in this life,
that you so richly deserve,
and finally happiness in
the home above.

Sincerely,

Belle M. Crook.

79 Gen. Howard.

Direct your answer to
Margaret Brennan
Care of Dr. Hassell,
97th St. bet. River Side Drive and
Boulevard. N. Y. City



New York July 14th/79
General C. C. Howard.

Dear Sir,

I hope
you will excuse me for taking the
liberty of writing to you but I
know when you have heard my
pitifull story you will forgive me.
I want to write to you in reference
to my husband who enlisted about
the 6th of August 1878 under the
name of Henry Martin his right
name being Martin Brennan.
Two months ago I wrote to Col.
Alfred Sully Comd'g. 21st Regt.
Infantry and was very much
surprised at not receiving an
answer until I was informed
by some friends in New York

that the gentleman was dead;
my friends then advised me to
go to Governor's Island where I
was directed to address my letter
to you, knowing that as you
are a most benevolent gentleman
you will take compassion on me
and use your influence with
Martin Brennan alias Henry
Martin to send some of his earnings
to help keep his four children
from starvation; as for my self I
am willing to earn my own living,
poor though it be, but I think its
a pity he can not be made to
support his four children. If he
behaved himself and did not
give way to the use of liquor
he might now have his wife
and family in comfortable circum-
stances instead of being in poverty
and want. you will confer a

great favor upon me if you will
use your influence with him and
read for him my letter to see if
it will not move him to have
some compassion on his four children
Mary aged 8, John aged 7, Annie
aged 4 and Kate aged 2 years.
if he does not think enough of his
family to send them some relief
then I shall struggle to maintain
them myself and he may remain
where he is as I wish to have nothing
more to do with him, hoping to
hear from you as soon as possible
as General Hancock of Governor's
Island wishes to see your answer
I remain

Yours respectfully

Margaret Brennan

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Governor of Wash. Ter.
E. P. Ferry.



Territory of Washington

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Olympia, July 13th 1879

My dear General,

Quap Wiggins is here in attendance upon the Supreme Court. I will confer with him about the matter to which you refer. The pass. in Steamship from this point to San Francisco and return. In you & Chasacy. I have reason to believe will be received in one season.

On your Capt. Meade of the Dakota
applies me. That he has personally
attended to it. Very truly yours

E. D. Army.

Brig. Gen. C. C. Arnold. }

Colonel B. B. Mason. }

Received
of
the
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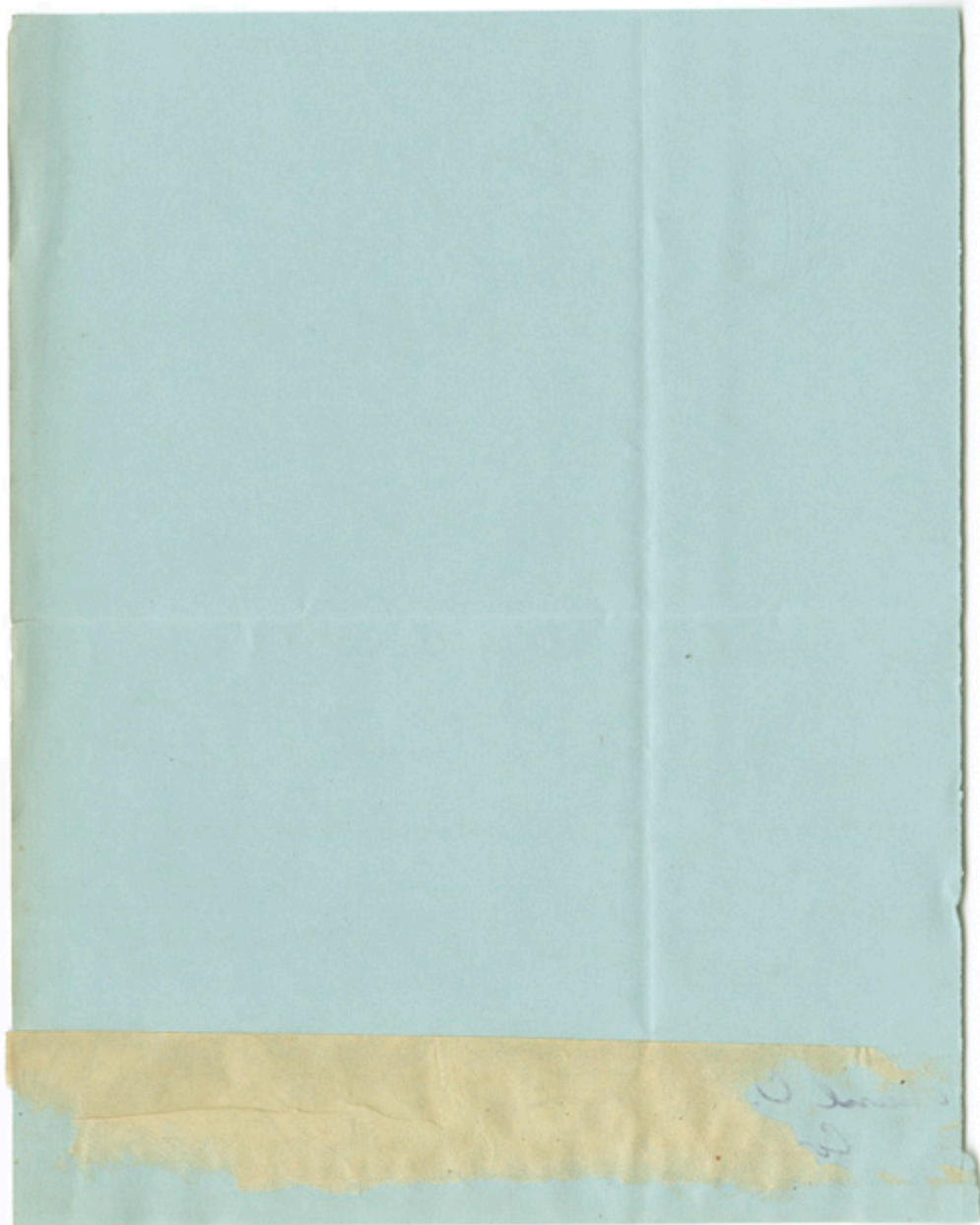
July 16th 1879

My dear Genl

If you have no
objection I should like
to go to Portland tomorrow
morning to return tomorrow
evening -

Very truly yrs

Genl O. O. Howard } C. S. Sawette.
Comd'g }



[July 16, 1879]

"
Grinnelle
"
Wednesday P.M.

Dear Genl

Mrs Grinnell

Very much wants me
to go to town with her
tomorrow, said her in
completing (or partially so)
the the furnishing of our
quarters - Can you spare
me as well as not?
If so I'm inclined to
think I ought to go
Very sincerely
Genl Howard O. D. Grinnell

Greene, O.D.

July 16. 1879.

Chas Howard
Parent

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F. H. SMITH,
REAL ESTATE BROKER,
U.S. Life Ins. Co. of New York,
806 F. ST., LE DROIT BUILDING,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 16th 1879

Genl. O. O. Howard, U.S.A.
St. Vancouver, W.T.

Dear Sir,

We have this day, drawn on you, at three days sight, to order of A. S. Pratt and Son, for \$142²⁰ premium due on Life Insurance Policy, June 19th, in the "National Life Insurance Company of ~~Hartford~~ the U. S.

This is for the last half of the year, and, as in the last instance, a paid up policy could not be obtained, without losing the first half, already paid.

Respectfully

REAL ESTATE BROKER
114 THE LEXINGTON
808 E. ST. LE DROT BUILDING

WASHINGTON D. C.

August 11, 1917

Dear Mr. Howard:

I have the

pleasure to inform you of the progress of the work on the part of the Bureau of the Life Insurance Company of the District of Columbia. The work has been completed and the results are as follows: The first half of the year has been a period of preparation and the second half has been a period of execution. The results of the work have been most satisfactory and the Bureau is confident that the work will continue to be successful in the future.

Very respectfully,
[Signature]

