To Gen Howard

Sir, I take the liberty of writing you a few lines. I am very sorry to inform you that circumstances have been so that I am not able to pay the money that you were so kind as to give my security for the saw and wedges. I have worked hard to try to do so. I had the money due to me from Mr. Rice two months ago but he did not have it to pay me since than my wife have been confined and shortly after I cut my foot with an ax and was laid up nearly three weeks which threw me a way behind. I got Mr. Jones to delay sending you the Bill hoping that I should be able to pay
Say it, but I find it impossible to do so at the present time. But I promise you General that you shall not lose anything by your kindness to me, for without your assistance I do not know what I should do. It grieves me greatly not to be able to pay this bill. I hope I shall soon be able to send you the money. If I could get a steady job, I might do better. But I have had nothing but existing work. I have been in the service too long to be able to cut the amount that a man can who have been used to it all his life. I have to work very hard at it to make a living. I have to do with things I really need. I tried to get into the Ordinance, but the Captain said he could not take me because I was married. I think I could get in the Service.
do better, but is seems impossible for a married man to enlist. I should like to get in to make my twenty years good. I have been nineteen years in. It seems hard that a man should give the best of his life to the country & receive no recompence for it. I find that I am considerably worn up, and am not able to work, so as to keep a comfortable home over my head without some assistance from the Government. If with General you would be so kind & inform me whether you think it possible for me to do so by applying for a small pension.

Your humble servant,

William Morton
Vancouver

M.J.
New York Oct 2nd 1819

Maj. Gen. Howard

Dear Sir

I am engaged on a picture of the Council of War at Gen. Meade's headquarters, Gettysburg, on the night of July 2nd. It is to be engraved on steel for Bryants History of the United States & afterwards painted. Gen. Hancock has given me what details & names of officers he remembers, and suggests that I communicate with them for any points that may have struck them, as regards
relative positions & costumes. Please furnish me with a description of your costume at the time and whether it would be out of place to put you standing at the foot of the bed, leaning against the foot alongside of Sen Sykes who is sitting, as I think it would be characteristic if correct. Also inform me if the enclosed photograph is a good likeness of you at the time and give me a description of the then color of your hair, eyes, complexion or anything that will add to the realism of the scene. I cannot find any picture which will show which arm you lost or how you arranged your clothes at the time.
I am anxious to render the scene as accurate as though I were there, so please excuse this volley of questions. Gen Butterfield has furnished me with the following diagram and suggests that I show it to the other Officers and get their criticisms upon it. By answering above questions at your earliest convenience you will confer a favor upon me.

Yours Respectfully

[Signature]

316 E. 52nd St.
New York City

Please return the photograph as it is the only one I have.
San Francisco,
OCT. 2, 1879,

Dear Governor:

General Grant desires me to acknowledge your kind letter of July 8. He hopes to leave for Oregon in a few days, and looks forward with great pleasure to meeting you. His movements to Oregon will depend upon the time at his command, and the wishes of the Governor and those who make him their guest. He hopes it will be in his power to accept your kind invitation, for which he and Mrs. Grant thank you and yourself.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

[Signature]
My dear Sir Howard:

It hardly seem possible that nearly a year has passed since I had the pleasure of seeing you, but it is really so, and a great deal has been crowded into that year.

After a charming trip down the coast and across the continent, I spent two weeks most pleasantly in Washington, where I took occasion to tell all I could of your energy, ability, and the arduous labor you had been called upon to perform. I found, as you will know, that you had a true friend in Uncle Sherman.

From Washington, I went to Topeka and once more received cordial greetings and kind wishes, when I received Mr. Fairland of the larger part of Col. Blunt’s duties, of which he had had charge for several months.
I reached here on the last day of the old year and am delighted with my station. Cleveland is a lovely city, the people are kind and hospitable. I have plenty to do and my family all keep very well. Last week I met Mr. Forve, the M.C. from Maine, and I found him ready to listen and agree to all the pleasant things I could say about you. He received Mr. Brace's wedding cards, and with her all the happiness this world can afford; I know Captain Bay very well, and have the highest appreciation and regard for him; please give them both our warmest regards and congratulations.

While at West Point last June I met Eddie Steele, he is a tall, handsome manly fellow, a good student and highly esteemed by all who know him; he came...
our fifth in general standing in his class in line, and it evidently
striving to graduate in the "Firsts.
We are having glorious
weather now, the trees have assumed
their autumnal hues but the weather
is very mild, much like what
we used to call "Indian summer." It is said that we will have
an open winter which will of
course be gratifying for the poor.
There is very little
army news. I met Mr. Miles
at a dinner party last winter,
he married here and is a
great favorite. I never hesitate
To tell the people here that he
got the glory for the hard
work you did in the 7th Peace
campaign, and that the capture
of Joseph and his brothers was
due entirely to your energy, persevance
and untiring zeal in
following him up.
Please remember all
most affectionately to [illegible]
and all the members of your family.
To Colr. Mr. Santelle Col. Mr. Bracken Capt. Mr. Alden I. S. Brook and the other kind friends: We left in the Pacific coast and whole kindness and courtesy we will remember while life lasts.

Faithfully and sincerely yours,

John M. Milton

Gen. O. P. Howard

W. F. Vancouver

W. T.
I would be glad to have you hear from a line asking about me. His able though in your estimation it cannot qualify to receive a recommendation from you to the Secy. of war. You will kindly enclosed a copy of a letter from Gen. Scollard on file at War Dept.

Wishing you many more years of health & prosperity and again thanking you for your kind attention to my regard.

Yours,

J.P. Ayer

PS. Capt. Bountons address is

N.Y. where he is 

Superintendent of Public Waterworks.

F.P. Colfax

My Dear General:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your very kind favor of August 27th last. I perceive it is the sooner that you cherish the same old kindly feeling towards my father's memory that so many of the Army officers do - a thing very gratifying to me.

While thanking you for your kind desire to accede to my request I cannot but acknowledge the consistency of justice of the position you have assigned to me. And under such circumstances I would value a recommendation from you more than from many others in the Army. Without wishing to appear egotistical but can safely point to a large portion of the Bounton's Public here where my character for sincerity, sobriety & gentlemanliness has been for some years been fairly established.
To my dearest friends, who have kept track of me since that ceased to be my home, I can point to no general character with the same feelings of confidence. In this connection, I will merely add that I have been engaged in mercantile pursuits ever since I left the Point.

With reference to Prof. Peck, your suggestion of him as a connection which myself accompanied me somewhat as a few years ago he was one of our family. (Not my father) became involved in a social snare out of which I felt nothing to do with the matter. I yet feel that it wouldinda him imitable to me and the result has proved the justice of my conclusions as with a device to conform to your suggestion, I wrote to him a note enclosing a copy of your letter and have received no reply.

Now do I expect to much less do all care to comment upon his not being so which speaks for itself. I have simply shown that there was no reason to say my character or capacity here to the thinking of my friends than to that of my Enemies. Then you will pardon the length of this explanation as the circumstances seemed to me. to demand it.

But Prof. Peck has neither kept track if me or気に me since a boy of all those who have; Capt. Edm. C. Bowne (old friend) who resides at Newburgh has kept up the most intimate acquaintance with me and is fully prepared to judge of me in every way. I have not asked him to supply Prof. Peck’s place because I did not know whether he as a reference would meet your views or not. However if it do not having your good nature too much
Tacoma, Wash. Oct. 4th 1879

Dear Mr. Howard,

By Dear Sir,

Mrs. A. told me of the pleasant visit you paid us, sorry I was not at home, as Gen. Grant will probably be up North, cannot you have him visit the Sound? I will place our steamer the Tacoma at your service, so that you can give your old comrade a good ride on the waters of Puget Sound, please let me know soon as possible so that I can arrange. 

Mrs. A. joins me in regards to Mr. H. and yourself.

Yours Truly,

John P. Ackerson.
Warm Spring Reservation Oct 5, 1879

Gen O. C. Howard, Sir,

I am happy to inform you that every thing concerning the Indians which you put in my charge is doing well. There is a feeling here which I will explain to you when I return to Vancouver. Yesterday Sunday we had a good line about three hundred Indians gathered in the little Church to worship about two hours before Service. I was told by the white people here as there was no Minister I would have to preach. Without any previous preparation save the love of Christ in my heart I did so. and I believe in my heart the Lord called us for coming together. I began by telling them that I was no preacher nor was I good enough to be one. That we were all sinners and needed Salvation. Then I told them what the Lord had done for me. In the afternoon we had a good prayer meeting a good many taking part with good testimonies. Last week I started my little Snake Indians children to School. Lord bless this work and give us warm hearted Christians among us. As I made a visit to the warm springs were I met about seven Indians the most of which I have known since 4; They told me their troubles and were very glad to see me.

I remain very respectfully your obedient servant

Mr. Chamberlain
Salem, Oct 6th 1879.

Major General Howard.

My dear Sir,

James McManus requests me to write to you to say that he has heard nothing from his pension to which you look a kindly incline; if you know any way that the matter of settlement can be accelerated, he says, if it is denied him that he will be unable to make a living. It seems like a position in the ordnance department will make it possible whether you would be able to assist him.

Respectfully,
W. P. Boyce
Daller, on Oct 6, 1879

Received at New York 5/10 P

To Genl Howard

If convenient meet Tuesday otherwise shall go to Portland.

Mrs V. Bragg

Ret

A. A.