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Olympia Oct 10th 1879

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Bro.

Friends assure me that you expected to spend the Sabbath here on your return. In my notice of Sabbath services I simply said that you was expected to be in town and had been invited to speak in our Church. Farther than that I had no authority to speak.

On the Sabbath proper explanations were made to the congregation leaving no room for misapprehension. Capt Parker who bore my letter telegraphed me as soon a he learned of your detention below.

Trusting my seeming presumption in publishing my anticipation of your presence will be excused I remain faithfully yours

C. A. Huntington

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Seattle. W.T. Oct 13th 1879

Received at _____ 187 8 10 a M.

To Genl U. S. Grant

Stevens Post No. one Grand Army Republic would be pleased to meet you in Seattle.

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Warm Spring Agency Oct 14

Brig Gen O. O. Howard Sir

I am happy to inform you that the work goes gloriously on. Last Sunday Oct 12th was another day of great rejoicing in the Salvation of precious souls. The Church was very full. The largest crowd I was told for some time. I went befor these people just as the Lord as directed. "It shall be given to you in that day what ye shall say." up to last Sunday I never thought that my preaching ever did any good. But he as answered our prayers and encouraged his children by showing me that it did. For this I am very thankful because my heart almost fails me sometimes. There was three of my Snake Indians one man and women of another tribe which experienced religon and made an open confession in the Church concerning the salvation of their souls. Oh how I did wish in my heart that some of our luke warm Christian would of heard these precious testimonies. I have been told here as elsewere by the Indians, that I was the first Frenchman they ever heard who preach the Protestant religon or the "Boston religon". Respectfully your ovedient servant.

Wm Cramereau

N.B.

I have not been able to find out the were abouts of those these Indians who escaped from vancouver. these Indians I have here seems very well contented. but they want to be encouraged. none but the very best of men should have the care of the Indians. Respectfully your obedient Servant. Ned Chamberlain

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Dear Fred

I have a note from Sawtelle about going up the river tomorrow, and while thanking you for your kind selection regret to say that I do not feel able to go —

Yours truly

Fred Cottrell Geo S Sullivan

Oct 14/79

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San Francisco. Cal.
Oct. 16th 1879.

Genl O. O. Howard.
Fort Vancouver. W. T.

Dear Sir:

Some time since I received a note from Genl. Kelton asking if it would be agreeable to me if Lieut. Earle was ordered to this city & also expressing an opinion that it would be the quickest and most satisfactory way of settling our affairs. I replied in the affirmative & soon after rec'd a copy of an order calling my husband to San Francisco. A day or so since, the order was revoked without assigning me any reason for the change. Under the circumstances I cannot but feel I have been unjustly treated & I now appeal to you as a Christian gentleman, the father of a family, and my husband's commanding officer, to take some action in the affair for my immediate relief. I understand that Mr. Earle accuses me of "deserting him" also that I left him "without cause", both of which charges I can

solemnly assert are as false as they are mac-
ious. Mr. Earle has not only returned my b
for medical attendance at the birth of our
child, but also the bill for drugs furnishe
at that time, but has endorsed them "tha
as I have left him without cause he will
not be responsible for their payment". He h
also caused a notice to be inserted in the
"Gale" stating that "Whereas my wife has le
my house without cause I will not be respo
sible for her debts" or words to that effect. I also
received a bitter letter from him stating he
would not allow me a sufficient sum for
his child & myself to live on, & last night
rec'd a telegram saying. "Understand if you
return I will not receive you". There seem
to be but one opinion as to his conduct & tha
is, that in my present condition, it is cru
in the extreme & certainly unworthy of an
friend & a gentleman, especially as my only
friend was in coming here, with his express
where I need receive proper attention durin
my confinement.

The facts of the case are simply as fo
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I cannot obtain board in any respectable place for less than $40.00 per. month with 5.00 additional charge for fuel. My washing costs $4.00. per. month, my other incidental expenses, at least, $10.00 per. month more & the lowest wages for which I can obtain a nurse girl, is $12.00 per. month: the nurse is necessary to remain with my babe while I take my meals, take her out in the fresh air and perform various offices required: these amounts, as you perceive make no provision for clothing & yet Mr. E. tells me distinctly he "will not allow me, at farthest, more than $50.00 per. month," will not allow me to return where I can live more cheaply & where to support me properly elsewhere. I am also obliged to reside where I can have the services of an army doctor, if required. As to my leaving him "without cause", that is also false. Had I desired to leave my home permanently, I had ample grounds for doing so, as I am sorry to be obliged to confess that my husband has used personal violence towards me at various times, the last time, kicking me in the side, when he knew I was pregnant: but having no

means of support except through him, my Mother & Father being dead & my relatives refusing further assistance when they fail I ought to compel Mr. E- to support me, = I endured all his ill treatment, and, as I said before, merely came here to remain until such time as I thought it safe to travel with my babe & of this intention I have repeatedly assured Mr. Earle also his former Captain, Maj. Kontinger in a letter I addressed to him about a month ago, & to which I rec'd no reply. The first amount given me by Mr. E- about Nov 1st, I used to defray my expenses at the Hotel in Lewiston, also to pay the fare of myself & servant to & from Lewiston. The balance I used to buy various articles for the house, all of which I left with Mr. Earle, as well as considerable personal property among which a trunk containing my dead Mother's clothing, which I beg you to request him to send me at once as I have immediate use for the contents.

As to returning to Mr. Earle after all that has recently transpired, I should deem it

hazardous in the extreme to do so, as I do not consider my life would be safe if he had me again in his power.

I again entreat you to permit Mr. Eaele to come here, where, if an important investigation takes place, I do not fear the result; I do not wish to injure his standing in the Army, but, for the sake of my helpless child, I beg you to see that simple justice is done me. Remember I am entirely destitute with no one to whom I can apply with any hope of assistance.

Awaiting your decision,

I remain, respectfully
Mrs. R. T. Eaele.

Ansd.

Statement.

Mr. Earle had promised I should come here and pass the Winter as I have some relatives residing in the city, I had not seen for years: he handed me $185.00 to defray my travelling expenses and one month's board ect, thereafter. Just prior to my departure he was ordered to Indian Valley & in the meantime I made the discovery that I was likely to become a Mother: I proceeded only as far as Lewiston where I awaited his return & wrote to him asking whether I should proceed on my journey or return to Camp Howard: he replied, I could do as I pleased but thought perhaps I had better return if I could procure a woman, as servant. By chance I found a person who accompanied me back to Camp but after remaining a few days, found it too lonely, and left. I then told Mr. Earle I had better go to Lewiston, Walla Walla, or Portland as I was not then able to do my own work & it seemed impossible to procure female help of any kind. He replied that he preferred I should go to San Francisco & not having the money by him, borrowed one hundred dollars to defray my

travelling expenses from Mrs Huntington, and handed it to me in her presence: he also accompanied me as far as Mt. Idaho, & parted with me with every appearance of kind feeling. I wrote to him from various stages on my journey, kindly & affectionately: I rec'd no reply to any of my letters not even the one announcing the birth of our child. He has sent me but $30.00 per. month since my arrival here except one month when he sent me $64.66 in excess of my usual allowance, $40.00, of which I used to pay one month's board then in arrears & the balance for various necessaries. When I left Camp Mt. Eagle promised to allow me $60.00 per. month for board etc. until the birth of my child, then, to make me as comfortable as possible during my confinement, after which I felt assured he would increase my allowance as my expenses would then, be much greater. At present I am utterly destitute not having money to procure medicine when needed, with an infant not three months old & none care presents my doing anything for our support. As it is I find it impossible to live on the small amount he allows me

Custom House, Port Townsend, Washington Territory,

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

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Oct 18, 1879.

Genl O. O. Howard —

Hastily, I send with this a letter which will explain itself — You know what I want, will I trust, excuse me if I have not written the letter as you would have it written —

If you do me the great kindness to grant my request I will be glad to bear all the expense that will result to the officer or officers, who may be detailed —

Thanking you for your kindness

to me during late visit to Portland
& Vanceboro and offering my
regrets that I did not have
opportunity before leaving
to call on you Mrs H. I remain
with respect - Yrs Truly

H. A. Webster

daughter that a fire occurred which burned down some shed of no value, but reached one of those magnificent firs, which are so ornamental at Fort Van Couver — I almost envy you the privilege of sitting on your front porch, and looking at those Grand firs in the foreground, the beautiful Columbia across the middle and Mount Hood in the back ground — forming a picture of never ending beauty. I hope you & yours appreciate it, Even yet fully.

W. T. Sherman

Headquarters Army of the United States,

Washington, D. C., Oct 19 1879

Dear Howard —

You know that I have been away a good deal of late, and that letters of all sorts accumulate, which cannot be answered by the Adj^t Genl, or by one of my aids left at Hd Qrs for that purpose —

Among those I find the invitation to the marriage of your daughter Grace to Mr Gray, of which

I have already read in the Newspapers.

I know therefore that your daughter is already married. Still it is not too late for Mrs Sherman and myself to send you and the happy parties our best wishes that they may have a long and happy life.

I think you owe Mrs Howard more than you can ever realize by changing your home for this sick of inequality to the pure atmosphere of Oregon — The change has been wholly advantageous to you professionally and pecuniarily. And I assure you that I rejoice in every step you make, especially as I see your son, and now your daughter doing so well. and I have no doubt your Mrs Howard will be made most happy in the improved condition of your Children and Grand Children.

I noticed that during the wedding ceremonies of your

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Walla Walla City
Oct: 20th: 1879

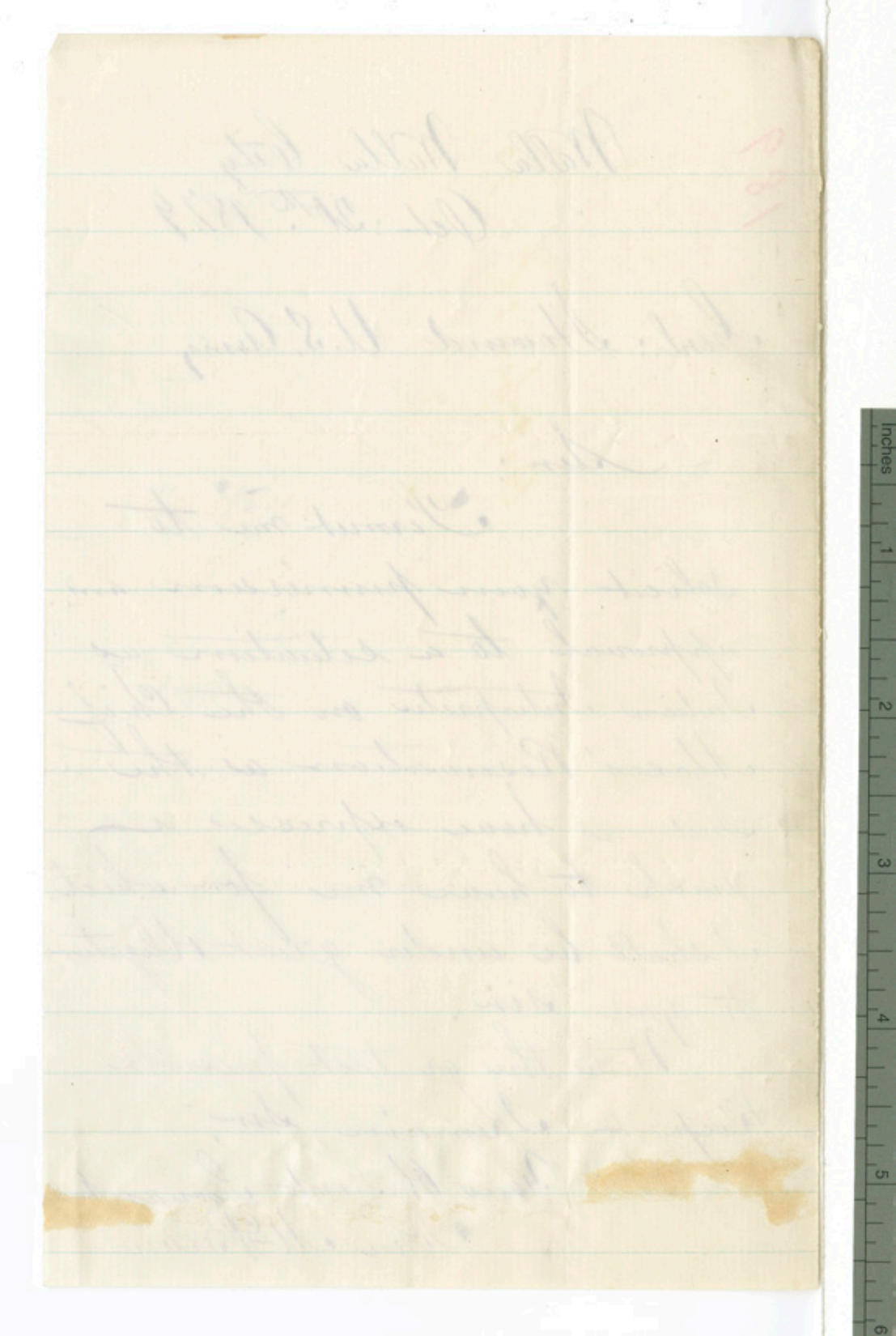
Genl: Howard U.S. Army

Sir:

Permit me to solicit your permission and approval to a situation as Indian Interpreter on the Chief Moses' Reservation as the Indians have expressed a wish to have me: for which I shall be under great obligation to you sir.

With the greatest possible Respect I remain, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant
John McBean



Headquarters Dep't of the Columbia,

Vancouver Barracks, W. T. October 20th 1879

Prof. A. S. Packard.

My dear Sir:

In answer to your inquiries I reply as follows: To Question 1st. I taught four years from 1854 (September) to May 1861, as Assistant to Professor Church, Mathematical Department, Military Academy at West Point. Question 2nd, I spent four years at the U.S. Military Academy, immediately after graduating in 1850, to July 1854 in studying the profession of Arms. Question 3rd I have been in the military service ever since, occupying various stations, at present am a Brigadier-General (Major-General by brevet,) stationed at Vancouver Barracks and commanding a Geographical Department. Question 4th. I married Elizabeth A. Waite, of Portland, Maine, February 14th, 1855. We have had seven children, five boys and two girls, varying in age from 23 to 7. Question 5th. I have published various articles in journals of the day and monthly publications. Also one book called "Donald's School days", and have now in press another book denominated "Nez Perce Joseph". Question 6th. Commanded Kennebec Arsenal in 1855; Tampa Bay Depot, Florida in 1856 and 57. Colonel of 3rd Maine 1861: Commanding Brigade in Army of Potomac as Colonel till September 1861, and as Brigadier

Orlando Otis Howard,

USA

Made a Major-General Nov. 29. 1862;

General till battle of Antietam, 17th October, 1862; Commanded a Division till April, 1863; then the Eleventh Corps to about April 1864; then the Fourth Corps to July 22. 1864; then the Army and Department of the Tennessee to the 12th of May, 1865; Commissioner of Freedmen's Bureau till June 30th 1872. President of Howard University from April c. 1869 till December 1874.

For any details of service see Cullom's Biographical Register of Graduates of the Military Academy; Johnson's Encyclopedia, Article on "Freedmen's Bureau, and the Annual reports of Howard University.

With much esteem.

I remain, as ever, Your friend.

O. O. Howard

Brigadier-General.

U.S. Army.

Commanding Department

P.S. I assumed command of this Department, September 1st 1874, and have been in charge ever since.

O. O. H.