A. S. PRATT & SON,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Oct 21st 1879.

Gen. O. O. Howard
Dear Sir

Mr F. H. Smith informs us that you wish to take up policy for yours - No 23047 - $5,000 and we send you the blank for your signature - if the policy is payable to your wife please fill in her name in the proper blank after "for #" _____ and have her sign the application - if as we believe, the policy is for your Estate - you will write instead of your wife's name - myself for my Estate - and your wife's signature will not be needed - but dear General we regret that you

give up any of your insurance
it is such a comfort to know
that there is that you can
count on in case you are
called away! but we presume
you have weighed all this and
will not urge you to continue
it — Please mail your
policy and last receipt
and this application to
The National Life Ins Co
U S of A — 157 La Salle St
Chicago Ill

We are all well here — remember
us kindly to Mrs Stewart and
the Children

Very truly yours
A J Pratt Jr

A. F. W.
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Treasury Department,

SECOND AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., October 23d, 1879.

Sir,

A telegram has this day been received from you, in the following words.

"Your letter October 8th ignores "my explanation of February 11th last. "Comptrollers request includes it. This "should square the account".

Signed - "O. O. Howard - Brig. Gen."

In answer; You are respectfully informed that this Office has never received an explanation made by you February 11th 1879, but, that several sheets, under date of November 6th 1878, signed by you and Lieut Joseph A. Sladen, were received ~~were received~~ on the date mentioned in your telegram, and they were not ignored but carefully

examined in connection with the accounts of late Superintendent Nathaniel Pope, when it was found that they furnished no ground for relieving you from accountability for the sum of $1000. for which your receipt appears in said Popes account.

The explanations had reference to 3 horses and 12 sets, saddles, bridles, halters and saddle blankets, amounting to $1000. There are also mentioned 4 mules, 1 Spring Wagon and 4 harnesses of the value of $1200. Supt Pope did not in any way account for the property named, nor has he referred to any property not purchased with money for which he was accountable.

In one place you write - "I
" evidently expected that Colonel Pope
" would have sent them in as vouchers
" to offset my receipt". It must be apparent that your expectations cannot

be a sufficient voucher, upon which to enter a credit for $1000.

The facts as they appear on file are, that in July 1872 Nathaniel Pope transferred to you the sum of $1000, charged the same in his account and filed your receipt as a voucher, or a copy of your receipt which bears your acknowledgment as to its correctness. In rendering your account you credited the same sum as received from Pope.

There is something about the transaction that involves it in doubt, but none of your explanations are a sufficient warrant to relieve you from the charge.

If you are correctly understood, a receipt was given by you to Supt Pope for $1000, but that no money passed, that the transaction was a fiction, but that he was to buy and issue to the Indians $1000 worth of horses and horse

equipments, and in some way render such an account to the United States as would entitle you to a credit of $1000. There is nothing in the papers that absolutely contradicts, and nothing with the exception of your own statements, to support this understanding. If such was really the arrangement, and it was understood by your clerk, the only result that he could have reached in rendering your account, would have been a balance due you of $362.82, instead of admitting a balance due the United States of $637.18. If you have any proofs upon which this Office can hold Pope to fulfill the agreement that it is asserted he made, they will be promptly considered.

Very respectfully.

C. F. Fleming
Acting Auditor.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Vancouver Barracks,
Washington Territory

THE ONLY FIRE PROOF HOTEL IN AMERICA—THE PALACE HOTEL OF THE WORLD.

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Palmer House, Chicago, Oct 24th 1879

Bvt. Maj Genl. O. O. Howard.
Ft. Vancouver.
Washington Ter
Dear Sir.

You are most respectfully invited to accept of the compliments and hospitalities of the "Palmer House" to include rooms and board for yourself and family during the meeting of the — "Army of the Tennessee"

Yours Respectfully.
Potter Palmer

"R. S. V. P."

THE ONLY FIRE PROOF HOTEL IN AMERICA—THE PALACE HOTEL OF THE WORLD.

Palmer House, Chicago.

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Treasury Department,

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SECOND AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., October 25th, 1879.

Sir,

Can you establish the fact that Supt Nathaniel Pope issued three horses and 12 sets of saddles, bridles, halters, and saddle blankets to the Indians in the 2d or 3d quarters of 1872, by virtue of an arrangement with you, and in consequence of your having receipted to him for $1000?

If you have proofs of the issue of said property to the Indians please to forward the same to this Office.

Also please to state what the balance named by you in a former letter, as remaining to your credit in the U. S. branch Treasury in New York, is, and how

it come to be there. In rendering your accounts as Special Commissioner, there is no mention of an unexpended balance. Further, can you furnish this office with the Post Office address of late Superintendent Nathaniel Pope?

The object of this letter is to obtain, all information that will enable the accounting Officers to adjust equitably, the questions that appear to be open, caused by irregular transactions between you and late Capt. Pope.

The Second Comptroller has been notified that time will be required for a satisfactory adjustment.

Very respectfully.

E. F. Norris
Acting Auditor.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Vancouver Barracks,
Washington Territory

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LAW OFFICE OF

JOSEPH M. FLETCHER.

Vancouver, W. T., October 27, 1879

Bt. Genl. O. O. Howard, U. S. A.
Vancouver Barracks.

General: I have seen Mrs West, and paid her the $25, as per inclosed receipt. — She did not seem to know of the existence of half of the claims against her husband, and seemed wonder-struck when I told her of all you had done for him. I impressed upon her the absolute necessity of a strict adherence to the Cash plan, and told her, that herself & husband must work together for the purpose of retrenchment. I told her, that they would not be likely to get any more credit, but that she must accept that, not as an evil, but as an absolute and great blessing. I hope and think that what I have told her, will waken her to a realization of the stern facts, and that she, at least, will do her part to bring about the consumation you desire.

Faithfully yours.
Joseph M. Fletcher

Vancouver W.T.
28. Oct 1879

Dear Gen. Howard

I have become acquainted with Charles S. Stevenson, a very pleasant and agreeable young man of Co. "I" 21st Infty. who requested me to intercede with you for his discharge from the service. Perhaps I ought to say that I have not endeavored to create dissatisfaction in his mind with the service. He came to ask me to make this request for him.

He says he enlisted when about 16 years old; has been in the service about 2 years is therefore now 18. He says

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Hoping you will pardon me for presuming to write you upon so important a subject

I am truly yours
Martin Judy.

he is not tired of the United States service, But has always performed his duties cheerfully as a soldier. As a proof of this he is willing to refer you to his company commanders under whom he has served. The strong reason for his asking his discharge is his ambition as a young man. He thinks he has capabilities which would enable him to do more in life than to simply to attend to the routine of a soldiers duties. The three years yet to serve before he would be entitled to a discharge by limitation are very valuable years and he would like to improve them, — from 18 to 21 years of age are valuable years. He has a good trade — two of them for that matter, — and will be a good citizen doubtless if you will grant him a discharge. His father lives in Middleburgh N. Y. and is a watch-maker & jeweller. He refers you to the Post Master at Middleburgh N. Y. to find out as to the character standing of his family.

And now I have written quite enough. I had no form therefore I ask pardon for this lack of formality in the letter & in the manner of presenting it.

I wish to say further that I have never asked a soldier to try to shirk duty or tried to make one dissatisfied with his country service.

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F. H. SMITH,

REAL ESTATE BROKER,

806 F Street, N. W., Le Droit Building,

Washington, D. C., Oct. 28 1879

Dear Genl

I was absent in Boston on the 1st of Octr when the interest on your Phionix notes became due. A few days after, I offered to pay and the agent refused to receive the money; and so wrote his Company who replied that if you would sign a warranty, the Co would receive it. He had to send back for the warranty and I enclose it to you for signature and witness. I have seen since this Genl Sutlet of Agencies

F. H. Smith

who said there should have been no delay or refusal in the matter but inasmuch as the correspondence referred to had taken place, the simplest thing to do was for you to sign the enclosed warrant.

It was a specimen of sharp practice on the part of the agent for which I am very sure he had no warrant from his company, and I presume the matter will be adjusted long before the enclosed will return here. In the mean time however, if you will sign, witness and return I will be obliged.

Received Nov. 10, 1879
Ans'd — " F H Smith

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Corvallis Oct 29 - 1879.

Gen O. O. Howard

Dear Sir and Bro,

Although a stranger to you, I address you in the interests of a cause to which you are no stranger, namely - the interests of Christs Kingdom.

In this little city is a church commonly known as Corvallis Evangelical Church of which I am pastor. A little band of about 40 of us are trying to serve the Master, but are laboring under one great difficulty - a church debt - After great sacrifice and self-denial on the part of the people we have still a debt of about $300, unprovided for. At the request of friends, I write to learn whether you, amid your many duties, could not deliver a lecture for us in the interests of said church. We can safely promise a good audience, should you be able to favor us with your presence and you would certainly receive the hearty thanks of a grateful people.

Please write and if you can

Quart Ch
Charles.
Nov. 11 1879.

grant our request - please communicate conditions, time and subject.

Respectfully Yours,
W. C. Kantner
Pastor of Evangelical Church
Corvallis
Oregon.

If at all possible, please come. We are in positive need of help

(confidential)
Gen Dr Atkinson.
Please send this
letter & the
copy of my answer.
And make such
prompt response
as you can —
Yours truly
O.O.H.

Received Nov. 12. 1879
Ans'd. — — —

Providence, R. I.

WM. STICKNEY, SECRETARY,
Washington, D. C.

Board of Indian Commissioners,

Washington, D. C.,

Oct 30 1879

My dear Sir,

Please inform me as soon as practicable what progress Wilkenson is making in the establishment of Indian Schools in the N West.

I am preparing the annual Report for our Board and wish this information for publication in the Report.

Our kind regards to yourself & Chiefs.

When shall we have the pleasure of seeing you this way?

Yours truly
Wm Stickney

Gen. O O Howard
Vancouver
Oregon

Portland Ogn. Oct. 31st 1879.

Brig. Gen. O. O. Howard, Sir:-

I submit to you the following, which I thought might be of information. While at the Warm Spring reservation Boyle gave me the names of some very bad Indians, which he said might be among the "Sheep Eaters" you have at Vancouver.

Their names are as follows:

Sar-wa-it-say. Par-pee-poh-gua. Po-he-da-no-say. Wilson Boss. Pam-man. Po-sai-moo.

The others that I gave you before were:

Boyuh. Pie-o-net, and Pe-o-che.

I remain very respectfully your most obedient servant.

Ned Chamberlain.

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Portland Oregon Oct. 31st 1879.

Brig. Gen. O. O. Howard. Sir:-

I send you a brief sketch of the time spent while not traveling.

Beginning Nov. 22nd 1878.

1 Trip stayed at home three days.
2 " " " " " "
3 " " " " four "
4 " " " " three "
5 " " " " twelve "
6 " " " " three "
7 " " " " four "

With the above time that I was allowed I had to make out my accounts, make my reports, and get ready for the next trip. By referring to my reports it will indicate where I went each trip.

I remain very respectfully your most obt. servt. Ned Chamberlain.