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My dear Prof.

I return the books you were kind enough to lend me. I am now through with miscellaneous reading for some time to come. My decline has not been begun, & my historical studies begun. Hence with for some months I cannot be tempted even to read a life of St Paul.

I am a thousand times obliged for these books.

Yours truly
R. A. Marcou

Farmington Jan 1/80

Dear Brother

Your letter was an addition to our happy Christmas. I anticipated the objection to Oberlin — though I think, in many respects, it is much more desirable for our children than Yale or Harvard. If the kingdom of God is first, & to be sought first, it seems to me nearer Oberlin than Cambridge. The kingdoms of this world cluster elsewhere. I think you wise not to ask any favor of President Porter. Your life cannot be a retired & merely studious one. Political & Religious interests will make demands on you which

Opened on my return from the Nest. I saw Jennie a moment at Leeds Wednesday (yesterday) She has been a great comfort and help to Laura. I don't know Lamos address in Boston but the Leeds folk will have it. My family had a very pleasant visit from Chauncey the first of this week while I was not here. Cousin Laura Wigglesworth & family have sold out & moved to Houlton Maine on to a farm for Josie's sake. With a Happy New year to Josie & all your staff brother

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you will not ignore.
A New England College
is a good shelf if one
wishes to retire from publi-
city. Educational facilities
& influences have become
much alike East & West
since my mere boys. Political
preferment is likelier & moral power
~~but~~ is as great at Oberlin
as at Cambridge or Yale.
But why need I give my
opinions? It is wise for you
to follow rather than lead
providences. Of course.

We are all here but
David. We go to Rochester
Mass. as soon as our
parsonage is ready, probably
by Feb. 1st.

A letter tonight is
discouraging as usual
about Katie. We
by just now pretty well.
Laura goes to Boston
when the boys (James & Chauncey)
return to
Andover Sat. to nurse
Isabella. She feels that
we can't be left alone
at Leeds. I hope to see
the boys on the cars
on my return Tuesday
Sat.

Hellenizing we
love to imagine Fanny
Bliss & Jennie (home for two
days) are asleep up stairs.
Ella with Mrs Bliss as
nurse. baby Rowland (now
18 months) in the cradle.

The proprietors of the
Advance have opposed
my going to Rockford but
cannot not assume my
entire support & to
take such a pastorate as

Oregon Steam Navigation Company.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

Portland, January 1, 1880.

Genl. O. O. Howard,
Vancouver,
W.T.

Dear Sir:

With the compliments of the season, we herewith enclose you Annual Pass for 1880, over Oregon Steam Navigation Company's lines.

Please acknowledge receipt and oblige

Yours Truly,

Geo. J. Ainsworth,
General Superintendent.

Oregon Steam Navigation Company.

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Vancouver Barracks, W.T.
January 1. 1880

My dear General,

In the course of our, to me, very interesting conversation last evening in which, as usual, you took a wide range in your illustrations, you referred to certain historical cases in which Prime Ministers had usurped the authority and exercised the power of the Monarch. You spoke of the Cardinal de Richelieu and Louis XIII. I recall two historical instances of far greater magnitude in which the power was not only usurped but was transmitted to successors. I refer to that strange instance in which the "Mayors of the Palace" usurped the powers of the descendants of Clovis until

Fr Lea

finally the title of King of France was taken from the Childeric & bestowed on ~~on~~ Pepin (a Mayor of the Palace). This story is beautifully tred in one of Disraeli's early novels the name of which now escapes ~~fm~~ my memory – The second instance is the case of the Tycoons, in Japan, who usurped the power of the Mikado which has only been restored within the last 10 years, after centuries had elapsed.

What a small thing has set my mind rummaging in the halls of memory! But this is what conversation is for – Dr Johnson said he liked a conversation which was like a game of battledore that is in which the shuttle-cock was let fly forwards among the talkers. I have now played my part of the game by sending you back your shuttle-cock. I am always pleased herewith, when I am able to give you an intellectual Roland for your Oliver –

Yours sincerely
H. A. Haxford

Rev H Howard.

NB. The novel of "Dizzy", as Mrs Bright called him, which I refer above, is "Alroy".

H A Haxford

furniture, carpets etc. that (with the furniture belonging to the house) we look quite settled here, and not as if anything had been taken away. I keep the back parlor shut up. & the front looks quite homelike. Jan. 9. 1880

Dear Papa.

I could not finish this to send it before Mamma left, & now I catch a few moments while the Baby is asleep. Mrs. Mason took me to ride the day after Mamma left. and asked us to dine on Thursday. Mrs. Pierce called yesterday - feeling quite sad at her husbands departure. Genl. & Mrs. Brown & Capt. Pierce left on the steamer following the one Mamma took. Mrs. Nat. Rosa & Mrs. Mason & Mrs. Whipple called yesterday. Old Mr. Friedrichsen was here today. He lectured last evening with but few present. He seemed to

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Grace, E.H. Gray
Vancouver Barracks.
W. T. Jan 2. 1880

Dear Papa,

Your letter was a comfort to me. I was disappointed that you could not come up here, but had so fully made up my mind not to expect you back, that perhaps it is just as well. I think it is easier for me to lose you all one by one, rather than all at once. First Guy, then Jaime, Chauncey, yourself and soon the rest. All are very kind here at the Garrison. and Genl. Wheaton has so this told you of his kind plan for us to remain here at present. I am very glad that we can, for the Baby's sake particularly. She is well, but has taken quite a cold in her head during the last few days. In my packing and unpacking I have been so

only that I have neglected to give
her any homeopathic medicine
until today. Now I think she will
soon be relieved. Mamma tells
me so many things to do and gives
me so much good advice about
housekeeping that I fear I shall
have to tax my memory greatly
to remember it all. "Ling" is to stay
here with me & Mary. Kitty has
gone. If Genl. Wheaton pays his
board (mess) with us, it will
help me in my housekeeping, &
I hope he ~~will be satisfied~~ will this ar-
rangement. Baby is much pleased
with the pretty rattle you sent her.
She becomes much excited and
opens her eyes wide, & stretches
out her hands for it. If not
held within reach she springs for-
ward and scalds. Her chief en-
joyment at present is pulling
hair. Johnnie & Harry are willing
subjects, and her Aunt Bessie.
She is content to "love" her Mamma
with gentle hands, and sweet
baby-talk. Mr. Chambrean took
her & kissed her, & she cried very
hard. Her Grandma talked very
earnestly to me about Geraldine
etc, & she was quite frightened.
She will be a great comfort to me
when Mamma & the children
leave. I tell everyone that we in-
tend to go east also, when they
keep inquiring how I feel about
your going east. Mr. & Mrs. Wood
& Capt. & Mrs. Sladen are coming
here to dinner today. We were
all at Genl. Morrow's last evening.
Jennie & I were too late for the
"reception and supper", but in time
to spend an hour at the "party".
We came home early. Mamma
suggests that I ask the people
here to a sort of reception for
Genl. Wheaton upon his return.
I have so many of Mamma's friends

dinner the other day by putting the napkin ring on a spoon & shaking it with both hands.

I did know where to write to Mamma so will write to her to West Point & let you see that the letters reach her. She may visit Jennie & Chauncey before going to West Point, I suppose.

I am writing under difficulties so please excuse the blots. Jennie says I might not to have written about the "coo" - it will make you feel badly to think we are out here among such people. Baby sends her happiest smile and chokes trying to talk - "m-m-m-m-go-ah goo-coo &c." & two laughs loud as I imitate her. Jennie sends his love - and I a great deal. I am so glad for you & Mamma to go East, that I cannot be sorry for myself much -

Your loving daughter
Grace E. H. Gray.

feel disappointed that no ladies were present. He asked Pratten we had heard from you yet, & said if his friends Paul Howard & Fred Ward had been here, they would have been at his lecture. I left the baby at home when we dined at the Masons' and had Sarah Hennessey stay here with Mary during our absence. I found the bed gone when I returned - & Lizzie whom I had allowed to go to Portland, being away, Mary had to leave the baby to let us in. I shall not go away & leave her again. Sarah had to go home, as Mrs. Campbell came for her & would not wait. The house seems very lonely without you & Mamma & the children. I try to keep up for the baby's sake, and I am very busy all the day, getting settled, & in the evening am too tired to sit up long. For several days after Mamma left, baby & I had bad colds but are getting well now. She

kept me awake till midnight two nights & I felt quite sick in consequence. Now we have settled down quietly again, and I begin to take an interest in preparing for Genl. Moore's Wheaton's arrival. I put the red carpet down in the dining-room with a border around it, showing the oiled floor on all sides - and it makes a very pretty room. I am so stiff & lame today from getting down & helping Maloney put down the carpets, that it is with great difficulty that I go up stairs or rise from my chair. Jamie also is stiff today - having had a sort of fracas with some swedes who came with the boat at Portland and were abusing the cabin boy - He called for Capt. Gray and three returned leaving him to fight it out. The deck hands did not interfere to put the two swedes ashore until they had nearly fetched Jamie overboard and hurt his forehead. He had no idea there were two of them and while talking to me, the other attacked him unawares. It seems that one had a grievance, being been discharged, and yesterday he was fined $40. and costs in Portland for the disturbance. The second man could not be found. Jamie's knuckle is giving him much pain, being very much swollen, whenever he is getting over his lameness. Sarah Minnemoca got "nine dollars rebate" on her trunk, & paying $25.00 has it in her possession.

The baby is awake & her father is holding her letting her pull his moustache to her great delight. She went to sleep holding the three bells, rattle that Mrs. Whipple gave her in her hand. She splashes so in her tub now that we can come near her, & can sit up in her chair at the table and play with her playthings. She amused herself at

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Vancouver W. T. Jany. 7. 1879

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To General O. O. Howard, U. S. A.
Comdg. Dept. of the Columbia
Vancouver Bks. W. T.

Sir:

Once more I beg to trespass upon your patience and time by asking you to kindly and christianly consider my situation, and afford me such assistance as lies in your power, should you think it worthy of such.

I will not make this monotonous by re-stating all, about my discharge etc: from the service, but I would however ask you to bear with me in looking at a few of the facts and I sincerely hope that you will weigh them well and by so doing see the true case.

First I would state that I entered the service with the intention of doing my duty as required always (enlisting for a place I could fill) to prove this, I will say that I could have filled the position from which I was discharged six months before I did enlist, had I thought myself capable of taking it, nevertheless I was afterwards transferred to that same place and given to understand that I

could gradually learn; all this without any solicitation or fault on my part.

While in the Engineer Office, I tried to do the very best I could, and as prove of the same, I can produce letters given me by Major L. S. Babbitt and Lieut. Thos. W. Symons, in fact, as far as I can learn not one officer has found any fault with me, during my time of service, yet in spite of all that, I was used to make vacancies for others, which placed me first in a false position and finally resulted in leaving me now in the middle of winter without employment, and after nearly three weeks search, without any prospect of any for some time, all attempts having failed me.

Furthermore I wish to state to the General that I feel aggrieved at the action of Lieut. Symons, as follows: That from the time his application for my discharge was first sent, until the order finally arrived, a period of nearly five months, he kept me under the impression that it would result all right, by telling me that General Greene would take me into his office, stating to me not to worry about it in the least, thereby naturally preventing me from looking out for some other position, when the one I had would fail me. For which promises made to me, he surely could not have had sufficient authority. The mention of this may appear trifling to the non-sufferer of the disappointment, but the General knows that it does not affect me so, as it was the cause of my losing several opportunities, of which I might have availed myself.

I have a family (although small it may be) dependent on me for support, and I consequently feel the loss of situation more than you are possibly aware of, and should I be obliged to remain idle any length of time, it will work a great hardship on them.

In view of these facts, and knowing that your Christian charity will not allow you to refuse your kind assistance I venture to ask it as before mentioned.

I am, General

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

P. J. Wittman

EDWIN C. MASON,
Brevet Colonel, U. S. A.,
Acting Assistant Inspector General.

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Headquarters Department of the Columbia,

ASSISTANT INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Vancouver Barracks, W. T., Jan 3rd Monday 1880.

My dear General

Captain Raden arrived at the Post on Saturday evening - bringing to me your very kind note of the 28 Dec. I am gratified exceedingly at your thought and suggestion relative to the position of Commandant of the Corps at West Point. As I understand the duties they are purely military, relating to the instruction in tactics, drill and discipline of the corps. In such matters I feel at home, and could take the assignment with reasonable hope of giving satisfaction to you. If you think I am the man you want, I will be glad indeed to serve you, loyally and to the best of my ability. You know how much pleasure it will give me

to be with you once more. Sladen tells me you think of asking for Forsyth. I am pleased to hear it. he is an excellent man. amongst other good qualities, one of the best drill officers in the Regiment. I think it a good idea to have about you as many as possible. upon whom you can depend to carry out the spirit, as well as the letter of your orders and instructions. My brother tells us of having seen you. he is one of your most ardent admirers, and in one of his letters, tells of an interview with the President, in which your assignment to West Point was discussed. Sladen will tell you. what little is to be told about us here. Mother and Mrs Mason send their very kindest regards to you. They are so full of the thought and hope of being near your family. they can hardly sleep. I will try to keep this matter from every one for the present.

I am general.

Very truly Yours.

Edward C. Mason
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Washington D.C.
January 31st 1880.

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Headquarters Department of Columbia,

Vancouver Barracks, W. T., Jany 3 1880

To
General O O Howard

Dear General:

I very much regret to say that it is not at present possible to make a further payment on the note. I shall however sincerely trust be enabled to make you a monthly remittance until the whole is liquidated.

I was in hopes that I might have seen you again before your final departure, indeed I confidently expected that you would have returned to Vancouver for at least a few days. It makes me feel quite badly to see Captain Slaker and Lieut Hood leaving - and I do not believe that I can ever become recon

ciled to the changes.

I must now thank you General - most sincerely and gratefully for all your kindnesses to me and mine - I cannot write what I would wish - I know that I have not been as good as I should have been, as good as you had a reasonable expectation that I would be - but I trust General you will nevertheless think of me sometimes - and pray for us.

I do not yet despair that you will get me sent to your new Department, I cannot feel reconciled to remaining here under another administration - and with those who leave us today, I feel that my last friend goes -

Good by General

Your devotedly

Chas Ebrel

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Maquoketa Ia. Jany 5th 1875

To.
Genl. O. O. Howard
Portland Oregon –

As a reminder of other days
from
Your Friend
J. Murray Hoag
Capt. U.S.A. – Retd.

Recd Jan 23. 1882

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Knoxville Tenn
Jan 5 1881

My Dear General

May I hope that in the years that have passed since Jan 1872 on the many changing scenes you have gone through have not erased from your memory my [illegible] while standing as an agent under you of the Freedmans Bureau at athens Limestone and Huntsville Madison Co Ala as disbursing agent of bounties

Rec'd Jan. 26. 1881.

Ans. Jan. 26. 1881.

If not and not asking too much will you give me a letter of recommendation. I was promoted from Clerk to Col Edwin Beecher to act disbursing agent. from Oct 1868 to June 1872.
I have been recommended for paymaster.
Please send letter to Judge N H Sprague 1303 K street Washington D.C.

Very Respectfully
May God O O Howard, John H Wager

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Jan 5 Portland Org 1880

Dear Sir

I take the liberty of writing to ~~asking~~ you asking is you will give me information about young men Entering West Point. First would you advise young men to go to West Point. and how often does a vacancy occur for the distric of Oregon. Do the young ~~ee~~ men after graduated ~~who~~ have to serve only when there is war. What studies would you advise to a young man to persue to to prepare for west point. can a person engag in any other business after he has graduated, provided the is no war. and does a person have to engag in in Indian Battles. after they have graduated. and is there much trouble getting an appointment and ~~do~~ have to be

very thorough in the common
branches and ~~Wrig~~ Writing
Please answer this letter and
greatefly oblige
U. S. Grant. Marquam.
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Portland
Oregon)