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Spokane Falls

Aug. 19 1880

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir.

I start this morning for Fort Colville with dispatch. Gen: if possible can I get the position as permanent messenger for this country I would like very much to have it.

Yours respectfully

Edward N. Dewey

Spokane Falls

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War Department,

Office Commissary-General of Subsistence,

Washington, D. C., August 19, 1880.

Brig. General O. O. Howard,
U. S. Army,
Vancouver Bks. Vancouver, W. T.

General:

You are respectfully informed that in view of the explanation made by Lieut E. S. Farrow, 21st Infy, as per his endorsement on your communication to this Office, dated May 3. 1880, and his taking up and accounting for 78 rations in kind on his Return of Provisions for November, 1879, the charge of $58.50 heretofore made against you on account of Subsistence paid for by your order for 6 men of 21st Infantry, for May 10th to 22nd 79, (as per Voucher 1, to Major T. C. Sullivan's Abstract of Contingencies for October, 1879,) and of which you were notified by copy of letter from this Office to Maj. Sullivan, dated February 12, 1880. forwarded you same date, has been withdrawn.

Very respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant.

R Macfeely

Commissary General of Subsistence

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Muskegan Aug. 19th/80

Genl O. O. Howard

My Dear Sir, —

I often hear my wifes father (C. C. Whitney formerly of Wayne) speak of you, and I once had an introduction to you in Church at Washington, = As Atty for Pension claimants was recently called upon by S. A. Nelke who at one time was with you acting as orderly He is an intelligent, active little German; A month or so after the battle of Bull Run He was on duty at your Hea'd Quarters & recd a Sun stroke

I hold in my hand a letter from you written at Portland Oregon in which you speak of his faithful service in the Ty Maine, — You say you remember him very well, but the particular incidents reflg to you can not recall

It has occured to me that you may

T. H. Drummond.

Aug 19. 1880.

Ans. Sept. 15. 1880.

now be able to recall some facts which would assist in the prosecution of his claim, if not the particular ones refd. to by him. If you remember that he was sick & sent to Hospital & Cathoun to you can not distinctly remember the particular cause yet from your recollection of the young man & knowing his reputation for truth & veracity you do not doubt the truth of his statement that his trouble originated with a sun stroke. Such statement would I think materially aid us. — Will you please give me the present address of your brother "Charly" who was there at that time. — Hastily yours

J. W. Dingmans

Alonzo F. Getty,

Washington D.C.
Aug 19. 1880.

Answ Sept 15. 1880.

Washington D.C.
W. D. A.G.O. Aug: 19 '80

My dear General:

I have often thought I would like to hear from you, but never knew your address. Since my enlistment in the Genl. Ser. US army, and detailed as clerk at Hd. Qrs. of the army, why I frequently see your endorsements, as they pass through my hands. I sincerely hope you are entirely well, and have been since I last saw you in '61, when you so

kindly made me the present of the prayer book which I still possess to this day, and which I appreciate very highly.

My mother begs to be remembered to you General, and sorry to say that, her health has been quite poor for many years, and I assure you I should be very sorry to loose her. I am her only support, and am very proud to be able to say as much.

Any time when you see fit, why my mother and I would appreciate, very much, a letter from you to learn how you are.

Hoping that you are well,
I am General, your
Obt. Servant
Alonzo F. Getty
Civil Service. U.S. Army

Nelson A. Miles

Aug 19. 1880

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Gen. O. O. Howard,
Dear General,
Captain
said that the President
and party (14 in number)
were expected at Presidio
the last of this month.
From there they come
to Portland —
Respectfully
N. A. Miles

August 19th 1880

Mrs. R. P. Earle

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San Francisco
August 28th 1880.

Geo. O. O. Howard U.S.A.

Dear Sir,

The enclosed notice was shown me to night it having appeared in the "Evening Bulletin" of this city of August 16th. I presume Mr. Earle claims that I have again "deserted" him, when as you know I returned here merely for the purpose of taking my child back.

You must see, there but one alternative & that is to go from without delay. I have taken my passage on the steamer which leaves here Sept. 3rd & shall come as far as

Problem & see what can be done. I beg you to present, if possible, Mr. E's proceeding to Colville until I can have a chance of seeing him: if I fail in that I do not know what will become of myself & child.

In great haste.

Yours respectfully

Mrs R. J. Clark.

1023. Clyde Street.

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F. H. SMITH,

Real Estate Broker,

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

Washington, D. C. Aug 23 1880

Dear Paul

I am in receipt of your of the 12th. I would still be grateful for the Clerkship if Miles is appointed. Will inquire at the Dept to day what is being done in regard to him

Ballock says the drawbacks amounted to only about $240 and that they were sold sometime ago at 80. Leff the Commission of the party who sold them. – that he will get the money and turn it over. Am sorry he sold so soon, so

F. H. Smith

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the price has advanced materially. I could have used them any time within a month to good advantage at 95., but at one time, three or four months ago they were down to 70. I have no doubt Paul B. intended ~~to do~~ the best he could. I hear nothing from Dean in regard to the YMCA stock. He is doing a good deal better than some years ago, but still I shall be agreeably disappointed if he is able to release his stock for sometime to come.

I was down at Ft Monroe last week to give the boys a fishing chance and saw Guy a couple of times for five minutes. He seems to be well and doing well. Real estate is as flat as possible parties who think of purchase are waiting for the Election to be decided. The indications now seem to be in the direction of a Solid North. What I am most afraid of is two sets of returns, in case the vote is close. The safest reliance is in the fact that God rules. Truly F. H. Smith

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Glassboro N.J. Aug 25 1880

Gen O. O. Howard

Dear Gen

Pardon me the liberty I am taking but I address you in the interest of a fallen Comrade.

I am to deliver an address relative to the life and services of Gen Chas G. Harker who was killed in a charge on Kennesaw Mountain. It is to be at a reunion of the members of 5th N.J. Vols and will be held at Burlington N.J. This is the birthplace of Gen Harker and there he is buried. I anticipate of keeping green the memory of one whose deeds did so much to honor his birthplace and State as well as Country. I wrote Gen W. T. Sherman and he responded in a very warm letter eulogizing the Gen and directed me to you as possessing knowledge of our dead hero. I therefore write you as the testimony of his Comrades will be of much more avail with our people than anything I may be able to say

I am Gen Truly Yours

Howard Huntsinger Jr.
Glassboro N.J.

Hartington, Jr Devon

Glasshow R. I.
Aug 25. 1880.

Answ by Mail
Sept. 3. 1880.
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Letter.

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St. Yates

8/26/80

Aug 26, 1880

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

Enclosed, please find, two gold shirt studs, which were found in the room occupied by you on Aug 23rd. I received your telegram at Lewiston I.T. and made enquiries concerning them and was fortunate enough to find them in the possession of one of my "cabin boys," who stated, that he came nearly throwing them overboard whilst cleaning the room. Hoping that our future acquaintance may prove as agreeable as the past, I remain

Yours very respy.

R. B. Benson

Steward St. John Yates

O. P. & N. Co.

A. S. Benson
Dr. John F. Gates

Aug 26. 1880.

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LAWYERS.
7 & 9 Carpenter's Block.

R. H. GILMORE.
FRANK G. CLARK.
J. M. ST. JOHN.

~~Cedar Rapids, Iowa,~~ ~~18~~
Golden, Colorado.
August 26. 1880.

My dear Brother:

On the ~~22nd~~ second day of July we, i.e. my wife and I, left Iowa for Colorado. We had previously arranged for the boys to live with some friends during our absence, and Ellie went to New York with my wifes sister Grace. By an attack of diarrhoea which began in February and continued until we left, Mamie had become so reduced in strength that she could walk a few feet with difficulty. In consequence of her weakness, an inherited tendency to lung trouble developed itself and it was discovered about the first of June that about one third of her left lung was developing tubercles. As soon as I could arrange my affairs and place for the children we started for this stately easy stages stopping along the way, taking two weeks to reach the base of the Rocky Mountains at Boulder. We found a pleasant boarding place at Boulder and as every thing was satisfactory we staid there five weeks. Mamie improved every day slowly while we were there. As we were desirous of seeing more of the State and to find a place for me to go into business, ~~we~~ and as Boulder was full of

lawyers who evidently had but little to do we concluded to come over here. We arrived here on Saturday night and have been here ever since except one day that we went to Denver to consult a physician. The conviction had been ~~unpleas~~ maturing on my mind that I must give up my home and business in Iowa and move to the vicinity of these mountains. That conviction was confirmed by the consultation with the Physicians who advised us that Mamie would without any doubt get well and strong at this Altitude but the disease would at once reappear if we should return to the lower levels. Her improvement has been wonderful, beyond all expectations of most people. The day we arrived in the State she was not able to walk from the cars across the depot platform to the omnibus, but had to be carried in my arms with the assistance of the hotel porter. Yesterday we walked a mile and three quarters and today we have walked nearly that with a short walk to be taken after supper which will increase the walk today to two miles. Though she has

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done so much today she seems quite fresh now just before supper. After supper we expect to take another walk in the cool of the day with ease. All her other symptoms have improved in corresponding ratio. The walking ability is simply an index of what her improvement has been in other respects. So I think there is open only one course for us and that is to take up our abode in these high altitudes. Any where in the vicinity of the Rocky Mountains from New Mexico to the Canada line seems according to people's experience to be the climate for people with lung trouble. We could live in Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado or New Mexico, certainly some enough and we might not to find it hard to make a choice. But the trouble is for me to find a prompt remunerative business. I am a lawyer and for fifteen years that has been my profession and almost exclusive occupation. I understand my profession I think better than the average of lawyers, judging by those with whom I come in competition. and I feel that I can excel in that occupation, — in any thing that may be incidental to it. But the trouble is that I find that hundreds of lawyers have filled these Colo-

rado towns compelled to come here for the health of themselves or their families. As the branches of industry seem not so varied as in Iowa and other states there seems to be not so much law business for the same number of people as in older communities. Again the number of people in the ~~new~~ State hardly ~~equals~~ excels the number in one of our ~~Congressional~~ Congressional districts. In our Congressional Dist. in Iowa there are probably one hundred & fifty lawyers, while in this state Denver alone has about 200 and there are probably as many more in the rest of the State. The business to be done in the entire State does not equal that in our ~~Congressional~~ Congressional Dist. in Iowa. Except in connection with contests over mining claims the amounts in controversy in a litigation are generally very small, so that the fees are light. The mining litigation is mostly done in the United States Courts at Denver ~~south~~ and there are 200 on hand ready to do it. Thus you see the lawyer prospects do not look very flattering But to the mountains we must come and if the way does not open in one direction it may in some other. We have

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abundant faith in the leadings of our Heavenly Father who seems to have been leading us hitherto. We have felt from day to day as if our conviction as to our course was in answer to prayer for guidance, and we feel that His aid will never be wanting. Still we recognise that we must work for ourselves and do what we can to find an occupation that will take care of us and provide something for the future.

Temporarily if I could find some federal appointment it would be very gratifying. Poor lawyers that I am are filling the Federal judgeships, District Attorneyships, & Clerkships of the Courts, with salaries of $3000 per year and mileage. There are numerous positions as Registers and Receivers in the Federal Land Office that are remunerative. But I do not now know of vacancies, yet they are constantly occurring and being filled and I know of them only by reading the names of the new appointees in the newspapers. I wish to ask you whether there is any thing you can do or say in Administration circles at Washington which may do some good in such a matter. I have been out

of politics since the year I was Presidential Elector or rather the year after. I have not been cultivating the influence or acquaintance of political men. What time I had to spare from my law practice I have been giving to Sabbath School work and Y. M. C. A. work. My acquaintances in Iowa and elsewhere are among that class of men so I am hardly in the position I once would have been to seek federal appointments.

That however might not be in the way as the policy of this administration has favored the appointment of men who did not seek positions as the reward of political work. If you have not often called on the Administration for favors for him the President would be pleased to gratify you in making an appointment which you might indorse. I am aware that the proper course is to ascertain as vacancies and then look after the particular positions. But I cannot do that now. I do not hesitate to assure you that

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I have no fear as to my ability to fill any of the judicial appointments in any of these territories. You know I have held a semi-judicial position - Referee in Bankruptcy - for the past eight years. That has given me ~~a good~~ an experience which is in the line of work as a judge. The other federal positions do not require the special preparation that the judicial ones do and there would be no danger as to them.

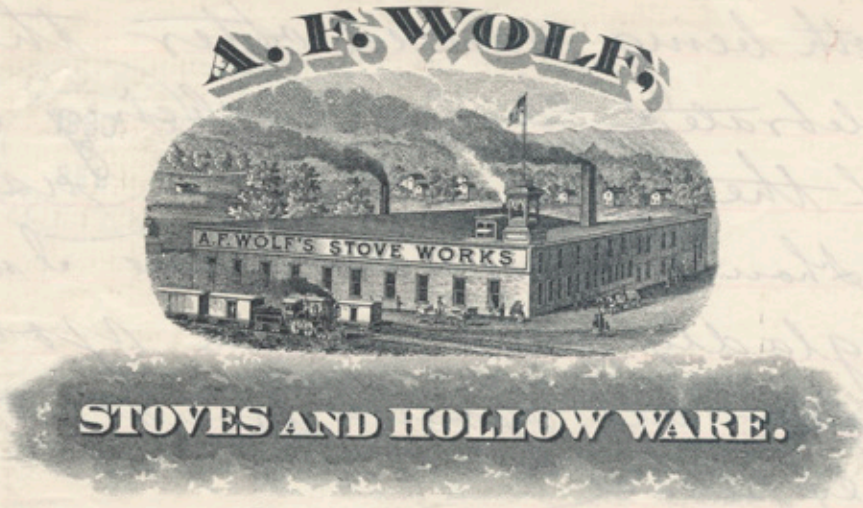
Today we were ~~very~~ surprised to see passing us in a carriage, Miss Kelley, our old housekeeper and governess of my children. She is visiting here at the home of our uncle, a wealthy man. We called on her this afternoon. She said ~~mother~~ she was at Glencoe a few days before mother started for Massachusetts. She said mother was very poorly at one time, but was much improved before she started.

Give much love to Lizzie and the children. We hear good news from Jamie Chauncey through mother from time to time. Write me here. If I have moved the letter will be forwarded to me.

Affectionately Your brother
R. H. Gilmore

R. H. Gilmore

Aug. 24. 1840



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Beaver Falls, Pa. Aug 27-1880

Maj Gen O. O. Howard
Comdg Dpt. Pacific
Portland Oregon

Dear Sir

I take liberty of addressing you upon a subject that no doubt will seem amusing to you as a Military Man. It is not for any information as to War or military movements, but for the kind presentment of the respected Generals own Photograph from which a skilful artist may engrave a Plate to be elegantly Pol & Nickled & placed upon the Oven door of the Celebrated Howard Cook Stove which has had the honor of

both being named after the celebrated Genl & as being one of the Best Stoves in use should you favor me I will gladly recompense you for all your trouble & expense.

Hoping to rec. a favorable reply soon

I am Very Respectfully
Yours
A. F. Wolf

Aug. 27, 1870.

Chas. Mc Ca., Esq.

A. F. Wolf.

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Rockport Mass Aug 28/80

Jamie & Chauncey are here a few days before Andover. They seem well & study for their work - Jamie will to the White Mts & then to Leeds & Chauncey stay of 4 weeks in Leeds near refreshing

Laura is now left quite alone again. Mother has been here 9 days & is doing well - Little Arthur is with her -

Charles has taken another bad cold & has cheek trouble - He needed he well if he could have out of door life - He will not live long if confined to office work. Katie improves very slowly as Baxter - We are as usual. W. S. Rowland

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Ft Vancouver
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