McDowell, H.E.

San Francisco, Cal
Dec 1880.

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Hdqrs. Mil. Div. Pacific & Dept. Cal.,
PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.,
_____, 188__.

My dear General -

In haste I write taking the opportunity of Mr Blair's going over to Oakland to-night, to ask you to telegraph Mrs Howard for us, if possible before she starts, to come with the family & stay with us whilst she is here - When Mamma came home yesterday she moved not hear of Mrs Howard's going anywhere else - & bids me ask you very warmly to stay here the time you have to stop over

It's being New Year's day &c - I cannot find the proper paper & apologize therefore for using the Government sheet - Trusting we shall see you all next week, believe me to be

Your sincerely

Helen E. McDowell

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Dated Vancouver Dec 2 (2) 188
Barracks W.T. 130 Rec 4th

Received at Cor. 15th and "F" Streets, Washington, D. C.

To Gen O. O Howard
War. Dept WDC

Nothing important all right in Dept. and home

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READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

Dec 2. 1880.

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Washington D.C.
Dec. 6, 1880.

To the President

Sir:

Should a vacancy occur in the office of Judge Advocate General, as an officer of the Army, I feel a deep interest in the succession as long as the Department shall continue, and I do not know of one better fitted to fill the place, nor one who could be selected more generally acceptable to the officers of my acquaintance, than Col. Thomas F. Barr.

The Colonel has been diligent and painstaking in the performance of his duties as a Judge Advocate these many

years and his moral character is above reproach: So that I cheerfully unite with his host of appreciative friends in recommending him.

Very respectfully yours,
(signed) O. O. Howard,
Brig. Gen. U.S.A.

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Washington D.C.,
Monday, 6th Dec. '80

Gen. Howard

Dear Sir,

If it is not troubling you too much, I would like to ask if you could be influential in procuring me a clerkship in the Indian Bureau, or other Dep't under Gov't?

I have had much experience in office work, and in writing of all kinds, and feel very confident I could give satisfaction in such capacity.

Respectfully
Miss Louise T. Hopkins,

Should you reply, direct to "City" only,

Miss Louisa Hopkins

Dec. 6. 1880

TRADE MARK.

OFFICE OF

NATHAN MULLER

MANUFACTURER OF

LADIES & CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR, &c.

325 Canal Street,

New York, December 6th 1880

Gen. O. O. Howard Commanding Dept.
of the Columbia

Dear Sir

As I am keeping a collection of the autographs of distinguished men of America, I should feel honored by receiving yours,

Enclosed please find envelope addressed to my destination

Very Respy
Yours obly

Alfred Miller

Nathan Miller

Dec. 1886

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Maj Genl. O. O. Howard
U. S. A.

Dear General,

With great pleasure do I say welcome back to Washington - I hope you are in the enjoyment of health and happiness - May fresh laurels be thine.

Gratefully yours
Mrs Col. Ruggold
of
S. C.

Decr 6th 1880.

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Dated Vancouver Barracks Dec 7 1880

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To Gen O. O. Howard

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

Following are sums required at Posts this department repairs & new Constructions to make Complete four Company post Van Couver Barracks forty one thousand & twenty five dollars Dept Head quarters fifteen thousand six hundred

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To 2 AOH

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

forty six
Heads. fort Klamath
One New Set
Company quarters, six
thousand six hundred
& fifty five,
New wood sheds
One hundred &
fifty five. Fort
Canby New bath
rooms three hundred
& seventy four,
New wood sheds

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To 3 . Cost

One thousand & twenty four. Fort Walla Walla five New Cavalry Stables Nineteen thousand one hundred & Seventy nine. Additions to six sets barracks to make them suitable eighteen thousand one hundred & twenty eight. New Guard house three thousand

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

Dec 7 1864

3 . 00 P

Gen Thomas

Nearly four. Just
heard Grant has
his cavalry fifteen
miles eastward of
Hancock & twenty
miles. Rebels
on left bank Nottoway
to Stony Creek. Have
instructed eighteen thousand
men Hancock &
twenty eight. Two
divisions three thousand

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Received at **Cor. 15th and "F" Streets, Washington, D. C.**

To 4 Oct

four hundred & twenty three Chapel & Liberal Seven hundred & twenty one. Water Closets officers quarters One thousand. Fort Stevens New Company quarters two thousand seven hundred & Sixty Seven. Fort Lincoln three New Sets

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

Your telegram of last night
stating that capital
& labor will have
hundred & twenty
five. Western Clerks
offices quotations are
thousand. But Clerks
the Southern quotations
two thousand have
hundred & sixty
been. But Pacific
offices the lists

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To 5 Q.D.A

Companys Quarters twelve thousand. Magazine eight hundred & eighty five. Four new sets officers Quarters seven thousand eight hundred. Boise Barracks New Cavalry stables four thousand & forty five. two new sets officers Quarters six thousand five

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

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5 Dec

Company Quarter Ending
Thursday 31 December
eight hundred & eighty
[illegible] Days New
Jersey offices Quarter
ten thousand eight
hundred. Power Houses
New Brunswick Trenton
four thousand &
forty five. Too New
Jersey offices Quarter
eight thousand two

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To 6 Aost

hundred. Repairs to Present officers Quarters four hundred & fifty. Reflooring Company Quarters two hundred & two. Water Closets enlisted Men two hundred & eighty four. Hay Sheds eight hundred & fifty four. Fort Colville New buildings

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

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Received, Albany 6
Overall appears Pension
four hundred 4
Right. Following Surgeon
Pensioner two hundred
& two. Under Cases
enlisted Men. Two
hundred 4 Eight
four. Hay Clerk
eight hundred 4
Eight four. First
Colorado Vol. Troubling

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To 7 O O A

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

Necessary for Complete
four Company fort
two New Sets
Company quarters Seven
thousand five hundred
& forty five.
Fourteen sets Company
officers quarters Seven
buildings twenty Seven
thousand three hundred
& sixty one
Set Commanding officers
quarters three thousand

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THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

Dated _____ 188

Received at **Cor. 15th and "F" Streets, Washington, D. C.**

To 8 Cost

Three hundred & Ninety six, ought to have twenty thousand additional for Camp Spokane, Total say two hundred thousand for Dept. Roads entirely Closed Yesterday, Weather now Moderating. No Mails for several days but will straighten

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

8 Dec

Have received
Twenty six people
& have buried
Thirteen substituted for
Equal of Army total
for we received
Thirteen for death
Have entirely Cleared
Hospital, Mortality
Now Moderating. We Need
for General Long
Call and Deputies

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To J. Cox

everything in a day or two.
I dont understand whether Dayton walla walla telegraph line will be bought or we shall establish for the present Cruser line suggested

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a a Gen'l

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Atty.

Dec. 7, 1880.

Sarah A. Robinson

Dec. 7. 1880.

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1317 9th Street, N.W.
Washington D.C.
Dec. 7th 1880.

Dear General:

This I suppose is about what you wished me to write.

Would it be best for me to have a letter from any one else?

You know I have no one to depend on myself, and would be glad to be able to

help care for mother.

Very respectfully

Sarah M. Robinson

Copy.

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Washington, D.C. Dec. 7, 1880.

To the
Commissioners of the Freedmens
Savings & Bank and Trust Co
Messrs.

The Fowler note at your bank has a balance unpaid. I disposed of that note to Mr Fowler in a bona fide sale and expected that the collateral would certainly more than cover the note and interest.

The money was raised solely to build those houses for the colored people and those connected with the University. I do not think that I am now legally held, tho' Mr Fowler may be, but as he is a young man and with moderate means and only desired to save me, when I was ordered to Arizona by the purchase, I am not willing to throw the burden of payment of the residue upon him. I have

(over)

lost nearly, if not quite, all my property here by shrinkage so that I beg the trustees to abate as much as possible of the interest on the note and let me know the least amount for which they can make a complete and final settlement. If I can borrow the money I will pay at once.

Yrs &c

(Signed) O. O. Howard
Brig. Genl. U. S. A.

~~or rent~~ of Unreasonable upon them.
Stamm lost nearly if not quite all my property been by sheriffs sale
so that I beg the trustees to abate as much as possible of the
interest on the note & let me know the lowest amount for which they
can make a compromise & I will seek to raise it. If I can
borrow the money I will pay at once.

Yrs

To the Commissioners of the Freedmans Land Trust Company

Dec 7. 1870

Messrs:

The Fowler note at your bank has a balance unpaid. I disposed of that note to Mr Howlett in a bona fide sale & expected that the collateral would certainly meet the note & interest. The money was raised solely to build more houses for the colored people & was connected with the University. I do not think that of our race legally well, tho. Mr Howlett may be, but as he is a young man & with moderate means & only desired to serve me, when I was ordered to assume by the purchaser. I am not willing to discuss the business

Washington, D. C.

Dec 7th 1880.

Dear General Sherman

I had intended to say nothing and write nothing with regard to the subject of my assignment, but what you said yesterday has affected me very much and I do feel as though you looked upon my service in the Freedman's Bureau quite different from what I do. In Johnson's Encyclopedia there is succint statement of a grand work which I planned and by the aid of officers of the Army mainly, succeeded in accomplishing.

The monuments of this work, especially in the educational line, are evinced in the permanent institutions of learning like those of Hampton, Atlanta and Nashville, and while men may accuse and defame me I am nevertheless happy and thankful to God that I have had the opportunity to be associated and prominent in this permanent good.

Now, I have made no interest to go

West Point. Genl. Schofield was junior to me when I served with you in the West. He was made Secty of War, and a Major General of the Regular Army before me. Genl Hancock was junior to me in the Volunteer Service. My success and record in history is certainly equal to, he also was promoted to Major General in the regular service first. I hardly think that the fact that because Mr Lincoln had left a request for me to be assigned to that Freedmans Bureau work and because after careful consideration, I believed it my duty to accept it, that this has prejudiced me ~~x~~ in your eyes, or depreciated your estimate of my military ability. Now I ask myself why Genl Sherman prefers Generals Schofield or Selby to me for the Department of West Point which has been esteemed equal to a military Division. I am a graduate of the Academy; I have its vital interests at heart probably more deeply than most men; I have a very thorough acquaintance with it having been an

instructor for four years; and it appears to me I have given you an example of quiet steadiness of administration accompanied by reformatory and upward tendencies. It shall be contended with the President's decision and assignment, whatever it be but I wish to open my heart to you and to say that the motives that actuate me are rather the good work I hope to do in the few remaining years of my official life than the fears of strenuous opposition from personal and political enemies.

With your friendship and official confidence, such as I have enjoyed in the past and under your command, I do believe that I could succeed in giving to our beloved institution a quiet and orderly administration and meet some of the features of opposition in such a way at least as to remove the poison from their several points of attack.

With Yo

Copy

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Feb. 7th. We were visited yesterday by Dr. Moore & Mr. Kennedy, the latter having taken his first lesson in Phonography. Dr. Moore is the Presidential nominee of the Democratic party for the Mayoralty of this city. He also was formerly a Whig - known as the Henry Clay Whig. Of Kennedy I think I have spoken - he was the Democratic candidate for Mayor against Dr. Moore. Neither of them left a request for me to be allowed to visit Phonemic Hall, over our Phonemic Society, to receive it. It was the probability of my being elected Mayor, or otherwise prominently in the public eye.

Now I don't say this in any boastful or vainglorious spirit, or feeling to see for the gratification of what I write, it will have been entirely upon it's merits. I have a particular reason for a particular purpose, I have to point out to Dear Pitman, that the Phonemic Society, I have to point out to Dear Pitman, that the Society has made from most men: I have a very strong sympathetic for Dear Pitman; and it's always to me, I have given Dear Pitman a smile of pride

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With unchanging regard,

Yours truly, ever your

Brig. Gen

Adams

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Headquarters Army of the United States,

Washington, D. C., Dec 7 1880

General O O Howard -

Present - Ebbitt House.

My dear General.

I have your letter of this morning and assure you that if you are ordered to succeed General Schofield at West Point you shall have my earnest support, though it will avail little when the pinch is in full chase after you. The reasons for Genl Schofield's assignment were his special fitness, his long services, and the fact that as long as the Lieut General commanded one of the divisions of the Army, one of the Major Generals was as it were useless. The reasons for his relief are his own application based on what he believes an act of injustice, a failure

to support him in a silly claim. in fact what he considers as a sympathy of the Expedition with his traducers. I am embarrassed to find a suitable command for him: as when relieved he ought to have choice of Divisions according to his Rank — or we must carve out a new division for him — There is no such trouble with the six Brigadiers because we have nine Depts and only six Brigadiers.

I had no knowledge of you coming to Washington till you were here — that however was not your fault. but General Dix's: and he yesterday Explained that he supposed he had told me of the President's message at the time it was sent. Neither the President or Secretary of War know how necessary the presence of a Department Commander is at his Head Quarters, as you and I do —

I am not going to discuss the Freedmen's Bureau — its origin, work, and death. All I know is that an officer's best work and best fame are in the strict line of his Profession — and I know better than even you do, that the men who influenced you to embark in that office were the first to join in the hue & cry against you personally & officially. And you yourself complained to me that they had nearly ruined you, by Langers pen & in the Lemmon Suit with which I believe you were persecuted.

Now as to Lost Point. I admit all you say of your services and record ~~of~~ as a Soldier. And prize this word earned from so highly, than I hate to see you risk it again. When Schofield is relieved it will of course be attributed to his agency, or alleged mistakes in the treatment of the boy Whitaker — Most boy is convicted of having scratched his ears, feigned

insensibility so as to be admitted to the hospital long enough to account for his deficiency at an approaching Examination. and then going in a general charge against his fellows of being his assailants. I watched the proceedings of the Court of Inquiry closely. ~~and~~ saw the boy afterwards in the Section Room. and am convinced that the whole thing was of his own doing. — He failed absolutely in his attempt to get into the hospital and at the Examination also failed."

I dont know that there is any good reason. but I believe if you go to West Point the inference will be that it has reference to this case, and to the Race question. I am willing to go as far as the furthest in this question. but I do not believe West Point is the place to try the Experiment of Social Equality — all else has long since been conceded. —

Social Equality must be admitted in Civil life. in Congress. Cabinet and Supreme Court

before it is enforced at West Point – I believe the Army and the Country Construe you to be Extreme on this question. And therefore I prefer General Getty as Superintendent, because I know him to be fair, impartial, and a good type of "American Soldier." I still adhere to that opinion, but speak if the President or Secretary of War name you to Command at West Point you shall have my Earnest Support –

As always Your Friend,

W. T. Sherman

General –

Brevet Maj. Genl. W. T. Sherman
Asst.

Headqrs. Dep.
Dec. 21, 1866

American Missionary Association:
56 READE STREET,
President—HON. E. S. TOBEY, MASS.
REV. M. E. STRIEBY, *Cor. Sec'y*, N. Y. H. W. HUBBARD, *Treas.*, N. Y.

New York, Dec. 7 1880.

Gen. E. Whittlesey,
Office Bd. Ind. Commissioners
Dear Bro: –

I understand that Gen. O. O. Howard is, or is to be, in Washington soon. I know no better way to reach him than through you.

If you have the opportunity please say to him, that if he comes to New York, I wish he would call upon me, for I wish to talk with him about the Spokane Indians.

Yours truly,
M. E. Strieby.

Dear General

I find this on my desk & enclose it to you.

Yours

E. Whittlesey

Hon. E. Ellery.

N.Y. Dec. 7. 1864.

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House of Representatives,

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7th, 1880

Thos. J. Potter
Asst Genl Manager. C.B. & Q.
Chicago. Ills.

My Dear Sir:

This will introduce to you my friend Genl O.O. Howard, U.S.A. who is now returning to the Pacific coast for his family - having been assigned to duty in the East. Any courtesies extended to the General will be greatly appreciated by

Yours Respy

E K Valentine

House of Representatives,

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7th, 1880.

Thos L. Kimball
Asst. Genl Manager U.P.R.R.
Omaha, Nebr

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E. K. Valentine

Valentine, E.T.

Washington, D.C.
Dec 7. 1880.

Beardslee, L.C.

Little Falls
N.Y.
Dec 7, 1880.

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Little Falls
New York
Dec 7th

Genl O. O. Howard
Dear Sir

I send by this mail my little speech - in re Alaska Indians &c

Inasmuch as the MSS was crowded together in three days - was used greatly as a text, to branch off from as the spirit moved me and was pounded from the rough

by our personal & official influence.

Feeling sure that your interest in the cause will be my excuse for so unceremoniously approaching you

I am
Truly Yours
J. A. Beardsley

Notes, its claim to literary value is slight.

Yet it did good and my request was heartily complied with - and quantities of valuable articles sent to the aid of the Alaska Mission

I think that now is the time to help that benighted country. and you as well as myself are in position to render strong aid to the cause of Christianity and religion

Dear Gen:

Dec. 7th, 1882.

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I want you to speak about "Count Gasparin & the Evangelical Movement in France," in our Church, next Sunday night. — I congratulate the country & Ct. Point, upon its new Commandant. I should like to be Chaplain under you!

Yrs. J. C. R.

POSTAL CARD.

WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

WASHINGTON D.C. DEC 8 2PM 1887

U.S. POSTAGE ONE CENT

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,

Ebbitt House,

City.