E. W. Bass.

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Gen. O. O. Howard.
Superintendent U.S. Mil. Academy

Sir.

In reply to your communication in regard to appointing Lieut. Wood Librarian &c. I have to state that I have not the slightest ~~personal~~ personal objections to being relieved of the duties of Librarian

immediately –

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
E. W. Bass
Professor U. S. Mil Acady

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Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Brother

Your letter with enclosures for the Rail Road men came duly. We have also been very glad to get a letter from Johnny and his mother and so learning that he is better. We were quite anxious about him, mother watches every mail with great solicitude. I heard of West Point being specially remembered on the day of prayer for colleges in various places. Dr Gregory, Prest of Lake Forest University (Presbyterian) tells me that one of the best books relating to Herbert Spencer is by Prof. Borden C. Bowne of Boston University. I thought perhaps you would like to see the book and possibly get it for the West Point

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library, if it is not already there. Lawrence has been quite sick with ulcerated sore throat, but today he seems to be decidedly better and probably will not require the Dr any longer. The rest are as well as usual. Mother is better, she has had her room calcimined and will have it painted today.
I received a good letter from Col. Ketchum a day or two ago. He seems pleased that you and your family are where he can see you more frequently. One of his children has had scarlet fever. We saw account of Ed Fowler's dinner to Senator Platt, and that Judge made a speech. I am sorry to say that I have not very great confidence in Ed. Fowler,

as to his sincerity of character &c. I hope I may be mistaken, but a brotherly hint to you can do no harm. With love to all the children & to Sappie

Affectionately
C. H. Howard

P.S. Did John get his Chemois shirt? I left it for Arthur to mail.

You can address all personal letters to me at to mother just Glencoe.

Lee

Glencoe
Dec 10, 1881

using every influence they can bring to bear on the Prest. not only to defeat George, but to place in the postoffice here a man to whom neither you nor I would be willing to entrust our business affairs, - Their opposition to George is not because he is not capable, for there is no man here who would be better fitted for the position, neither is it because they can bring any charge against him for dishonesty for his character stands above upright but their ground of opposition is only because he is opposed to them and their rascalities, - He has been closely identified with the Republican party here for several years, a good portion of the time being chairman and now secretary of the State central committee, and in fact he has organized and I might say "run" the Republican party of the state, for the last two presidential campaigns, and it was ~~to~~ his hard and faithful work that saved our state from going Democratic like the balance of our Pacific States, - He is a sure

Portland Ogn

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Dear General

If you were at home this morning you were doubtless surprised to receive from me a telegram which I sent you last evening and which read as follows "Confidential, can and will you "Co-operate with Congressman George "at Washington in having my brother "George appointed postmaster here, "Communicate with him immediately" In telegraphing you thus. I don't know but that you will think it a piece of presumption on my part to think you will interfere in any way with the civil appointments of the government, but I know you want to see good men and when it is possible Christian men filling the offices of trust, and I feel that your influence with Prest. Hayes will go a great way in securing

the appointment of my brother George A. to the office of Postmaster here, - and knowing George as you do, I feel assured you will do what you can to assist him in this matter, so far as may be consistent with the position you occupy, - should you for any reason decline to have anything to do with the matter, it will in no manner lessen the kindly feelings, I have nor that which my brother entertains for you, and no harm will be done, but if you will be so kind as to interest yourself in his behalf, and co-operate with Representative George, and Ex-Senator Mitchell in their efforts to bring about this desired result you will confer a very great favor indeed, both upon my brother and myself, - I feel assured that a word from you, to Prest. Hayes will have great weight If you were in Washington and could talk with the Prest. on the subject it would accomplish much, but if that is impossible a kindly letter in George's behalf, would do much good Should you be willing to thus favor us, I would suggest that any letter you might write the Prest. be sent to Congressman George and let him present it to the Prest. There is unfortunately - (I think) a small clique of very ambitious, selfish, and unscrupulous men here who have the ear of Prest. Hayes, and almost if not compelled control the Federal patronage here. If the Prest. could read the hearts of the men to whom I allude - Scott - Cole - Thompson & 2 or 3 others he would not be influenced by them, but he does not know the character of these men and therefore he has allowed this Cabal to name men for office whom they can use and control to further their selfish and ambitious purposes. They are bitterly opposed to my brother because he is not one of them, and they cannot use him to accomplish any of their dishonest designs, - they are

at our house and will probably remain with us the balance of his life. My wife joins with me in kindest regards to Mrs. Herrand & yourself & family.

Sincerely your friend & bro

James Steel

James Steel.

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like claiming a great deal for one man, but it is known to be a fact by persons who are familiar with the work of the late presidential contest in our state, and now General I will consider it a particular & personal favor if you will use your influence with the Pres. to secure this appointment for George.-

The plan of the Scott-Thompson-Cole Cabal, is for Cole to resign (I understand his resignation is now in Washington, to be handed in, whenever they think it is the proper time) and have his successor appointed before Hayes retires, they have reason to suppose they can control Pres. Hayes & get him to appoint the man they may name, but they are not sure that they can influence Pres. Garfield, if Coles successor should not be appointed until the expiration of his term of office, sometime in March hence their anxiety to have the matter settled before Hayes retires, - The only reason for Coles resigning is to have Hayes make the appointment, because

they believe he will appoint their man if he is not too strongly influenced by good men in another direction - If Hayes should not make the appointment will you not use your influence with Pres. Garfield to have my brother appointed. I know General this is asking a great deal of you, but you will please pardon me for my importunity - In this matter, I have never solicited a favor of this kind before from any one but I am particularly desirous that my brother should succeed in obtaining this appointment - he has forwarded most excellent commendatory letters from the Chairman of the State Central Com. - all of the Presidential Electors, all of our supreme judges, - the officers of our late legislature, - besides letters from other influential persons, and by the outgoing steamer a petition will go forward signed by most of our leading business men. but still we want all the influence that can be had from yourself.

I presume you have heard of the death of my noble father who passed triumphantly away on the 5th of last month, after an illness of 3 to 4 weeks, - He suffered intensely for two weeks before he died, but during his suffering he was by his faith and trust in Christ, enabled to bear all with patience & resignation, Christ had always been his best friend in life and he could trust all to Him when his body was racked with pain and in the hour of death. - From the time of his early manhood, his life was consecrated to the cause of humanity, in trying to relieve the oppressed and set the captive free, he reached a good old age (nearly 72) and it was full of good works indeed and all done in the name and for the sake of our blessed Master, my dear mother has been almost heart-broken; but she does not mourn as those who have no hope, and she feels that it will not be long before she will join father in that better land where she now makes her home

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United States Indian Service,
Oakland Agency,
Indian Ter. Feb 10th, 1881.

Gen. O. O. Howard.
Commanding Dept. of Columbia.
Fort Vancouver.
Washington Ter.

My Dear General.

I hope this letter will be acceptable to you and may not weary you in looking over what is contained in this letter.

When I was going from Portland to Vancouver for the purpose to visit you. but while on my way. I fortunately meet you. and accompanyed you as far as Cascades. as you was going up to Spokane country. during all this while we had a talk about the Nez Perces of Idaho. as well as Joseph's band.

I told you how the Nez Perces at Lapwai were doing as I found. and how

they expressed their dissatisfaction of many things and in regard to their present Agent and his assistants.

Again I told you that they did not have any Head-chief. and they attempted to elect one as their Chief. accordingly they held a council among themselves to that affect. and as I thought and felt my duty to take part in the affairs of my people and did so.

Agency clerk interfered and stopped the whole business. also other whites done the same thing on the ground that the Indians need no head-chief among them. Indians had to yield against their wishes or were rather compelled to give up the idea.

I told you how I was treated on my return by the Agent and his clerk.

I told you that the Indians

requested me to make my report to Washington. ask the government to send out to them one of the U. S. Indian Inspectors.

I did not make my report as they wanted me to. for this reason. I was told before I left that they would talk over the matters and whatever way they wanted me to lay their complaints before the Government. they would inform me immediately. and I have been waiting for further instructions up to the present time.

Today I am charged from Indian Department from Washington. that I have. "created a pernicious influence over the Nez Perces in Idaho during my visit and by written letters and in case I continue in so doing I shall be dismissed from the service.

and it gives me no chance to defend myself. I did not create any influence among my people while in Idaho.

as "pernicious." I know nothing about it. I have always advised my people to maintain their peace and relations towards the Government. and towards the White people.

I have said nothing or done anything that would ruin my people. As I said they complain about their Agent. and if that thing is getting worse and worse. I think the Nez Perces ought to be heard in this matter.

And now General.

I humbly appeal to you for my protection. if you see that I need your assistance. I feel that I do need it.

If government dose not appreciate my services I am ready to resign my position as Interpreter & Teacher. any time after this date.

I know nothing about the affairs in Idaho at present.

Except one letter that I wrote to Rev Deffenbaugh. he wrote me first letter. I answered his letter. In my letter I asked certain questions and asked why he opposed the Indians having a Chief. I also told him how kindly I was treated here on my return from Idaho. and how the employes at Lapwai treated me and how unkind they were to me while I was there.

I suppose this made them mad.

But outside of this I said nothing to the Indians in my letters in any way that would create such a feeling that I am charged with.

I will wait for your advice in this case what I should do.

at the same time I expect you to defend me in Washington. by your letters.

I greatly need your valuable protection in the salvation I am in now. you promised me your protection and I need it now.

I have explained the whole matter to you and wish to hear from you as soon as convenient.

let me have your kindness and favor and protection immediately.

I remain as ever yours obedient friend.

James Reubens.

Reuben James,
Agy Nez Percé Indian

Feb 10, 1881.

Ans March 17.
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Fort Clark Texas Feb. 11th 1881

Genl. O. O. Howard U. S. A.
West Point N. Y.

Sir:

I have been shown by Lt S. W. Fountain of the 8th U. S. Cavalry a letter addressed to you; in which He asks to be detailed as an Instructor of Tactics at the Military Academy. In the hope that my so doing may aid him in obtaining the position He desires, I desire to bear testimony to his Soldierly appearance, and abilities, and to his fidelity to duty. Lt Fountain is a Christian Gentleman, thoroughly consistent in his daily life, and is a man of irre--proachable character, free even from the petty vice (as it is termed) of using tobacco. If chosen to fill the position for which I deem him so eminently well fitted, I am fully satisfied, that He will exert a more healthful influence upon those under his charge than almost any other Officer with whom I am personally acquainted.

I pray you pardon the liberty I have taken in thus writing, and believe me to be One among your admirers, and Well Wishers.

Very respectfully Yours. Malvor C. Blaine
Chaplain U. S. A.

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Vancouver Arsenal,

Vancouver, W. T., February 11th 1881

Dear General.

I wrote to Sladen a few days ago detailing the personal news, and will therefore confine this letter to the particular matter which causes me to write.

Capt Pierce went to San Francisco shortly after Capt Sladen left here - intending to go to Southern California for two or three months but sprained his ankle in San Francisco and returned home: He has nearly recovered now, and has no cough - he feels very cheerful. I called on him night before last and of course the conversation turned on West Point and the absent friends: I quickly perceived that he would be highly pleased to be detailed there as instructor in Mathematics and I

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wish to call your attention to his excellent qualifications for that duty – I have had frequent occasion to know of his acquirements in pure mathematics, including analytical Geometry, Calculus and Mechanics. He had six years experience in teaching, in West Virginia also.

I believe that he would do credit to your selection and that he would give entire satisfaction – I have never ~~seen~~ known a non-graduate of West Point (and but few graduates) whose acquirements in mathematics were equal to Pierce's

Sincerely & respectfully Yours
John A. Kress
Capt of Ord

Genl Howard.

J. A. Kress

Vancouver
Feb. 11. 1881.

Will Prof. Baer please send
and return this communication.
By order of Brig. Gen. Howard.
J. H. Carter
A.D.C.

West Point, N.Y.
Feb. 28. 1881.

Ans'd by Genl
March 5. 1881

R. H. GILMORE,

LAWYER.

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Golden, Colorado, Feby. 11. 1881.

My dear Brother:

It was the occasion of much regret and disappointment to us that you and your family were not able to call on us on your way east. Mamie wrote Lizzie a long letter, in season as she supposed to reach you before you left Oregon but as Mamie has received no reply we conclude that you must have started before her letter reached you. and that her letter has not since been forwarded.

Mamie is constantly improving we think in this climate, though the sudden changes of the weather are not favorable to the best progress. I think a high altitude farther south would be still better for her. Her cough has very much improved and the Doctor says that her lungs are nearly if not quite well. but she has some bronchial irritation as yet which causes some cough, and there are some other difficulties that still linger.. Ralph is with us and is

with us and is making commendable progress in his studies. He has recently jumped one grade, i.e. one year, in his school. He finishes arithmetic today and commences Algebra on Monday, and at the same time commences the study of Natural Philosophy and Zoology.

Ellie is still in New York with my wife's father & sisters. We are all the time trying to arrange to get her here but so far our efforts have not been successful. She is at Alwood – a village about four miles from Hornellsville.

Business has opened up very well. There is I am having an abundance of work to do though not much income as yet, owing the fact that clients hardly expect to fag much on new business until they begin to see the end of it and some results accomplished. I am beginning many new actions and hope in time build up a good business here though it is not a point where there will ever be much work for lawyers. The County contains about 6000 people

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of which about half are in this city which is a manufacturing and Coal mining town. In fact I did not select the location so much with an eye to business as with reference to the healthfulness of it. I think it is the most healthful location in Colorado for one in the condition that Mamie is in.

You remember last summer that I wrote you that I would like to get an appointment as one of the Federal Judges. I believe my habits of mind and of study fit me for the bench rather than the bar and I have no fear of my ability to discharge my duty as one of the territorial judges with success.

There are three (3) judges in each of the territories.. I think their terms of office all or nearly all expire sometime this Spring. I am certain that such is the

the case in New Mexico, Utah and Montana. I know that four years ago judges were appointed for each of these territories by the then incoming administration. The appointments are for four years. Just whose terms expire ~~just~~ at this time I cannot tell but there will be a general ~~a~~ reappointing or new appointing in all the territories. My preference would be for appointment in the territories named in the order above. New Mexico would be however the most preferable point to go on account of Mamie. The air is bracing in summer and ~~a~~ warm in winter. The Salary ~~is a~~ of the Judges is different in different territories ranging from $3000 to $4000 per year.

I am satisfied that your influence with Senators Blaine, ~~Frye~~ and others and Congressman Frye and others, as well ~~as~~ with the new administration, is such that if you thought best you could secure for me one of these Judgeships.

R. H. GILMORE,

LAWYER.

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I am acquainted with Congressman Wm. S. Thompson of Iowa who has practiced law with me in the same County for 15 years and I shall tomorrow write to him in regard to the same matter and shall tell him that I have written you and he will gladly I am sure cooperate with you and also give you what I am not now able to do the dates of the expiration of the offices of the several incumbents whose terms expire this Spring. A large proportion of the judges do not care to have their appointments renewed as they form acquaintances in four years which enable them to write upon the practice if they care to remain in the territory, with incomes several times in excess of the salary of a judge.

I am aware that it is unpleasant ~~to~~ for you to recommend your

relatives to official positions as there is thought to be grounds for the appointment other than fitness. If I thought there would be any possibility of my failing to fill the position with credit to my self and friends I would prefer to continue in the practice. As my name is not the same as yours you can if you prefer omit to mention the relationship in order to avoid the suspicion of nepotism. However with Senator Blaine or Frye or Hamlin, I think no such delicacy would be at all necessary. I have a slight acquaintance with Senators Allison & Likewood of Iowa, and Senator Teller of this State who would lend me their aid.

As I am now banished into this wilderness I am anxious to obtain the best position for ~~a~~ myself for an income and the best location for my wife on account of her health. I am very certain my wifes health

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would continue to improve in New Mexico as I am satisfied it is the best climate for consumptives in the world. There are towns now rapidly building up along the railroad lines and the schools will keep pace with the progress of population.

Remember me to Lizzie & the children with much love

Your affectionate brother

R. H. Gilmore

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Golden, Col.
Feb. 11. 1881.

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Fort Clark Texas
February 11, 1881

General O. O. Howard
U.S. Army, West Point New York.

General.

I have the honor to request, you to take into consideration my name, when you are in need of an officer of the line, for duty in tactics at the Academy. You may remember me, as an officer on duty at Fort Wingate New Mexico when you visited that Post in August 1872. I can only say for myself; that the detail to the duty, is, and has been, my constant desire and greatest ambition, and my assurance to you that you would find in me an officer, willing and anxious to do his duty, strictly sober and industrious in habits, and one, who appreciates your views in regard to races and influences to be exercised over young men, in forming their characters for the duty in life before them.

I met General Lepton at Fort Ringgold Texas, in February 1877, and had some conversation with him about such a detail, I believe that he will remember me, and give a just account of my standing among officers, and fitness for the duty.

My heath is good, constitution strong and I weigh 156 pounds, and am 5' 10½ inches high.

I am General Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
F. Fountain
1st Lieut, 8th Cavalry

(S. W. Fountain)

Brook-Side Highland Falls
Feb 11th 1881

General Howard,
Dear Sir,
will you please, allow the Design of My Bible Class, to be given out too the Corps The Class meets Every Sabbath afternoon at half past two in the Chapel under the hill

I hope Dear General the time is not when Confinements at the Sabbath School hour, will be with the things of the past

I send you a copy of the Little Brown House which please accept

I must say I feel hurt to think General Howard has not visited the little Chapel under the hill for the sake of My Boys

Sincerely your humble friend
Marie L Stewart

M. L. Stewart

Highland Falls
Feb. 11. 1881.

Ans.
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C. G. Sawtelle.

Vancouver W. T.
Feb. 11. 1881

Answ. by Genl. Feb. 23/81.

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C. G. SAWTELLE.
BVT. BRIG.-GEN. & QUARTERMASTER,
U. S. ARMY.

Personal

Headquarters Department of the Columbia,

OFFICE OF CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,

Vancouver Barracks, W. T., February 11th, 1881.

My dear General:

In view of what you wrote me & what Sladen said after his return from Washington, I have been hoping & expecting an order to join you at West Point. No such order has come & no response to my official application for a transfer to an Eastern Station. Do you know when the Selection is? Of course it will be a great disappointment

to me if I am not ordered East — and West Point would have been most acceptable — but if there is no chance of it I should be glad to know that fact as soon as possible, and I should be greatly obliged if you will let me know what the prospects are of my coming to you — There is nothing especially new & interesting here at present — We miss you all daily & greatly — We have been most sorry to hear of Johnny's illness & hope earnestly that he has, long ere this, fully recovered — I presume you find more than enough to keep you busy in commencing your term at the Point but if you can find a moment to write me a few words in the matter of my assignment I shall be much gratified — Kind remembrances "in which his wife joins" to you all, including the Sladens & Woods — Please give my regards also to Sagelly Wheeler & Andrews —

My sincerely yours

Chas G. Fowler

Gen O. O. Howard
West Point N.Y.

S. B. Chittenden

Washington D.C.
Feb. 11. 1881

Ans. Feb. 12.
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feby 11, 1881.

Dear Genl Howard.

I have your note of yesterday. Your previous note distressed me. I first felt that I must leave for Fort Point by the first train: fearing I might miss you. I wrote to inquire if you were coming here. Failing to get a prompt reply to my second note, I called upon Genl Sherman for advice.

I did not show Gen. S. your note, but told him the substance of what you said about my nephews drinking habits. He told me that

Col. Morrow could tell me the exact facts and gave me a note to the Col. I wrote to him and asked him to tell me the worst. His reply, received to day, gives me great encouragement. He says, explicitly, that Lieut. B. is worthy of something much better than I sought for him at the Point. ~~He da~~

I must tell you, in all kindness, that I think your note does him (B) very serious injustice. I have, of course, no desire to have him at the Point while you are in Command, unless you can point to convinced that you have misjudged his real character.

I have said nothing painful to his parents. For the moment it is unfortunate for me to leave here, but I shall be back early next month, and ask you to explain your note. Meanwhile, I remain faithfully yours,

T. B. Chittenden

May God's G. B. Howard.