Dec 15, 1886,

Dear General Howard:

I will add that the letters were granted on Wednesday eve the 8th. I was not present then, being kept at home from a fall on my knee from a street car. Mr. Sherrett yesterday sent word that the letters should be written.

I trust the delay will not in the slightest embarrass you. Sam Jones for once in a while with three weeks stay.

Howard will be here by 11 of the Expedition building of every service and the good accomplished is great and I hope trust will be lasting.
My wish was greatly gratified from your last Haid letter. I will certainly send a kind word to your Son Chaimey every opportunity I have. He has just planted some trees in my yard. He also kindly gave the new church in Oklahoma five of which I was one of the building Committee. Some Shade trees which will add greatly to its beauty in the years to come.

I have not seen you for twice his marriage.

Matherney Scott

E.R. Bonner

Distant from any Church. Quaker Church.

Mr. Wm. Gove, Clerk.

April 1866.
Sanctuary, Cal.
Dec. 15, 1886

Major Gen. O. R. Howard

Dear Sir,

About three months ago my wife, called upon you, in my behalf. You kindly looked at papers she had showing that I have a good army record and am now a member of the G. A. R. That I have been in the civil service of the government since the war of the rebellion until recently, first as clerk in the General Land Office at Washington, D.C. and afterwards as special timber agent of said office for the State of Oregon. I was removed from the latter office to make room for a partisan of the present Administration, as was the case with nearly every Special Agent.
of the Government on the Coast. My present occupation as mail clerk of the U. S. C. R. at this place, pays very poorly and is very trying upon a man of my age. My health was once impaired by intemperance and hardships while in the military service.

I have never asked for or received any bounty or pension.

I graduated in 1859 at the University of Victoria College at Victoria, Canada, with the degree of B. A. and for a few years subsequently taught in the public schools of my native State, New York, and in a private seminary. I had thought of obtaining a position as teacher in the public schools of San Francisco, but am told by persons familiar with the schools that preference is invariably given to graduates of the State Normal School and that I could not now secure

regard examination.

Now stated to my wife that in a year from that time you could find me a clerical position in the Quartermaster Department.

I now respectfully request that you will consider this my application for such position and find me a place as soon as you can.

Of course, I have no personal claims upon you, but I presume upon your national reputation as a just man and Christian soldier.

Very respectfully,

J. F. Shemarki
Gen. O.O. Howard,

Dear Sir:

I received your letter today. I said when I took this job that if I gave it up it would be the last straw that would break the camels back, as far as having you help me any more, and I fully determined to stay by it. When I got a Clerkship I stayed by it. I am getting along six years and feel that I ought to make more than I do, and that I ought to have a little easier times and place than the hardest knock of life — that I’ve had my share of
those. Well I will start in and hang to it with renewed energy. There is this much about it I don't be saving some money, and I can try some other thing when I can not have you or Mr. Towne to help me. If I fail again and leave I'll not trouble you more. I suppose I am a sort of a vagabond in the first stages at least. I'm sorry that I gave you trouble.

Yours truly,
Geo. S. Torrance

Merced, Cal.
Fort Thomas Arizona
Dec. 15th 1866
Gen. O.O Howard
Fort Mason Black Point
San Francisco Cal.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 26th ult is at hand. The reason I have not answered sooner is that I have not been able to gain the information I desired to give you. I have talked with several officers as to the probable whereabouts of the renegades. The general opinion seems to be that they have either worked north and are trying to drift in with the Saracens, or have gone back to the Dard Mountains. There is no one in receipt of these if there is. I can send no one that knows anything about it. My intention is when the news comes in last they went to Camal Mach and claimed some one who told them
What had been done with their friends which would very naturally cause them to discussed or leave as you undoubtedly know they have left the late course I shall write to different parts of the country to friends to help me out and in case I can find a starting point I shall be pleased to take up their trail and if you can kindly direct it toward me and will assist me to get a starting I will try my best to stay with the trail until I meet with success or failure I can direct the Indians at Fort Carbon all well known to me that would be glad to go with me the only trouble is they are poorly mounted if it could be arranged some way so that we could get a wagon if government needed of which there are a plenty that are good at the Fort and in that D.C. I think it would be the means of helping me get good stock I very much desire to go on and do a thing that will be followed the trail for one month think we are likely to hear of the Renegade at any time when I very much wish to be in position to look for them.

I thank you kindly for your kind offer to render what assistance you can which amounts to a great deal I shall write you any information that I may be able to obtain. I am at present living with a group of Comanches and you can imagine I am not contented. I shall be very glad to hear from you at any time you may feel disposed to write to Elizabeth and I am very respectfully yours

DS whatever you may entrust to me I shall try to do honestly and creditably. Respectfully yours
San Francisco, Dec 15, 1886

Maj. General O. O. Howard
U.S. A.,

General:

The bearer brings you the affidavit of Mr. M. J. Valley of the case of W. J. Valley as yourself. Please go before Notary Public and swear to it. There is but one blank to be filed, and a paper of your name's government has been in possession of the district. If you will kindly insist, I will be obliged.

Your most obedient,

John T. Cary
U.S. atty dist., Cal.
Dec. 16th 86

Gen. O.O. Howard

Dear Brother:

Cousin Oto’s letter will speak for itself. It must not, of course, be shown to A. Cousin O. does not realize the possibility of recovery and is repudiating A. This latter is what we want. And I think most restlessly. While Cousin O. says that if you were not a covey lover you are willing
to go on with it as she
has no need for pay that
they had better do it.

However you see that
Corin O. declares that
John O. was not quali-
yed (did not pass his
lends) as legal guardian.

Postally therefore Mr. Haymon
must act. I will not
Corin O. It further in a
form you,

Mr. Haymon is here by a note
to Ovobo - 662 and the post
to Shamoon for the night. What is
Major Gen. O. O. Howard, U. S. A.
Comdy. Division of the Pacific.
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to herewith enclose a copy of a circular entitled "Defects of the present U. S. Army Veterinary Service" also a copy of a proposed bill which we intend to have introduced during the present session of Congress. I most respectfully solicit your endorsement for our proposed bill, if you consider it worthy, and please return the papers to me and thereby greatly oblige us. We have been favored with good endorsements from Gen. Bade, Grierson, Merrill, Otis, and several others, including the Artillery. I am well aware that you are a gentleman of marked intelligence and integrity as well as an officer who always takes a deep interest in the proficiency of the U. S. Army, and I sincerely hope you will kindly favor us with your assistance in our worthy object of promoting the efficiency of the veterinary
treatment and management of our public animals employed in the U. S. Army. I beg pardon for addressing you personally, but, as I have no military status, it is my only method of action possible at present. This has been my course with all officers whom I have addressed concerning this matter of soliciting endorsements for our proposed bill, and to their credit be it said they have invariably treated me well.

Trusting that this communication may meet with your approval, and hoping to hear from you at an early date, if convenient. Please oblige.

Very respectfully,

Your Ob. Servant,
James A. Waugh
Veversinarian Surgeon
6th Cavalry, U. S. A.
A LAW

TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROPER COMPENSATION AND RANK OF THE
VETERINARIANS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, of the United States of America,
in Congress Assembled:

SECTION 1. That all Army Veterinarians must be regularly qualified graduates of Veterinary Colleges, of good standing and reputation.

SEC. 2. Veterinarians shall be commissioned officers ranking as Second Lieutenants of Cavalry, mounted, including all the pay allowances and privileges of that rank.

SEC. 3. Appointments as Veterinarians shall be given by competitive examination only, on professional subjects, general literature and general science. There must be at least three candidates to compete at each examination. Candidates for appointment as Veterinarians must be under twenty-six (26) years of age. They must make application to the Hon. Secretary of War, for invitation to compete, in their own handwriting, stating age and birthplace. It must be accompanied by testimonials from Professors of the Veterinary College from which they graduate. The morals, habits, physical and mental qualifications of candidates shall be strictly investigated, and a favorable report shall not be made in case of reasonable doubt. The examination shall be conducted as the Hon. Secretary of War shall direct, and shall include the following subjects: written, oral and practical general education, Comparative Anatomy, Physiology, Histology, Pathology, Surgery, Chemistry, Materia Medica, Toxicology, Botany, Sanitation, Hygiene, Dietetics, Practical Horseshoeing, Examination of Animals, as to soundness, age, exterior conformation, for different branches of the service, prescribing and administering medicines, analysis of grain, forage and water, Microscopy, Ophthalmology, Jurisprudence, Therapeutics, etc., etc.

SEC. 4. That all regularly qualified graduates of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery, now employed in the United States Army, shall receive their commissions as Veterinarians, ranking according to the date of service therein.

SEC. 5. That the number of Army Veterinarians shall be limited to thirty (30).
Send O. A. Howard,

Dear Sir:

I now acknowledge receipt of two volumes of your Chief Joseph book, which arrived today. Should my remittance be insufficient to cover expenses, please inform me and I will remit any balance I may be owing.

Y. R., etc.

Redington.
May Gen. O. C. Howard U. S. A.

Dear Sir & Comrade

I write you this note in the interest of a very worthy comrade who is at present disengaged and as he has a family dependent on him he suggested the idea that without some influential assistance his prospects would be very poor. The comrade's name is L. A. Withington and resides at 1112, Jolson Street, and served during the late war as Acting Master on the U.S.S. San Jacinto. W. D. Anderson and Arthur, and has an honorable and possesses all the essential qualifications which constitutes a gentleman. If you would deem it judicious he will be pleased to call on you at your pleasure and will be better able to more fully explain matters.

Very Respectfully

Yours,

Martin Murray 262, Eighth Street
Dec 19, 1886.

General O.O. Howard,
Major General, U.S. Army,
San Francisco, Cala.

My dear General:

Please accept my thanks for the compliments of your annual report on the Division of the Pacific, which I have read with interest.

I am,

Very truly yours,

John H. Mitchell.
To Maj Gen O.C. Howard
Commanding Division of the Pacific
San Francisco Cal.

Dear General,

The map which you so kindly sent me came to hand on the 14th instant for which I truly thank you, sir; as it serves my purpose admirably, with reference to the new water supply of San Francisco which scheme is somewhat active now.

General please accept a copy of the Scientific American and a copy of the Engineering News each of which contain a sketch of the New Esti House at the New, terminal of the New Aqueduct located at 135th St. and Convent Ave., N. Y. City.

I assisted Mr. Cook the Chief Drafler in the Council of the preliminary and detail drawings of it. I wish them to dry, and trust that they may interest you.

I desire Sir to remain

Very truly yours,

Charles C. Manning
United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D.C.  Dec 17th, 1886

My General O. Howard, W. A.,
San Francisco,
Cal.

My dear Sir,

I enclose herewith a bill 2922 (49th Cong.) "To increase the efficiency of the officers of the line of the army of the U.S.

Will you kindly read the same and favor me with your views of the bill, at as early a day as possible and greatly oblige,

Very truly yours,

Charles F. Landers
IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 8, 1886.

Mr. MANDESON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

A BILL

To increase the efficiency of the officers of the line of the Army of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That section twelve hundred and four of the Revised Statutes of the United States of America be amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 1204. Promotions in the line shall be made through the whole Army, in the several lines of artillery, cavalry, and infantry, respectively. No officer of artillery, cavalry, or infantry below the rank of field officer shall be promoted to a higher grade until he shall have been examined and approved by a board of not less than three officers of the same arm of the service seniors to him in rank. If an officer fail on such examination, he shall be suspended from promotion for one year, when he shall be re-examined before a like
board. In case of failure on such re-examination he shall be
dismissed from the service: Provided, That all officers of the
Army who have served as officers in the volunteer forces or as
enlisted men in the armies of the United States, regular or
volunteer, during the war of the rebellion, shall, in case of
failure on such re-examination, be retired from active service;
and no act now in force shall be so construed as to limit or
restrict the retirement of officers as herein provided for.
Promotions in the staff of the Army shall be made in the sev-
ceral departments and corps respectively.
The National Guard Officers' Association of California requests your presence at its Banquet in honor of Governor George Stoneman on the Evening of December 15th, 1886 at seven o'clock, at the Occidental Hotel, San Francisco.
THE CONGREGATIONAL CLUB,

OF San Francisco.

San Francisco, Dec 18, 1886

[Handwritten text]

I am instructed, and take great pleasure, in inviting you & Mrs. Howard to be present at the celebration of Forgiveness Day (as for the enclosed circular) as guests of the Club.

Yours respectfully,

J. R. Bacon, Secretary

214 Cal. St.

R.S.V.P.
Congregational Church

Santa Fe & El Paso
Celebration of Thanksgiving Day

Also: Dec 20, 1886
For:

Enclosed
Printed form letter from J.S. Bacon to E004J
San Francisco, December 11, 1886

see the circular attached to letter
#21009
1928 Bush St., S.F.
December 18

Gen. C. G. Howard,
Dear Sir:

Will you kindly honor an American boy with your autograph?

As I expect to go to the country in a few days I take this opportunity to write to you.

Yours respectfully,

Ernest C. Hows