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Gen'1. 0. O.Howard,
San Francisco, Cal.
Dear Brother:-
I hope to start tonight for Cal. and to see you before many days. Kitty and little Katherine will go with me to Denver, where I will spend Sunday. They will make a little visit and then return home. I will probably go on early in the week to Sacramento, where I would like to meet you if you can find time to join me, and look over a tract of land in the immediate vicinity, near Orange Vale. If we take hold of that enterprise, we would substitute it for what was proposed in Tehama County and would like to consider the plan of having Capt. Gray represent us at that end; the same as was talked of in that upper region. We have reason to think that the land is better and that the settlers would be better satisfied there. We have been unable, thus far, to straighten out the title of the Cottonwood Park property, so as to handle it and I doubt if we can, but if Mr . Early can fix it for us so that we can give title promptly as we sell to settlers, we may include that also.

It seems that Mr . Schwearingen would be fully competent to take care of that tract unless we add something to it. After talking with you, I may conclude to go up and look at some of the other property,

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but the objection to it all in that upper country is that it is so heavily mortgaged.

Gen'1. Chipman has charge of some property belonging to Mr . Hatch, which appears to be more available because the former can give title at any time. If you can spend the time to go for a day or two with me to Red Bluff, I may conclude to go.

The enclosed transportation for yourself and family came to Glencoe and it seems to me better to enclose it to you than to keep it.
with reference
I at once made application, to the Mich. Central and also the Mich. Southern but, as yet, with no success. The fact is, the General Pas. Agents have no liberty to grant free transportation and in the case or the Central, they did not like to include you on our contract because they thought that the Pres. had been accustomed to grant you passes and would find fault with them, thinking it belonged to his prerogative. On the other hand, Pres. Ledyard answered unfavorably to my application.

But another matter has come up which makes it desirable to change the route. Mr. Kerr has made an engagement for you to lecture to Pittsburg soon after the Chicago engagement. Now your B. \& 0 . transportation can be taken by way of Pittsburg, as we usually have ours that way and you could all go that way, via. Pittsburg and Philadelphia and New York City and, I think, would find it just about as























convenient, and in fact, more so if you must go to Pittsburg to lecture at that time. If you have not already in hand your transportation from the B. \& O., you could apply for it in season and have it meet y ou here, sent in my care to Glencoe. I take note that you would need something from New York City to Troy in lieu of this which I enclose, but you could easily return this and ask for the change, if you think best. Meanwhile, if I get anything more favorable from the Southern, it will be forwarded to us in Cal. and you could use that for your family, while you went by way of Pittsburg if you prefer that plan.

Hoping to see you and the family soon, I will not undertake to write more.

The party I am to do business with in Sacramento is a State Senator, by the name of Cox, Mr. Frederick Cox, Pres. of the Cal. State Bank of Sacramento. Any letter or telegram in his care, I would receive. I greatly hope you can meet me there; particularly with a view to the proposition relating to Capt. Gray. If we really take hold of any of these enterprises on satisfactory terms, I think we can pay Capt. Gray a satisfactory salary.

I have just received a letter from Capt. Sladen, enclosing copy of letter which you very kindly wrote, asking for a medal of honor for myself. This was quite unexpected and very thoughtful and kind of you and I shall value the letter even if nothing comes of it. Affectionately,










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Maj.Gen.0liver O.Howard,U.S.A.,
263 Yamhill Street,
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Sir:
Ref erring to your recent application for the award of a medal of honor to Bvt.Brig.Gen.Charles H. Howard, late major and aide decamp of volunteers, for distinguished services during the late war, particularly at Resaca, Georgia, May 14,1864, and at Pickett's Mill, May 27,1864 , I have the honor to inform you that the Assistant Secretary of War, to whom the application was submitted, has this day returned it to this office with remarks as follows:
"This application is denied, the case as made out not being sufficient to warrant favorable action.
"It is held that the Congressional Medal of Honor was not intended to be given for general good service however meritorious it may have been, but only for specific acts of distinguished gallantry. As I view the law, these medals were intended as rewards for conspicuous acts of personal bravery or self-sacrifice rather $b$ beyond the mere call of duty, and not for acts wholly within the line of official duty, however nobly performed.
"The off icial records clearly show that Major Howard was a gallant and faithful officer and it is quite likely that he may be entitled to a medal of honor, but the evidence submitted does not

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show such distinguished gallantry as would justify the award."

Very respectfully,

Colonel, U.S.Army,
Chief,Record and Pension Office.

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Bax <compat>geqaxtment, KPashinọton City, March 4 th, 1895.

Major General 0.0. Howard,

No. 263 Yamhill Street,

Portland, Oregon.
Sir:
Referring to your application of the lath ultimo for the award of a medal of honor to Captain Joseph A.Sladen, U.S.A. (retired), late of the 33rd Massachusetts infantry Volunteers, for heroic conduct at the battles of Resaca,Ga.,May 14,1864, and Bald Knob, Ga., June $21,1864, \bar{I}$ have the honor to inform you that the Assistant Secretary of War, to whom the application was submitted, has this day returned it to this office with decision and remarks as follows:
"The facts stated are not deemed to be sufficient to justify the award."

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