

Portland Nov. 3, rd 89.

Gen. Milroy Dr. Sir, Some time in August last, I addressed you perhaps you can readily call the case to mind; And my letter received your kind attention for which you have my thanks and gratitude; Besides I was much gratified to have evidence that you were the kind of man I had always judged. About the time of writing you a friend of mine here in Portland procured for me the present situation which I am in which is that of night watchman at Smith and Watsons Machine Shop; I get a salary of \$6 per month and do not have a great deal of hard work to do, perhaps as much on an average as 4 hours per night.

But I have long time to put in
from 6 P.M. until 7 A.M. or more they
quit work at 5 P.M. adds one more hour
to me, and a probability that they will see
the day yet still shorter add still another
hour; on my turn; I was very glad to
get the place and will endeavor to keep
it. While yet I shall hope eventually
for something better for I do not think
a man's health would stand the strain
of night watching for any great length
of time; — I had acted on your sugges-
tion of taking up a piece of land two years
ago, and with my Credit of 3 yrs. Service in
the Army, have proved up on it; and here
it clear and unincumbered it is situate
2 miles from Kalama North East, but
of course is unimproved I have a good
comfortable log house upon it where my
family are living and perhaps 10 acres
cut and burned but not cleared up
a good garden. Stable &c but I find
that to live anything like civilized people

should live I was obliged to work out
most of the time and only work on
improve at home such times as not
engaged elsewhere, and the only work
anywhere near; where I lived was logging
or timber work drifting being in the water
& which; I could not stand to be
just to myself, and that was the
reason I appealed to you; and I thank
you very much for the attention you
gave me; as it was you could not
assist me then to anything but I accept
your good will; I have been a teacher
in Country Schools 10 or more years
ago for several years in the western
States and was always very successful
but of late years have given little or
no thought to studies and really it
might be impossible for me to pass
a County Superintendents examination
however I am content to remain where
I am, if I can hold the situation that
is for a while however. I will make this

request of you. That is, Should anything occur
within your observation where your influence
could effect any, to secure me something some
kind of work under the Government. Such as
as: Some Government boats, light-houses: Gov-
ment buildings &c I speak of it, that if
anything should come to your sight or knowl-
edge, and you knew of no personal friend
to fill the place I would ask you to recoll-
ect me: I have never had anything from the
U. S. since: I drew my last pay as
Soldier yet I left a tracte where I enlisted
and never went back to it, much to my dis-
content now: Should you come to
Portland any time this winter I would
like to know it: Should like to see you. Can
remember how you looked in Tennessee very
distinctly and hoping this will find you
in good health, I am very respectfully
Yrs. H. Green
Portland
Me.

N. H. Greene
N. H.

A. H. Green one of my
old soldiers wants a
place for Red
Nov. 4/81



Gen. - Milroy
Olympia
Washington Territory

