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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE COLUMBIA,

Portland, Oregon. July 20th

1876

Hon. A. Taft.

Attorney General.

Sir:

Le. H. Powers, esq. now living in Denver, Colorado was for some time during the war under my command and a part of the time upon my staff with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. He was so thoroughly worthy as an officer, doing his whole duty with diligence that I cannot refrain from asking favorable consideration for his application to be District Attorney.

He was quite sadly wounded during the war, but it has not, I believe, impaired his general health or hindered his efficiency as a lawyer. All the time that I was associated with him he was strictly temperate in his habits, truthful and to be depended upon at any time. Hoping that my testimony in his favor may be of service to him.

I remain
with much esteem, very truly yours

O. D. Howard

Brig Gen. U. S. Army