

perhaps frontier Indian wars are very decidedly  
military necessities, no Indian - no war - no war  
no enemy. We are getting along very tolerably  
here, putting up a back building, of what we  
can scrape up without any special fund for the  
purpose, to serve as officers quarters until we can  
do better - You did me a service in sending the  
2nd Co here, and Dr Williams does not seriously,  
nor indeed at all, affect the quarters question.  
no trouble about the single men, we can stow  
them away for awhile, tho after a little time  
every junior comrade he has, and is sure to want  
his rights, and full allowances - we must all the  
men who have been here now, the frontier has given  
us a good months hard work, roads and  
bridges torn up and damaged almost beyond  
repair - then soon the ground will be dry  
enough to commence company gardens, a big  
job in this black rich soil, & where fire  
material has to be cut & hauled from 14 to 16  
miles. If we can have grain this summer  
I can accumulate logs enough from the  
mountains to make all snug & tolerably com-  
fortable before next winter.

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Head-Quarters, Second U. S. Infantry,

Fort Lapwai, I. T. Mar 11. 1879 -

My Dear General,  
We were glad to get your  
pleasant letter showing us that you  
and Mrs Howard approved our plans for  
Fallen - to be sure the present Army  
prospect for Second Lieutenants is not  
especially flattering, and we have al-  
ways felt that our dear child was  
ill-fitted for the vicissitudes of a rough  
frontier life, but the two are devoted to  
each other, and we feel that perhaps  
Ruell's fine principles and high character  
should make us content - Army officers  
at remote stations are apt to be domestic,  
perhaps because clubs and their fascinations  
are out of reach, and I have frequently  
heard ladies assert that they made good  
husbands -



of course our innate male vanity  
mingled with some little dread of the  
reply would prevent our asking a decision  
on this point from Mrs Howard & Mrs W.  
Do you think our Yakima friends, beg  
pardon I meant friends, will fail in  
their persistent efforts to goad "Moses"  
into open hostility - if they do fail,  
Moses would seem to be made of better  
clay than is generally moulded - and I  
think some one should nominate him  
at once as President of the Y. M. C. A.  
for the Yakima district - He certainly  
has been roughly handled and abused, if  
he had committed any crime it certainly  
would not thus long have escaped the  
notice of his pale faced neighbors and we  
could have heard of it long ago - this in-  
formation is nothing can be proved against  
him - but it makes no difference, he is  
of the weaker race, and the old old story

must be told again, as long as he claims  
an acre of land for his people some one will  
want it & eventually get it - but it seems  
inconceivable that our great model Republic  
should not yet have devised some system  
of treating the Indian problem that would  
not mark us in the world eyes as incompetent  
bunglers - greed of land and greed of gain  
among their constituents seems to drive  
our politicians into a course toward all  
Indians full of injustice and devoid of  
common humanity. In my opinion  
Mr Moses is an ass if he ever returns to  
"Father" Willbur; but can he return, will  
the poor communities acting under  
Sheriff "Pub Opinion" let him come back if  
he should try. These people want a war  
so bad, I believe they would raise funds and  
hire "Moses" to initiate hostilities if he was<sup>not</sup>  
too decent an Indian to trade with them.  
The Army is in a lamentable position in all  
these Indian muddles, if they desire to see  
further they are howled as enemies of the glorious  
Process -



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We have as yet no idea what  
has been done for us, or to us, by  
Congress; wonder if will have the usual  
result - an army reduction by cutting off  
a few Regiments and slightly increasing the  
staff. Well really, I don't see how they can  
consistently increase the staff much more,  
until an additional number of comfortable  
cities are built, there are hardly enough now  
to go round, and it would be gross injustice  
to suggest that they sleep with troops in the  
field or at Posts - what a nice place the  
Army would be if it were out for the soldiers.  
Everything here is drying up and brightening after  
an unusually severe winter, plenty of snow,  
good for the mines, & also for spring grass, we  
are trying to commence Dwyer Practice again,  
tho its rather cold and windy <sup>yet</sup> will be good  
weather for it in about 2 weeks, when I hope  
our companies will show a creditable improvement.  
I think Superior shots should be given some  
incentive, a few more delicately sighted rifles  
perhaps some telescopic for extra good shots would be



useful in that direction, the man who  
makes a fair score at 600 yds now, has  
little or no advantage in his co: over the  
fellow who misses at 100 yds.

Did the Interior Dept give any heed to your  
recommendations for Moses Brown, looks to me  
as if they had treated you very shabbily, how  
invariably we discover that those public officers  
farthest away & least familiar with a situation  
know so much more & better than those on the  
spot, & by experience but able to judge of what  
is best to be done. We could like to go down  
to Portland with Sallie on or about 20<sup>th</sup> of  
April, shall I apply for a leave or will you  
order me down on public business, you know  
there always is some. Ronell will follow us  
on next boat. They are running twice a week  
now regularly. If there should be much to do

this summer I trust the old Second will not  
disappoint you — Mrs Wheaton, Sallie, and  
Amy, join me in love to Mrs Winand Francis &  
Janet and all & with Compliments to your  
Staff believe me as always.

Yours faithfully  
Geo. D. Howard.  
U. S. Army. Ft. Hancock N.S. Frank Wheaton.



1879

Spokane Falls March 13  
Brig Gen O. O. Howard Sir

I shall  
start for Fort Colville this afternoon  
I have visited the Indians and the  
old French Mountaineers but not  
as much as I would like. the  
streams are to high. the Indians  
are beging to stir around I meet  
several yesterday with their guns.  
The Indians here together with  
Spokane Gerry their Chief have  
forbiden the whites to settle on the  
North side of the Spokane River.  
there may be a little throuble—  
about this but it wont amount  
to much. the old French settlers  
think if there is any throuble  
next Summer some of these —

Spokans would join the hostile.  
from what information I can gether  
I think there are a good many bad  
Indians around and about the  
mouth of the Okanagan River but  
I will be in that country soon and  
can see for myself. Nothing more of  
interest.

I remain your obedient  
Servant Wm Chambliss



OFFICE OF

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# The Stine House,

THOS. O'BRIEN, PROPRIETOR.

Walla Walla, W. T. Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 1879

My dear General,

If agreeable to you. We will  
go to the Meat, this evening. I  
have about 200 lbs. Eight. O'clock  
will be very much to get.

Yours &c. W. O'Brien,  
Walla Walla.

Very truly  
Yours,  
J. H. H.



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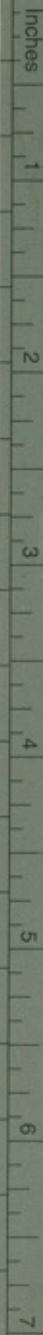
John Brown

THOS. O'BRIEN, PROPRIETOR.

Office of the State of N.Y. 1879

Ferry - Gov.  
Letter Recd.

Dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the above named subject. I am sorry to hear that you are unable to give up the property in question. I am, however, glad to hear that you are willing to sell it. I am, therefore, glad to hear that you are willing to sell it. I am, therefore, glad to hear that you are willing to sell it.





Portland, Mar. 14, 1879.

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Gen. Howard,  
Vancouver.

Dear Friend: I meant to ask  
you at our last meeting, to help  
one of the Churches of Oregon,  
by means of a Lecture.

The Church at Corvallis, Rev.  
H. P. Dunning, Pastor, is embar-  
rassed. They have requested me  
to present their petition. Please  
assent, and name your terms.  
But if you should think of de-  
clining, please wait to hear some  
further reasons for accepting.

With renewed thanks for the pleas-  
ure of hearing your Bible address,  
I remain Faithfully yr friend & brother  
J. L. Lindsey.  
Best regards to Mrs. H.



Portland, Nov. 14, 1879

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Worcester

Worcester

My dear friend:  
I want to ask  
you to look  
into the  
Church of  
Worcester.  
The  
Church at  
Worcester, is  
in a  
very  
poor  
state  
of  
affairs.  
The  
people  
are  
not  
interested  
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it.  
The  
Church  
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Gen. Howard

M. E. Parsons -  
Mar 15, 1879

Dear Gen. Howard,

I have been sick for a couple weeks - I think am quite unable now to hold services & preach a sermon. I would like to get a substitute for tomorrow morning. If I am better then I may undertake to preach at night. If no better then my services would be a failure if I would undertake to conduct them & preach myself.

My help must come either from yourself or Col. Mason



What do you think? Will  
you come & preach - or  
give a discourse, which  
ever you may call it - on  
tomorrow morning? I  
think it would be put  
down to your account in  
the next world if you  
would help me.

If you will not in  
portance with Col. Mason,  
I would come up and see  
you but indeed I don't  
feel able to come. Mrs  
Judy & I wished to visit  
you but will have to  
wait until I recover  
from my lung trouble.

Please consent to give  
us a sermon - Time -  
10:45 - O'clock. There are  
a great many people

in town attending church  
& there will be a great  
congregation I think -  
With kindest  
wishes

I am Yours truly  
M. J. J.



San Antonio Texas  
March 15<sup>th</sup> 1849  
Gen C. C. Howard

Atty Gen  
My dear Sir  
No doubt you  
will be somewhat sur-  
prized upon receiving a  
letter from me, and write  
to ask of you a favour if  
you can grant it.

I have  
been ordered to appear before  
a retiring board, which is  
ordered to meet here. I appear  
before the board upon my  
own application on account  
of wounds received during  
the war, one at Chancellville  
through the left side, and  
at this time serving in your



command, and remained in  
your command until you  
assumed command of the  
Army of the Tennessee and  
most of this time I was in  
command of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Regt. Tenn.  
Inf. Co., since the war I  
have served in two Indian  
Stays under the direct<sup>sup</sup> of  
the General, the Maj. Pike and  
Barnock, and would  
ask if you could do so  
to send a letter relative to  
my standing in your opinion  
as an Officer, most all the  
Officers of the board are  
changers to me, and thought  
best to lay before the board  
some testimonials of my  
Superior Officers, I have also  
written to Col. Hoar  
asking a letter also from  
him, should I not be

retired will be on board  
no doubt to take part  
in next summer's cam-  
paign should there be  
one.

Since leaving my post,  
three months ago, have  
been here, the Committee so  
far has agreed with me  
and feeling much better  
than I did last summer.

Please remember  
me very kindly to Col  
Mason & Hood. Trusting  
the General will not take  
my addressing him as a  
piece of presumption.

I am  
Very Truly Yours  
Chas. C. Croston  
1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry

P. C. Address  
Box 554

San Antonio  
Texas



# Executive Department

IDAHO TERRITORY,

Boise City, *Mon. 17<sup>th</sup> 1879*

Brig General

Bottoms

Brig. Maj. Genl. U. S. A.

Vancouver, Wash. Ter.

My dear General

I thank you for a copy of your official Report. The reading of it has given me much satisfaction. I am glad that I have had sufficient experience in Military life to appreciate your patriotic service and severe labors, and more than this - to measure the difficulties you have overcome - to set down at their true value, the most unwarrantable and unjust criticism you have encountered, and to be able at the end, to express, as I do most

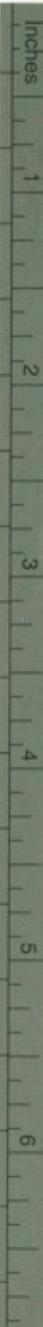


# Executive Department

IDAHO TERRITORY

John C. ...

1879





Sincerely, my admiration of your  
 courage, patience and skill, as well  
 as for your well proven patriotism  
 and spotless Christian character.

With pleasant remembrances  
 and high regard,

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

W. Brayman

Governor of Ill.

( & Pres. Maj. Gen. Vol. )



925 St. Louis

Davis City, Feb 17, '79.

Secretary of State.

Garrison of

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Report and exposure his

high appreciation of State

services & character

Love to Mr. Garrison  
for his file



Rec'd A.B. Wood 24, 1879.



Camp Howard S. Y.  
March 17<sup>th</sup> 1879

My Dear General

I send you  
the manuscript I spoke to you  
about when at Vancouver. I  
translated it correctly but I  
bear too literally & think perhaps  
the phraseology might be  
improved. You will see on  
perusal it refers to a chart  
which I am sorry I can not  
send to you at present as I lent  
it to an officer & he never  
returned it. However I have  
sent to Paris for it & it will  
be along in a month or two. Its  
<sup>absence</sup> makes no difference in the  
connection of the manuscript however  
as the matter refers to two

Recd March 28, 1879

Y. L.



distinct military speech, viz.  
that of Fredericks & that  
of Napoleon & if you permit  
your own recollection could  
add that of our own war by  
giving a history of the battle of  
Gettysburg about which no  
man living can have a better  
knowledge than yourself it  
would be a contribution to military  
literature. I translate to  
pass away some idle hours  
in garrison life in fact if a  
man has any activity of intellect  
whatever I can not see how he  
can pass his time in a garrison  
unless he dissipates or works at  
something. I wrote it in no  
expectation of remuneration, when  
General Sherman went to Europe  
I wrote to one of his aids if he  
saw any thing in the military  
manuscripts especially among

the French that was any improve-  
ment upon our own. if he would  
get the tactics for me I would  
translate them & of course receive  
no answer. I desire to know what  
is the use of sending such individ-  
uals to a foreign country as Herseyth  
Audemire &c. They learn nothing  
they forget nothing & return with  
their hair parted in the middle.  
Please give my kindest regards  
to the members of your family  
& believe me to remain

Yours truly

J P Hancock

May 3<sup>rd</sup> day



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Fort Colville March 17<sup>th</sup> 1879  
Brig Gen O. O. Howard Sr

I arrived here last night. I have talked with several well posted men in Colville and they all seem to tell one story.

George Herren a half breed Indian who was born here speak Okanogan and the Colville tongue as packed and traveled all over this country. About 40 years old. Golly Jack a white man the same.

Spokane Jim) Mr Monahan the same

Mr Sherwood who went as Guide an interpreter with the detachment who have just come back from Okanogan



and others that I could mention  
<sup>agree</sup> in some of these point.

The Okanogan pass should be  
guarded, because the Indians from  
this side go across the lines and  
buy all the ammunition they want.  
Second that there are not as many  
bad Indians as reported.

and that Susuptin, Enemoseiche  
Partly chief of the Mithows. Insoykin  
Umasit. Spokane Gerry —  
and a little below the mouth  
of the Spokane is Tal-mut Tal-  
Cayia. if <sup>these</sup> are watched I think it  
would save trouble.

We will not forget Smohally I  
hear of him too.

no more of interest at present.

I remain your humble servant  
Wm Chas. Chas. Chas.