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Fort Coeur d'Alene
July 17. 1879

General Howard,
Dear Sir,

I have just received notice from the Adjt. Genl. of the Dept. that "G" Co. (Keller) will go to the new post south of Pierce Reservation, and that a company of Cavalry will be designated later to take its place at this post. This reminds me of a promise I made Mrs. Hunter at Spokane Falls. He wants very much to serve at my post and persuaded me to promise that I would do what I could to have him stationed here. He expects to be promoted in the place of Capt. Trimble now before

Retiring Board. This entitles Colville as the companies now are stationed. Hunter is a noble fellow, and I would like to do him any favor I could properly in the way he asks. I write that you may understand our wish, in case the prospective change under it practicable, without interfering with your plans, to gratify us. We served together in New Mexico ten years ago & understand each other ways.

I am of course glad to have a prospect of Keller's removal from this post, for his good, and that of all concerned; but I hope you may be able in some way to have the charges he has forwarded against Lt Turner and myself investigated before he leaves, so that he may have the satisfaction of an impartial opinion upon their merits. I was greatly disappointed that your time would not permit you to give these matters a looking over when you were here.

I beg you to overlook my mentioning these things in a private letter, General; I did not like to worry you with an official application for Hunter's company, and the other matter has crept in without premeditation.

Mrs. M. and Miss Ida and little Cassie send regards to you and to Col. Mason.

Very truly your friend
H. B. Freeman

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Umatilla. Oregon.
July. 18. 1879

Lieut. C. E. S. Wood.
21st U. S. Infty.
Fort Vancouver. W. T.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Adjt. Genl. J. A. Slacums letter of the 30th ultmo. and to say that I will reply as soon as I am fully better.

To day two Indians came down the river in canoes and were fired upon by Wilbur Hunt, a ward of J. H. Kuzzie at least six times. Mr. Kuzzie was standing by or in the store, in front of which the shots were fired. As (Mr. Kuzzie) he has encouraged all the depredations that have been committed against the Indians at this place it is not likely that his ward will be reprimanded

Very respectfully
Your obdt Servt.
D. B. Wells
Post Surg. U.S.A.

J. B. Hull
Eng. Corps

Umatilla. Ogn
July 18. 1879.

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Portland, Oregon July 21st '79.

Gen. O. O. Howard, Commanding,
Department of
the Columbia. Sir:-

According to orders I proceeded to Fort Klamath. Left Vancouver July 1st P. M. Left Portland July 2nd. Arrived at Fort Klamath and delivered Gen. Sawtelle's message to the commanding officer of Fort Klamath July 5th at two o'clock P. M. Distance 419 miles. The route I was sent. Everything goes on very smooth at Fort Klamath. The men like their officers and the officers like their men. Most of the enlisted men and citizens, call Col. Whipple "Pap". I was informed by Mr Spencer who keeps the Klamath House, and many others, that there was not an intoxicated man at Fort Klamath on the fourth of July. They had a fine celebration and every one enjoyed themselves. From what information I could get in the vicinity of Fort Klamath, it appears to me very much like there was a ring formed for the purpose of making the government

pay more than the market price for supplies. There is something crooked also in the mail contract between Linkville and Fort Klamath. The government officers at Fort Klamath are heading them off and are determined to break it up. July 4th at four o'clock P. M. I arrived at Linkville, saw a disgraceful scene in town, the effects of Whiskey, there was several fights and one team came very near running away with a lady and little children. "White Citizens" let us look at another picture, there was about thirty five indians in town well dressed, white shirts on and thier hair cut like white men, I could not help remark how genteel and orderly they were. I would like for those who believe the indians cannot be Christianized to explain why this great change. The reason I say this is because I saw these same indians in years gone by, when it was worth a "Bostons" life to go through thier country. Thank God for the spread of the Gospel and the redeeming grace of his blood

Son. We will love one another, if we have not this charity we are none of His. We had preaching here to day July 6th by Rev. S. M. Nickerson, with good attendence and he was listened to with marked interest. At the close of his dicourse he called on me to close with a few remarks and a prayer which, I did thank the Lord.
I visited the indians on this reservation, they all seem to be happy and contented, from this, I would judge they were getting along very well. This county is not a farming one, on account of the very heavy frosts they have once in a while during the summer months. But it cannot be excelled for stock raising. One great advantage the indians have, they can put up thousands of tons of hay with only the labor it takes to do it. Rev. S. M. Nickerson their agent told me he was encouraging them all he could to raising stock, because it was the only thing they could follow succesfully. No more at present.
I remain your obedient servant
Ned Chambreau.
S & M.

Chamberlain, Dak

July 21 1879

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Fort Canby. W.T.
July. 22. 1879.

Gen. O. O. Howard.
Comdg. Dept. Columbia-
Vancouver Barracks.

General-

I have received to day Charges & Specifications preferred against me. Charging me with Violation of the 60th Article of War. in paying for articles purchased from Alexander & Co. & Pandleton. by including them in the Voucher for hay purchased from them.

The Charges are untrue as my own Affidavit and that of my then Quartermaster Dept. shows. It is the first time in my Eleven years service that I have ever had Charges preferred against me. And I respectfully & most urgently request that the Charges be

Wm Lemmert
1st Lieut. 4th Arty.

July 22. 1879.

Recd by Counsel
July 24. 1879

Recd July 24. 1879.

more on account of my family than
my own -

I have no fear of the result
of the trial but regret that there
should ever have been a suspicion that
I had signed false vouchers.

I promise faithfully in
future never to give any cause for such
suspicions - and most respectfully
request that the Charges be
withdrawn - Let my future conduct
show whether I am sincere or not.

Hoping for a favorable decision
I am Sir
Your Respectfully
Jas Ord Scott
1st Cornet
1st Squad 4th Co

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OFFICE OF

U. S. INDIAN AGENCY,

Siletz Indian Agency
Toledo, Benton Co., Ogn.

July 23 1879

Brig' Gen' O O, Howard
Fort Vancouver W. T.

Dear Sir

I trust that you will pardon the liberty I take in' thus addressing you. I have a letter from one Geo H, Swank of Carrolls Point, Cowlitz Co W. T. asking a place here as Miller in' our Flouring Mill,

Wm Bagley our late Ex. Indian Agt. here informs me that a recommend some time last year came from you in' behalf of this man, speaking of him' Kindly and as being entirely competant, Permit me to ask you if this be so; perhaps I may be able now to give him' a place, an early reply will be very thankfully received, Respectfully Yours

E A, Swan
U S. Indian Agent

SILETZ INDIAN AGENCY,
Toledo, Benton County, Oregon.

July 28 1879.

Swan. E. A.

U. S. Indian Agent.

Inclosures.

SUBJECT.

Issued by Genl.
Aug 7. 1879

ACTION.

Rec'd. July. 30 –

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Butler. Gilbert, U.S.A.

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Boise City. Idaho
July 23. 1879.

Grammar School,
Idaho City, Boise Co.
Idaho Territory.
July 23. 1879.

Gen. O. O. Howard,—
Sir,

Will you oblige me by sending me a copy of your war map used by you in your late campaign against the Nez Percés in Idaho. I am preparing a map of Idaho Ter. for use in our common schools, for we have but very poor & inaccurate ones. If you have none you can spare will you be so good as to lend me one to take a tracing from? There is one of your maps at

Ansd by Genl
Aug 7. 1879.

Rcd. July 30, 1879
O.O.H.

Rcd O.O.H. Aug. 4. 1879.

Dear General,

I am getting up an illustrated hand-book to Idaho Ter., and would like your permission to insert in it's pictorials your likeness & autograph. My "Nez Perce's Campaign" is culled — necessarily brief, of course — from your Report in the War Documents, 1877-78. Will you send me one of your photographs for this purpose? All the drawings will be made by the Heliotype Co. of Boston — and will be first-class in all instances. Please honor me with an early reply.

Yours Respectfully
Gilbert Butler, F.R.G.S.

the Quartermaster's at Boise Post, but is not available to me. Governor Brayman, Hon. Jno. Kinslie assured me you would help me in the matter.

Trusting that you can assist me in a work I am sure you are interested in — our schools,

I beg to remain,
Yours Respectfully
Gilbert Butler, F.R.G.S.
Principal.

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P. WASSERMAN, PREST.
W. S. LADD, TREAS.
E. QUACKENBUSH.

J. L. ATKINSON.
WM. WADHAMS.
J. W. BRAZEE.

D. W. WAKEFIELD, SEC'Y.
M. W. FECHHEIMER.
SETH L. POPE.

North Pacific Mutual Life Association,

Portland, Oregon, July 23rd 1879

Mr Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir:

Permit me to introduce to you Mr. G W Cason our duly authorized Agent, to fill applications for membership in the North Pacific Mutual Life Association of Portland, Oregon. This Association is in every sense a home institution, and organized on the Co-operative plan which is the only cheap and really equitable Life Insurance in existence.

Candidly and sincerely believing in the correctness and excellence of the system of protection afforded by this Association we earnestly commend it to your consideration and support, and hope you will take the time necessary to investigate it, and if satisfied with its workings and designs, we request that you signify your approval by associating yourself with us.

Very respectfully, yours

W. S. Ladd

Director