[Feb. 14, 1887 ?]

Brig. Gen. John Gibbon
Comd'g Dept. Columbia.
Vancouver Bks., W. T.

Dear General:

As J. C. Beardsley
is now a soldier in your
Dept., I forward you
this letter of Mr. James,
who takes an interest in
Beardsley's advancement.

Mr. James you
probably know. He is
an excellent gentleman
of high character.

Very truly Yours

O. O. Howard

Maj. Gen. U. S. A.
Feby: 29th, 1888

Capt. T. J. Jeffords
Tucson A.T.

Dear Captain:

I have drawn
up the enclosed letter
which I think will
procure you what you
want.

Hoping this will find you very well

I remain

Sincerely yours

O. O. Howard

Maj. Genl.
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Major Wm Sinclair
(or the C.O. of Mt. Vernon Bks)
Mt. Vernon Bks. Ala.

Dear Major:

Will you kindly allow
an interview between Mr. T. J. Jeffords and some of the
Indians under your care. He
wishes only to ascertain certain
facts concerning real estate and
mineral lands, knowledge of
which, he thinks they possess.

Capt. Jefford has so often risked
his life to settle difficulties with
the Indians - and done so much
for small compensation, 
that I think he is entitled 
to this small favor. 
I know you will allow 
him this interview if 
in your power. If not 
in your power please ask 
the essential authority in 
my name and greatly 
oblige Capt. Jeffords.

Very truly

Yours

O.O. Howard

Major General.

U.S. Army.