Day 1st W. S.  
May 5th, 1877

General O. O. Howard  
United States Army

My dear Sir,

My experience in Indian matters this side of the Cascade range dates from February 1879, when I assumed charge of the "Walla Walla district" and fully complained by the enclosed instructions to me. Until arrangements were made after the confirmation of the treaties, in March 1879, to carry out treaty stipulations, the Cayuses and Walla Walla's were under my charge in the Walla Walla valley. Gen. Heber was much disposed, when making treaties, to the establishment of the Uncatella Reservation, regarding it entirely unnecessary. The Cayuse's were reconciled with the Upper Nez Perces and with most of the Umatillas, could be prevented for until the Nez Perces and the Walla Wallas were excluded. In the former made for the
Okanina reservation. Intimate relations existing at that time and our own between the Snake river banks and the Walla Walla's all ceased to be provided for together. After I assumed charge of the Walla Walla district I ascertained that the Indians could be very easily induced to confide with Governor Henry's views, and the Umatilla reservation abandoned at the little expense to the Government, but before political influences brought about the establishment of the Umatilla reservation and could not consent to its abandonment.

Assuming charge of the Nez Perce I found them divided into two parties: the upper and lower Nez Perce who resided themselves into the treaty and anti-treaty parties, which line of division has been kept up to this time although upon other issues from time to time, than the original treaty. The differences in religious sentiments, Catholicism and Protestantism follow the old division to a considerable extent.

The lower Nez Perce, led by the elder Joseph, claimed, that in the Treaty 1855, none of the country belonging to the Nez Perce nation was sold to the Government excepting a portion of Joseph's country, that which has been of late claimed by the younger Joseph and the Sacajaws, country, in Columbia county, formerly belonging to Joseph and his people, all of which was low to a great extent. The Nez Perce people now at one period a united people under one head chief, with subordinate Chiefs who claimed and controlled each his jurisdiction over certain defined portions of the whole country. The upper Nez Perce, under the leadership of Lawyer, left to late years claimed they had never shed a white man's blood. Of the lower Nez Perce, many of them intermarried with the Colicky, have been engaged in all of the wars against the whites. The chief divisions amongst the Nez Perce were created by the influence of the Hudson's Bay Company, which resulted in the division into two parties just as it is.
We had white men, who in many cases below the standard of the average Indians, just as long, under the good influences of any well-regulated agency, it seems destroyed.

I mean the honor to be very respectfully yours,

Most obedient,

A.F. Day

P.S. Be kind enough to preserve the papers accompanying this communication.
their own upon religious matters, not withstanding they have been great esteem, sincerely given in adherence to the different denominations controlling the reservations. Amherst, or the Prophet, is the exponent of these peculiar views for all the lands on the Columbia and Snake rivers and many upon the Sk Y Perez and Winatilla reservations. To place the Indians not treated with upon reservations with their treated with, to a difficult matter, those not treated with, regarding themselves unfairly treated by the Government, and by the treaty Indians as wrongdoers, which feeling would over create desires and resentments. A re-adjustment of the treaties including all the Indians alluded to, with the abandonment of the Winatilla reservation, as originally desired by Governor Thayer, will be in my judgment the best solution of the Indian problem in this part of the country, and at the same time conducive to the best interests of the Government and the Indians at the same time.

Joseph has undoubtedly had throughout the sympathy of non-Treaty Indians who are in reality victims of those treated with, but at the same time have had no serious designs whatever in regard to arranging themselves in a hostile attitude to the Government, only hoping for consideration of their grievances by agitation. However, Indians in this state of mind, can be very easily precipitated into such acts by improper influences. The difficulties that have arisen of late should all be seen avoided by making some steps taken ago. I understand that too many of the employees of the Government in the Indian service of late years, have not themselves fully comprehended or gauged the objects and ultimate purposes to be effected under the treaty system, and as a matter of course could not impress the minds of the Indians with the importance results to be achieved by them in the future, by relinquishing their savage condition. Again, as long as the Indians remain...
Last Sunday I preached from the text Romans 11:1-8.
Yes, my heart's desire is that Israel might be saved. I was instrumental in bringing some people to the feet of the Cross. Please write me a few lines. Long letter preferred.

May the Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Rev. R. N. Peck M. D.
Woodland
Yolo County

Last night I had a dream. I saw a large army in Russia where I have travelled. Among them was a soldier who was shot and lost his arm. I cried: Stop the murderer! and awoke. I have been quite inter
resting thus far at the European War, because I think it may lead the Jews back to Palestine where they will acknowledge our Blessed Jesus as their Messiah. No doubt you, as a Bible reader are interested also. Now I have been thinking about my dream and I came to conclusion to write to you with the wish that you would inform me of your health. This is the way I explain dreams.

Woodland is my home ever since last October. I teach German and Hebrew languages. Besides, as usual, work for the Salvation of my Jewish brethren. They hate me very much. But notwithstanding great many trials and difficulties my little work is hopefully progressing. I have a great privilege to suffer as a true child of God. Financially I must suffer having been sick (headache) for some time so that I was and am unable to do anything. I trust still in the Blessed Saviour and Paul taught me to say: "What shall separate me from the love of God in Christ Jesus?" Yes my dear General and Dr. nothing! I need encouragement. Will you not send me a few encouraging words? Yes I know you will. Your loving Christian heart knows how to comfort those who need it.
Massillon, O., May 7, 1877

My dear Governor:

Your attention is hereby respectfully invited to the above notice and I hope the honor to solicit your attendance together with that of your family to grace the occasion of our first proposed reunion. We are not unmindful that with your manifold duties and responsibilities, to say nothing of the distance you would have to travel to get here, hence we kindly indulge the hope that you will be with us. But we desire...
To place it upon the record, that your house is cherished with affectionate regard by the
remaining members of your old
community, the Founding Army Corps
in this locality. As a token of
friendship and respect
therefore you will please accept
this invitation. The lady named
will greatly oblige.

Very Respectfully,
yours,

Prosper George
Chaplain of Committee F & G

[Signature]

[Red ink: Read by J.L.
4th July 1877]
Washington, D.C. 7th May, 1877

Gen. H. Howard

Dear Sir,

I have always had a desire to visit the Pacific coast, and the idea occurred to me to write to you and ask if there is any work among the Indians out there I could do, and would you be likely to have the travelling expenses paid. If some one who went so far to labor among the Indians?

Possibly there may be.
opportunities to instruct the "real man," or there may be other work among
them, you think I could do.

My chief desire in going to far
from home, would be to see that part of
the country, and I do not suppose Father
and Mother would consent to my going unless
there should be some strong inducement
in favor of it.

If it is not asking too
much, I should be pleased to know
your opinion of my project.
Your truly, H. B. Jump.
Louise T. Hopkins.

A reply may be directed to
Miss H. H. Hopkins, City S. O. Washington, D.C.
Dear General:

I am under renewed obligations for your letter to the President, and hope that my request has not embarrassed you in your purpose to give no letter where the appointment to an office is in question. I shall not use the letter at present and perhaps not at all, but if I do, will follow your suggestion regarding the presentation of the same, and thank you for them.

I observe that your letter recommends me to you.

I have continued temperate.

I called the attention of an influential friend to that
portion of the letter, and be
remarked, “Your brother, I fear
why it is you never drink anything,
because you must have once been
intemperate.” (My habits
for temperance, were formed under
your affectionate advice and
under your eye—they have never
been changed.)

I should have acknowledged
the receipt of your letter a bit
earlier day, except for my;
ience in the interior of the
State attending Court.

With my kindest regards for
your family, Jane, Sir,
With respect,

With full yours,
Heid Forster

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Brig. Gen. O.O. Howard, usa.
Portland, Oregon

9/12/77
Aug. 8, 77
Dear Father,

This map is the first map I ever drew. I send you the first sketch of it.

Thursday, May 10th, was my birthday and mamma gave me $3.00 to buy Fred Watkins' single-barreled shotgun. In 4 weeks my examination will commence.

These preceding lines I wrote yesterday after I drew the map. Today I received your letter, which seemed to that you will be back so soon that I can make some up turn after the examination (if I pass). But the sooner you stay the better the prospects of making the "treaty".

Yesterday and today Springer and I cut the grass in the yard. It was too dark to finish tonight and came in and wrote this letter. Springer came up to get an letter belonging to Col. Bachelet, it was not in the house. Do you know anything about it?
On Board the ste. "Officer"
May 11, 1877.

Dear Sir,

I am just on my way home from a visit to "Elmridge" when I passed by a crowded house of Indians at 2 p.m. Day before yesterday, and also in Denver house to a large crowd of Chinese at 7 p.m.

I found the waifs have been well 

and fed. The work has been well 

and sustained during the winter. 

It is to hear that a school 

which had been held in the 

Seminary had been 

and how to see the children 

were reading a school and 

hundreds of people lying 

in the snow, as yet no hand to help them 

it as to lead. I have promised 

to state and on our ways to
Tell Romney letter can be due by
May 11. 1877

In the mean time I do hope some good man will come to Boston and help
hold of the town. From which this will come he. I shall
return till a time comes
although it is a great
expense to one and takes up
a great deal of time.

But we must have a man
I would be willing to go
myself and Christ in person
To support me but that
Cannot be. Thorne was a
place where breeding a

Thomas Southgate
P. Crich

Fort Simpson

Geo. D. A.
DEAR SIR:

When the theological student leaves his Alma Mater to engage in the active duties of a pastorate, he finds that much of his seminary education is theoretical rather than practical. His instructors have been Teachers ignorant of the real requirements of successful preaching, and hence at every turn he finds duties which he is at a loss how to properly discharge.

To some extent, his theoretical seminary education has stilled him. As Dr. Tyng, Jr., said to us, "When a Divinity student graduates, he is like Lazarus in the tomb, all wrapped up with bands." The young minister feels this, and the question with him is, How can I set myself free? Can hard knocks and bitter experience alone unbind these cloths? And just here we assume that there is a want which we propose to supply by compiling a small book entitled, "Bits of Advice for Young Clergymen," made up of short, terse articles from distinguished clergymen of all denominations on some particular duty or subject of a general character, all having reference of course to young clergymen and their needs. Many of our most successful Divines have volunteered their aid, and are already engaged in writing upon some theme assigned to them, and we very greatly desire to add your name to the list of our contributors.

Can you give us the benefit of your experience in pastoral work, in an article not less than 500 and not more than 2000 words.

Yours Fraternally,

B. F. LIEPSNER.

Headquarters Department of the Columbia,

Portland, Oregon May 1st, 1877

Dear General:

I send you the proceedings of the Court Martial at Namiu. Please send notes on separate sheet and place your autograph at end of proceedings where I indicated in pencil, and I will have the notes written over. Your dates of Special Field Orders are numbered wrong. No. 4 should be 5, and No. 5 should be 6. You made one on the boat at Valluna which accounts for the mistake. It was No. 4, appointing Board to purchase horses. Your "Field Order No. 5" left promulgating proceedings of Court Martial at Lapwai, but I have changed it to "General Field Order No. 1," because it says it should be a General Order and not a Special one. I just mention these things that you may correct more and work out the line agree. People arrived Tuesday night. Orders for 5th Companies to go to Valluna surprised us and made me feel that I can't be up there with you. Mrs. Lewis seems well and happy and the children are all well as far as I know. Tell
At breakfast that day I was in his house and sang and played with Mrs. Miller. She did not seem very happy, but that may have been because she was ill. When I went home from meeting last night, about half past nine, I saw her in her night-gown at a second story window with a bright light in the room, and I heard little girl crying. The note was written to her, so they are well, I guess.

Dad is still using and using his counsel. He has a perfect plan for the Joseph Halls race now, but as they never order quantities of it, I suppose he will never have a chance to try it.

Everything is very quiet at Headquarters.

Respect to Miller, and best wishes for your return and safe return.

Yours truly,

David.
Dear Howard:

I wrote you yesterday and asked you to write your name at the point indicated in pencil on the proceedings of a Summary Court which I sent you, and then I forgot to make the pencil mark. Please sign your name at the bottom of the next page after the one the appointment is on, and after the prisoner's statement.

Another thing; if you have the proceedings of the Kapuaiwai Court, the findings &c. of which you promulgated in a S. Field Order, please send it here that it may be entered in our books.

And by your letter of last Sunday, to Mr. Howard, I received last night that you did not get away from Kapuaiwai as soon as you anticipated. Chance was down last evening on his way to the P. O. with a letter for you so you will know that all are well. Sot. Wood asks me to give his love.

Batchelder has no orders as yet. So none to write.

Weather hot today. Yours truly

S. Williams

[Signature]
Portland, Oreg.
May 12, 1877

Gen. O. O. Howard
Dear General,

When I intended that I would like to make the Alaska trip you kindly consented but since then matters have so changed that it will be impossible for me to go. At the same time I return to my post to do the Chief's business as assigned me the responsible duty of supervising all contracts and making the proper recommendations to you. Recently the Military Order also ordered that no contracts
for supplies shall be made until further advice. Before
this order was made we could have had all our contracts
assigned before June now that is impossible. Probably on or
about July 1st or before we will be able to make contracts for
fuel, forge a grater which the law permits without any
appropriation. I should not be absent at this time and
though I request you will direct the A.O. to order some
one in my place to go to Idaho
My first idea about the home
contract for the latter half prior
is to Cereal. The Board cannot
by a light work without Cereal
I have no opinion upon this
Photographic face. In regard the
difficulty of the season.