

Portland Oct 27 1877

Brig Genl O. S. Howard
San Francisco

Dr Genl

It is proposed
to give you a general reception on
your return to Portland. I am not
aware what would best please
you. What has been thought of here
is to take a hall & have some
one introduce you with such
remarks as will reflect the
general feeling of this section of
the Country & if you thought best
you could respond at such length
as you wish. It is thought the
remarks of the occasion will
be generally circulated through
the Country. The time set is subject
to your feeling about the matter

The time named is satisfactory
to you will be soon after your arrival
home - I assure you, you will meet
with a warm reception from
your fellow Citizens in Portland.

Yours Respectfully -

H. D. Santory

Pullman's Palace Car Company,

CENTRAL DIVISION.

D. N. WELCH,
General Supt.
E. H. GOODMAN,
Division Supt.

Baltimore Station, October 27th 1877

Genl. A. A. Howard
Commander Dept Columbia

My Dear Sir:

I write you in reference to
W. F. J. Merrill, who enlisted as a private in
4th Regt Heavy Arty. at time of his enlistment
stationed at Fort Alcatraz, San Francisco.

I take the liberty of addressing you
presuming on your acquaintance with his
family. He is a son of James L. Merrill
of Portland Maine, whom you doubtless will
recollect.

(Hurry)
We heard from him last dated in
"the Field", while pursuing the Lee Press
some 4 mos since, and ample time
having elapsed for a letter to have
reached us since the Surrender, his
Mother living with me is in great
distress regarding him.

The writer is a brother, and any
information you will kindly impart

Old Ben's

regarding his whereabouts, and whether
wounded or otherwise will be greatly
appreciated.

Trusting my note in addressing
you may make amends for any
seeming presumptuousness, and that I
may receive a reply soon

I remain Sir

Very Respectfully Yours
J. D. H. Smith
Asst Surg

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the above is a statement of the
amount of the above account, and is
correct.



Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. M. Smith

J. M. Smith
J. M. Smith
J. M. Smith

Will

PELEG S. PERLEY,

Attorney at Law.

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Henry, Ill., Oct 27, 1877

O. Q. Howard

Dear old Chum,

I see
you are in Chicago. I and my
wife want to see you. I have
been to see you to Chicago - been
on purpose. Can't you come & see
us? Via C. R. & P. on your way
next you come within 13 miles of us
We want to see you very much
Want you come & stop with
us for a day if no more on
your way back?

Yours ever
P. S. Perley

E. A. Berkeley.

Oct. 27. 1877.

W. B. Berkeley.

1877 - ~~my~~ ~~year~~ ~~yes~~ ~~not~~
difficult to return
by land. I think
300 miles of staying
would be preferable for
Suzanne if she is so
very sick on the sea with
me a great deal
I come to her & to
so do of the dear child
dread. I hope you will
all get fatter & will
come or together. I
would like to have
Suzanne here

Tues. Oct. 31 '77

Dear Mr. I send
a Postal to Berkeley
We were delighted
to get a brief letter
from Suzanne. Yes -
Gladly. Cousin
Sarah is at our
house & we are
all anxious to hear
that you found Suzanne
well. She seems to
have had a hard time
on the ocean. Hope you
will find it here.

Emery
Oct 28th 1877
Recd 29th Oct.

No. 4. —

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Salmon, Gr.
Oct. 28th 1877.

Mr.
E. B. Bobbitt, Esq.
Portland.

Dear Sir:

I received yesterday
from Mr. Wood from Mr. Chadwick,
that he had received from
Capt. Lincoln, a very strong
appeal in my behalf, and I
think his Ex. will comply with
the request.

And if I could obtain a
letter of recommendation from
Judge Shattuck, it would aid
me very much.

I have requested my friends
to write Mr. Samuel, on the
subject; and I think rather

will also write Judge S.

And my dear Sir, I have
to thank you for the interest
you have taken in me since
I have been in your state.
And I hope that I will
in future ^{not} give you any
cause to regret having be-
friended me.

Thanking you for past favors
and awaiting your further com-
munications.

I remain

Yours Humbly
Henry Comins.



Oct. 20, 1879.

Wm. H. H.

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Washington, D.C.,

October 29th 1879.

My Dear General:

When nature mixed up the ingredients of my disposition the capability of resenting injuries offered to myself or friends entered very largely into the composition. You must not be surprised therefore at any expression of indignation I may make at the shabby treatment General Sheridan has seen fit to inflict upon you by withholding your report on the Nez Perce campaign. The General's memory must be very bad that it could so soon forget the magnificent reception you gave him about two years ago on the occasion of his visit to Portland. Or probably his nice sense of technicalities has crushed out of his poor little carcass

any remnant of gratitude that that brilliant event might have left. But I suppose as it is so fashionable to join the rabble in their ridicule of one whose good right arm was lost in defence of his country, simply because of his religious convictions—nothing else—the General may find solace in the fact that he is only pandering to the popular taste. Bah! how I despise a soul so small that it can delight in suppressing a report which would have called forth a merited reward justly due to a worthy comrade.

How forcibly do I recall the legend on your piano cover—words of Him to the multitude on the mount:—"Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake."

God bless you, General; and believe me

when I assure you there are a few besides your dear children and good wife who know your worth even before you are gone from this world of trouble & care.

Your steadfast friend,
W. D. Ludlip.

Genl. C. C. Howard.

refusing to leave the Company. He wanted
me to write to Gen Mc Dowell about his
abusive treatment, but as I have mentioned
it to you, ~~I do hope~~ I thought I would not
write Mc Dowell about it, until I got a more
definite statement from Frank. Names, Dates &c.
Now my dear General, I do wish that his case
maybe investigated. It seems hard to keep him
in confinement so long waiting charges, on such
an offence as discharging his piece on Picket.
Say, ~~if he had~~ since he has been in confinement
has had to sell some of his clothes to buy grub,
and if he had not, he would have starved. But
the abusive treatment he received such as tying up
by his hands, Kicking, Beating, Knocking down,
&c, is what he must complain of. If there
is to be charges preferred, I should think it would
or might be done at once, or if not, then why
can he not be restored to duty. But I do not wish
to dictate, or advise, for I am confident that on your
return, you will see that justice is done to all
concerned, and will see that no injustice is done to
the accused. Very truly your Friend B. F. Pratt

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Confidential

Chicago Ill. Oct 29th 1877

Genl O. O. Howland

Comdg Dept of the Columbia
Portland, Oregon.

My dear General

I have been thinking the
matter over since I saw you last week,
concerning what we were talking of, about
my son, ^{Franklin C. Pratt Co F. 1st Cavalry} and came to the conclusion that
I shall better make a short memorandum of some
of the facts concerning him, and his treatment,
as they have been made to me in his letters
at various times, within the last four months.
Not that I want to complain without reason, or
to be finding fault, but I must say, I do
think it rather unjust to keep him under
arrest, and confined in the Guard House at
Fort Lapwai, waiting charges to be preferred
as he says, for discharging his piece on Picket
about the first of July. I do not know

the Date, but I had a letter from him of date
of June 27th ^{from White Bird creek a canon} giving me an account of the
Battle of June 17th, in which he was engaged
and also of the burial of his dead Comrades, a
day or two before the writing of his letter. Then
his next Letter was July 5th from Fort Lapwai
under arrest, and in confinement at the Guard
House, for Discharging his piece on Picket, says
they told him it was a false Alarm. ~~Then~~
He says the Orders were to use his own dis-
cretion about firing, and he did. Says
he came out of the fight all right, and
is now in the Guard House for doing his duty.
Then July 25th He writes me his Co. has come
in, he is released from Confinement, and is
now going to the front again. All well.
Written in a hurry and seems to be in good spirits.
Then July 29th he writes me, he is in Camp again
had another fight, is going out again at 2 P.M.
for the Front. Going to Escort the 2^d Inf.
from Georgia, to the front, Battle Expected,
But don't worry for me, I will see it through
like a man, and if I die, you will hear

Should be pleased to hear from you some time if you can
get time to write.
I died like a brave Soldier, and not a Coward.
Then August 10th his letter was dated at Spi-
Kane Falls, was with Gen. Wheatons Div.
on his way to Montana, and supposed he
should meet your Command in Montana.
His letter was written, or he appeared to feel, full
of courage, and in good spirits. Then Sept 7th
he writes me from Fort Lapwai, that he has
just returned from the Spokane Country, and is
now in the Guard House, under charge of what
happened at Mt-Idaho, over two months before
that. Says, when he was released and went on
duty, and to the front again, he thought it was
for good. In this, and subsequent Letters, he
writes how he is treated, that he don't get enough
to eat, has to sell his clothes to get food, that
the Guard House is so damp night, it is
affecting his health injuriously, speaks of the
Officer of the Day and Sergeant of the Guard
beating, abusing, and kicking him, striking
him across the small of his back with a Carbine,
and since he has been in the Guard House this
time, the 1st Sergeant has offered him 20 days

As this is confidential, I have written something from his letters

J. S. Starr,

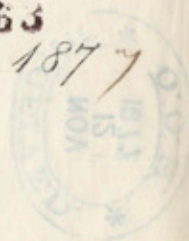
ATTORNEY AT LAW.

JUDSON STARR,
NOTARY PUBLIC.

Peoria, Ill. Oct. 29th

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1877



Major Genl Howard

Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

Enclose you some papers, "vouchers",
with reference to cattle supplied Lieut. Lamy
with request that they be forwarded through
to him. I would not have taken this liberty
but learning that you were in Chicago
and not knowing the address of the Office
knew that you would assist us to get the
papers to him, when they can be executed
without delay.

Very respectfully &c

Hunter & Holcomb

By J. S. Starr atty.



JUDSON STARR,
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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Oct 3 1877

Attorney at Law
J. D. Starr

1877

Bellevue & Co
N.Y. Albany. Nov. 12. 1877

Dear Sir:
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst.

and in answer to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
J. D. Starr

Very respectfully,
J. D. Starr

By J. D. Starr atty.

OFFICE OF
The Pacific Life,

518 CLAY STREET.

[P. O. Box, 2129]

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San Francisco, Oct. 29th 1877
Brevet Major-Genl O. O. Howard,
Comd'g Dept of Columbia,
Portland,
Oregon.

Sir:

Being about to issue a work on the late rebellion containing a condensed history of the dif. ferent Corps, Division and Brigade commanders with their Headquarters Flags, and the number and name of the different regiments in the brigades with the name of their Colonels, I most respectfully ask you to give me any information in your power in relation to the 4th Army Corps and the 11th Army Corps, such as the shape and colour of the Corps, Division & Brigade Flags in said Corps, also the number of Divisions and Brigades in said Corps with the names of the Division and Brigade Commanders, and if possible the name and number of the different regiments in the Brigades with the Colon-

els name to each. Also the date of organization of
the Corps, with the name and date of the battles
it participated in, and any items of special in-
terest relating to said Corps, I should like if pos-
sible to get a copy of the Corps order relating
to and adopting the Corps Badge & Flags of
the Corps. If you cannot give all the information
desired, such as you may see fit to forward, will
be most thankfully received.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant.
Fred W. Peirce.
Late U.S.A.

Office of "The Pacific Life"
518 Clay St.
San Francisco
Cal.



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Dated,

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Rec'd at cor. LaSalle and Washington Sts.,
CHICAGO, ILL.

Care Gen C. H. Howard
Advance Building

Visit Washington if possible properly
matters require attention

John H Cook
Spady 25f

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

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John H. Henry

Oct 22

Mr. C. O. Henry
Care Mr. C. O. Henry

First Meeting of Board of Directors
matter require attention

John H. Henry
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As far as
No knowledge,
information, Secy
Amer. Miss. Assoc.
Stitch - Rev. Mr.
96, Renss. N. Y.

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Childrens Home 47 Lodge
Providence R. I.
Oct 29th 1874

Gen O. O. Howard.

I realize that I am
taking a liberty in addressing
you but I trust I may be
forgiven. My apology first is
that I am a native of Maine,
have spent my life there the
last four years there & to all
the patriotic Maine people
the name of Gen O. O. Howard
seems like the name of a friend.
Secondly I am thinking very strongly
of offering my services as teachers
or in any capacity in which I
can do the most good, for the

freedmen, I am the daughter
of a Maine minister, have
been in institutions for 8 years.
Am at present Mission here &
my sister Asst Mission. We
have come to feel that we might
do more good in some other field.
At the close of the war I was
very anxious to give myself as
teacher for the colored people
South, but circumstances prevented.
Now we are willing to accept of any
place where we can serve the
Lord & be of some service to
an aged father & mother in
Maine. If there should be any
place for us among the freed-
men & you will like to
know more of us, you can do
so thro Rev Dr Laurie of this
place. Trusting that thro you
I may be able to learn some

thing of the work &c -

Trusting also that you will
pardon the liberty I have
taken

I am Yrs Respectfully
Miss M. E. Baker
Mission Childrens Home
47 Love St Prov. R.I.

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honours, but I could
see that his affair
was but the consumma-
tion of your plans,
and I am glad to see
that he recognised it
in his order.

Be assured, my
dear General How-
ard, of the affection
which I have for you
personally, and of the
confidence which I
always have in your
skill as a soldier.
Very most Sinc-
erely,

Francis C. Barlow
Maj. Genl. U.S.A.
O.O. Howard
U.S.A.

new york
206 Broadway
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My dear Genl. Howard
I see you are criticised
by people who know
nothing whatever of
the difficulties in your
way, or if the succe-
ss which you have
achieved -

This ignorant criti-
cism is the lot of all
who labor for the
public -

Anyone who knows
anything of milita-
ry affairs, knows
how well you did,

and that the driving
of the enemy into
Miles hands was
a part of your skill-
ful management -
I can see this ^{very} if I
did not know
your courage, &
devotion, and mil-
itary capacity -

I am glad to see
that this ignorant
criticism is met
by the praises of
those who know
what they are talk-
ing about -

I cannot re-

frain from writing
these few lines to
assure you that I
always watch your
career with great
affection, and with
great confidence
that, wherever you
are placed, you
give to the public
service the highest
honour & devotion,
as well great capacity
and experience in
your profession -
I would not detract
in the least from Miles's

icate of Disability. For to tell the truth, ^{and}
be honest concerning him, I am really afraid
he is of unsound mind, or he would not be
continually committing offences, that surely
bring punishment in their train. I don't see any
other way to have him discharged, as they don't
seem inclined to favor it at Washington D.C.

In regard to the charges, which he says are all
false, it seems that he knows nothing about them,
for he would have written to me concerning them
long ago, as he is always very quick to tell me
of any thing, whether right or wrong, and writes
many letters. And why he says they are false,
is, I think, because he does know, ^{about} nothing, ^{about} them.

His Mother is in a very critical state, nearly
crazed on account of the condition of our only
son, has not slept for two nights since she got
the letter, and says, do write to Gen Howard as soon
as you get my letter, for I can't have him sent off
to prison, it will kill me, write and see what
can be done, says she is afraid he will end his
days, he is feeling so bad, says the idea of his being sent
to prison is heart rending &c &c. Says, do say if Gen H. can't save him.

Chicago Ill. Oct 30th 1877

Gen. O. O. Howard

Comd'g. Dpt. of the Columbia.
Portland. Oregon.

My dear General

Since I wrote you yester-
day, I have received a letter from my wife,
at East Weymouth Mass., enclosing one from
my son, dated at Fort Lapwai Oct 9th
and mailed at Walla Walla the 14th
in which he says, "he has been tried by a"
"C. C. M., fearful charges against him,"
But does not say what they are, and is
afraid he will have to go to a Military Prison.
Says "his Co. goes to Walla Walla the next day,"
"and he goes to the W. W. Guard House, under"
"guard, to wait his sentence". He says "all"
"the charges are false, and an enlisted man"
"has no show on a Court Martial".
Now I can't imagine what the charges

are, as he has never intimated any thing to me, in any of his letters, of wrong doing, except the discharging his pic, as I informed you yesterday. He is feeling very bad, in fact, I want almost to be driven crazy, by the way he writes, and what to do for him, I don't know, except to appeal to you. It seems strange to me that he can't keep clear of confinement, that after being released, he can't keep clear of committing offences, that make him liable to arrest again. So it has been several times before, and it seems to me, that it must be, as you remarked to me the other day, that he don't seem to have any control over himself. From the time he was fifteen years of age to eighteen years, he was troubled with his head a great deal, and was an inmate of several Insane Asylums at different times, ^{sent there by Physicians} several months at a time, and when discharged, ^{as well} was at times so bad, that he seemed to have no control over himself. You probably recollect I forwarded you a certified statement about a year ago, concerning him, from our Family Physician in Boston. I

Pity him from the bottom of my heart, and I do hope, my dear General, you will arrange some way, to save him from confinement in a Prison, or from the Penalty of his Sentence, for it does seem to me, and I have no doubt of your concurrence in the same opinion, that he does not commit these offences willfully, that he does not seem to know what he is about at times. We hoped when he enlisted ^{at the age of nineteen}, that he would be much better for the year previous, that he would not grow the troubles entirely. But it seems it is a physical disability, and as Capt. Perry wrote me more than a year ago, he thought it would be the best thing for him to take him out of the Army, and should recommend his Discharge, and would be pleased to have me make application to the Sec. of War for it. I did so, but was unsuccessful. Now General, could he not be examined by a Medical board, or by a Commission of Army Surgeons, or by the Surgeon at your head Quarters, in regard to his physical disability, and be discharged on Surgeons Certif-

P.S. I don't discharge a Surgeons Certificate of Disability, unless I think it is a physical disability, and I think it is a physical disability, and I think it is a physical disability.

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Hamford Conn Oct 30 1877
General O. O. Howard
Portland Ore.

My Dear Sir: Will you have the kindness
to send me your autograph and
very much oblige me.
Enclosed please find
card & stamped envelope for your
reply.

Respectfully
Wm A. Moore.

P.S. Where can your photo be
obtained.

Handwritten form.

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Received of
Mr. C. Moore
the sum of
Twenty pounds
for rent of
the premises
situated at
No. 10, Great
St. Martin's
Lane, London,
W.C.

Washington, Oct 20th 1877.

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My Dear General Howard -

I have followed with great interest
your very remarkable campaign against the Nez Percés -
Nothing could have surpassed your energy or zeal!
When it is remembered that the Indians gathered up
all the horses in their front as they retreated, and
came along large relays - and that you had to
pass over mountains & by passes, devoided of supplies
& stuffed of animals, I think your success in keeping
up with them was wonderful. While Miles may
have had the good fortune to have taken the
Exhausted savages, to you belong the true honors
of the Campaign -

I saw, in a recent paper, that you
were in Chicago - I don't know whether you go west
or come east - I therefore send this note to you
at Portland.

Believe me, sincerely,

M. Woodruff

Genl A. Howard

U. S. Army

Portland Oregon

Oct. 30. 1877

May Marshall.

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^{ny} Jeffie Ohio Oct 31, 1877

Mr O. Howard,

Dr Sir & Mrs.

I have
 received with no slight degree
 of interest the numerous as-
 saults made upon your profes-
 sional, as well as upon your pri-
 vate character from the close of
 the war to the present time! and
 although an entire stranger &
 you take the liberty of saying
 to me that you have the prayers
 and the sympathy of many of
 the people of God.. Blessed curse
 when men shall say all manner
 of evil against you falsely for my
 sake. Daniel says. Many are the afflic-
 tions of the righteous but the Lord
 delivereth him out of them all. In the
 day of trouble call upon. I will deliv-
 er thee and thou shalt glorify me."

"The eyes of the Lord are upon the
righteous and his ears are open unto
their cry." May you as I have been
draw substantial comfort from
these blessed assurances from
God's word

Respectfully
Thos. A. Clapp

have not heard from you for some time - I have been thinking of you very much - I hope you are well - I have been thinking of you very much - I hope you are well -

I. Orange N.J.
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Dear Brother

We are all pretty well - I am in Portland for the winter - I send a ship from N.Y. Herald copied from Chicago Inter-Ocean - We are glad to see Lady Justice. Ever -
Mr. Rynson of this place says you & Guy at Omaha & sends a postcard to her son - This is the first time we have ^{directly} heard since you & went after Joseph - We heard when Guy passed thro. Portland from his mother - Of course we have noticed the paper with great interest. I hope you have a journal

R.B. Howard.

Oct. 31, 1894.

Of the campaign - but
suppose it was too hard
work to make history
to have time any time
for writing R-L Helen
joins me in love to
you & Lizzie & our nephews
& nieces. We never have
heard of her except of pack-
age sent by mail. I
am glad you got home
before winter fairly set
in I hope you won't
have to go off to Alaska.
Those who think Hayes has
gone too far Southern are
willing the Democrats should
carry the Nov. elections as
no doubt they will. McCallum
will be our Gov. but I shall
not vote for him - I hope
Mother went in the train
with a while at Cedar Rapids

B. F. Pratt.

Oct. 31. 1877.

have known something about them. It is strange. They must be either false, or else perhaps he was in such a state of mind, that he knows nothing about them. My opinion, judging from your review of his case last year, is that his state of physical and mental unsoundness, renders him unfit to be a soldier, or to attempt to perform the duties of a Soldier. The whole thing has thrown me into a terrible state of mental anxiety, concerning him, as well as of suspense, but I do hope my dear General, you will for his mother's sake, as well as for the Boy, and myself, save him, and may God grant that you may see your way clear, to once more restore him to Duty, or grant him a Discharge. I am very truly your friend B. F. Pratt

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Chicago Ill. Oct 31
1877

Gen. O. O. Howard
Comdg. Dep. of the Columbia
Portland Oregon
Dear General

I have written you two letters previous to this, since I saw you here, and the more I think over the case of my son, the more it seems as if I must see you, and see him, and say what can be done for him, But all I can do, is to write, and appeal to you, and beg of you, to do all you can for him, and save him from the Fate which

Seems to be hanging over him. Sometimes I think, or have been thinking so & say, that perhaps as he says, the charges are all false, it may be as he says, and that they took advantage of your absence, and Bob Perry being under arrest, & I have him tried on charges, that were made out to be much worse than what the facts really were, so as to get him punished, and get him out of the way. It seems to me, as I wrote you yesterday, that if the charges were true, that he was tried on, he, ~~Frank~~ would have written me about what he had done, as he ^{is} always very communicative, and writes often, and informs me con-

-cerning himself, and others, and if he does any thing wrong, he informs me immediately, just as quick as he would of any thing else. And in this case he never has intimated to me the least thing about any thing else beside discharging his piece on Picket, and says that was what he was arrested ~~and~~ ^{for} shut up in the Guard House the second time for, when he was sent back from the Spokane Country. And if any part of them are true, it seems to me as if he would not write such a letter as he ~~has~~ ^{has} to his mother and myself, saying the charges were all false, and not even saying any thing about what they are. If true or partly true, he must