Gent. O. B. Howard

My Dear Sir

In a letter received from James he writes as though you blame James for not informing you more fully in regard to the course pursued by the Indian prisoners now at Fort Vancouver. James says he was here to-day and said the friends of the prisoners here were friendly with him, saying he promised if they would come in they should be allowed to go home, but that he did so only for the purpose of deceiving them and that now they came to be taken out of the country. James says you through James Rudens as interpreter told him to tell theIndians if they came in
to have been among the Indians, and he told the Indians and caused them to come in; the way I understood the matter was they were to be tried by a Com who was apt by you of which I kept the secret and that Corn was to decide what was to be done with them. We know at that time James Lang to any of the rest of us would have been denounced by the citizens if there had been any effort made to have had the Indians turned loose without a trial contrary to what I cautioned the Indians against—seizing anything until they were called before the court. James knows this as well as any one, and for these reasons he kept quiet although some of the Prisoners among his friends, I have reason to believe that one and perhaps two of them were
Judged by the last Grand Jury at Lewiston, as being among those who committed the murders on Salmon River. When I was at Kamiah from the talk I heard among a certain class I knew the general feeling was that the Kamiah Indians had assisted in the Clearwater fight and that feeling has not died out yet although the idea have done everything in their power to contradict it. James Lawry and all the rest are true and still remain so and will in the future.

I am much pleased with Esq. Wheaton as Commissioner, he is always ready to render any assistance in his power to protect the rights of the Indians. When I heard of the act of Tom Chapman to gather up the Cattle and horses abandoned by the hostiles I was afraid he would do as others had done and make a raid on Kamiah the first thing but Esq. Wheaton wrote an order issued by Col. Green which
which allowed those engaged in that business to come on the reservation and since then the Indians have made no complaints. The whites on salmon are informing on each other of the amount of stock driven off and thinks by using the look will be able to find some.

I received your copy of the order to Capt. John George last evening and copy of telegram to send Wheaton. I have quoted the in regard to the matter and will not inform them of the contents of the letter unless they agree again get uneasy and then I will inform them that you have telegraphed for them to bring home. I think they have had some intentions from some of the returnees that Capt. John George were not with Joseph but your letter is the first I knew of it. Capt. Wilkinson wrote me they were with Chapman and would remain until Sept.

With kind regard

Very Respectfully Yours,

[Signature]
Cedar Creek

Jan. 24, 1878

[Handwritten text]

Stevens, Jan. 24, '78.

[Handwritten text]

Sir:

I take the liberty to send enclosed for your inspection, the following "Diet-genue," known to me as John Reed, who, while in charge of a squad of friendly Nez Perce scouts, conducted & led Watkiss & myself on a mission to save valuable pemmican last summer; a note from Co. B, 1st Ariz. Inf. tells me he also assisted him & other officers earlier in the season on valuable pemmican, one of the few who could speak English & could do anything required. He has had any hay for himself & the horses he used up while acting as scout, guide & interpreter. Such men must be paid or they will never again be induced to aid us - Will you telegraph your aid ordering their acts taken up by some Enr. Mnr. and paid.
Yesterday, and today I have no satisfactory reports from Mason. He expresses a most earnest desire to have reports of his anticipated outbreak. Contradicted, says, he will do everything in his power to keep all situations quiet and that there is no truth in rumors of his hostility, that is not only friendly with all the traders, but intends to remain so, and does want very strong Naga forces to come among his people—have made most careful inquiry for our "Virginia Bill," said to be selling ammunition to Indians, men who have lived about here fifteen consecutive years and have never heard of such a firearm. Can learn nothing of him. Also on most cordial terms with the Agency people and so far like Montezuma very much, but in my dictation, not long to live. Grief—

Complements to Mrs Howard, love my
The Dales of

Jan 24th, 187?

Dear O.C. Howard,

Portland & Co.

Dr. Sir,

Yours 11th, was received yesterday. Contents noted. I being away from the Dales, at the ranch, as we only have a mail once a week, and by some mishap, your letter was not found for last mail; so I found it here, when I came in. Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington family are now well represented with the sheep business. Wasatamola & in Oregon and Klicitat & in Washington. Family and the heaviest sheep raisers. At this time of the year the most of the sheep raisers have the heards, at to the time of lambing, which will commence about the middle of March. At that time the most of the larger owners, will want extra help, both in lambing and new heards as then they separate ewes from wethers and make extra heards, for lambing. At that
Time also there will be more or less demand for farm hands. I shall want a couple of extra hands, the 1st of April, I shall also want a couple of good farm hands. Men that have had experience in handling and working horses, and prairie and farm work generally. Anything that I can do for your friends in relation to information for assisting them in getting situations I will be pleased to do it.

Yours Respectful

[Signature]
Washington, D.C.
January 25th, 1872

My Dear General,

I hope by the time this reaches Portland you will have settled down sufficiently to your retired duties as to give me a few moments of your undivided attention. I seek it on the score of your proved, unselfish friendship for me. This is not to tell you, General, how utterly impossible it is for me to pay you any portion of the large (indeed enormous) sum I owe you, or even to live decently on the pitiful salary that has barely kept me and mine in existence for the last year. Your own good judgement must convince you that a change in my circumstances for the better is the only alternative that will enable me to perform my many obligations to you, and afford my family a better livelihood. I am like a ship anchored in the stream of life with a million of debt to my past. True, I'm afloat, yet half submerged, while the ceaseless tide of events rolls and flows about me, leaving me perfectly powerless to take my chance with either current. But the point I wish to make, General, is this: Can you not aid me with your
powerful influence to secure me something that will
pay and thereby enable me to pay you. Or better,
can you not give me some place in your department
with pay sufficient to support me, leaving a margin
forwards cancelling any obligations to you? General, please
give this your serious attention and let not him partly
what before I may cherish towards a change for the
better. I must have relief somehow, and as you
are the best and only true friend I have on earth, I
throw myself on your kindness of heart and say in
my distress-like Peter died to Jesus “Lord, save me.”

I see the House Committee on Indian Affairs have
agreed on a favorable report for the transfer of the
Indian Bureau to the War Office. I have a glimmering
of hope that something might be done for me
shall the transfer be made. As you will then
have entire control of Indian matters in your depart-
ment, and as there will certainly be some civil offi-
cers needed, I ask you, General, please to remem-
ber me. Do not let the thoughts of how I will get to
Portland worry you. A month’s leave with pay will
enable me to reach San Francisco on an emigrant
ticket, and as Mrs. C. is willing to make any sacri-
fice to better our condition, she will remain here
until such time as I may be able to send for
her. General, let me beg again that you give
this matter your calm deliberation, and if you con-

dience in me is not entirely destroyed, lift me
with your good right arm out of my present helpless
condition. May I hope for an answer from you, General, on
this all important question to me?

Mrs. Beadle joins me in much love to you all. Our
children have been sick since the first of December
with aching cough and chills.

I met Post-Master Cole of Portland a few days ago
and he told me one of the grand societies the good people
there offered you on your return. Can you oblige me with
a Portland paper containing an account of the affair?
I would be delighted to read it.

Affectionately yours,

Mrs. Beadle,

Room 31, P. 0. You
Headquarters Army of the United States,

Washington, D. C., Jan 26 1878

Sir:

I have received from Mr. Reynolds a letter which I think is in a kindly and respectful spirit toward us and as he says, a copy of the letter will be sent you. I must not be suppliant. In that letter he says he has no power to give a dish to me but he has the power to Compensate after as well as before.

Yours,

[Signature]
that he will keep your
"local train" and notify
me when such train may
be expected.
Now, then look Notice
in mind: I will grant you
to submit this notice to the
leasing of land, and recom-
mand that you be advised
here in person to defend
your interest.
This I think is fair
and all you have reason
to expect.

As ever, your friend,

W.T. Sherman

Emenda
Chapman, A. J.
Jan. 26, 1878

Fort Leavenworth
Jan. 26th, 1878

Lieut. E. C. Howard
Portland
Oregon

Dear Sir,

I received a letter today from Mr. San Croft, saying that he had asked for a voucher for a civilian horse that he had sold to the Government by your order, said horse being now in the possession of the U.S. Service and bought by your order. I spoke to Lieut. Ebelin about sending the voucher or giving it to me so that I could send it to him and he said that he had.
General O. O. Howard, USA,
Portland, Oregon,

Dear General,

Your very kind letter of the 31st is at hand. I thank you for your kind expression of interest in my welfare. With great care I am as yet blessed with health, and enabled to make fair support for my family.

I enclose you letter from one of the Officers of the Freedman's Bank showing that your deposit account is closed. Mr. Wilson informs me that he never paid anything to the bank on your account. I think I have previously written you to the same effect in reply to a similar inquiry. You may remember that Mr. Wilson gave you an order on Major Van Deusen for $500 on account of a certain paving contract. I collected on this order about $400 and gave Mr. Wilson credit on the note for the amount. Nothing has been paid since that collection in 1875. Mr. Wilson is now a clerk in the Post Office Department recently appointed at $100 per month. I have...
frequently reminded him of the fact that you aided
in time of need, and that he ought now to pay
on the debt, but he seems not to be reached. I think
he ought to pay at least $1000 per month on the balance
due you, and I suggest that you bring the matter
to attention in a strong appeal at least for that amount.
You can certainly shame him out of a portion.

General Chase, Howard was here a few days
since on his way south on the advice of physicians
to get rid of lung difficulty.

I hope you will find it convenient to visit
Washington before long. Of course I would not
have you incur the expense to come simply to
look after private interests. I would like to have
you see and appreciate the very great depreciation
in property here. I think with your presence we
could make some time and thefts which
would result in relief and advantage to you.

Please remember me kindly to Capl Slade
and any others of your household who may be in
interest in me.

With very great respect,

[Signature]

M.O.K. Cook
Custom House, Port Townsend, Washington Territory,
COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

Jan. 26, 1878.

Dear Mr. Howard,

I thank you very much for your kind notes of the 19th.

My stay in these parts will be somewhat protracted, and I may have the pleasure of seeing you again before I return to San Francisco.

I mail you to day a copy of the "Argus" which contains an interesting...
letter from [illegible], and
which I trust will find its
way East and be re-pub-
lished. If the Chicago

Advance would notice
it, it would be the means
of helping along towards
doing something for the
Christianizing of the Indians
in Alaska.

I have given careful attention
to the British plan and
feel satisfied it can be
adopted by us with advantage.

Mr. Powell, the Indian
Commissioner at Victoria,
is an able and conscientious
man, and will cheerfully
give us the benefit of his
experience.

In a private letter from
Gen. McCreary, he says,
"however well you may be
informed upon Alaska mat-
ters, there is little for the
Department to consider, since
Mr. Sherman has recommended
the abolition of theコレ就き
district there," and again
remarks, "Mr. Sherman has
to poor an opinion of Alaska
and the customs revenues from
Mons. S.


Custom House, Port Townsend, Washington Territory.

Collector's Office,

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to confirm his nomination.
I rehauled this adventure
at Victoria en route to Sitka
and stopped his going there.
Here we on his way up to gather
the money collections etc. He
is afraid of the first water.
I think the Pacific Coast
departure will oppose the
views of the Secretary. and
I have reason to know that
Admiral Ross. Sec. of State
is opposing him strenuously.
I have asked to be ordered to Washington to be heard of Alaskan affairs, and the dept has very generously offered me a leave of absence, which will not be avoided of.

I am not rich enough to work for glory alone, at least from this standpoint, hence if my ideas and experience are of any advantage, the Govt can pay my expenses and I will remain at home.

I am very busy and have some emigrants (opium) to much proseute this week at Seattle.

Messages will be at this port.

Very respectfully and truly yours

Gouverneur Morris

Earl Q.C. Howard USA

Portland

Oregon
January 26, 1878

My dear Sir,

Please have any letters that are directed to Vancouve'r Post Office forwarded to me there and greatly college. I am doing well now, teaching music and last week I forwarded there $2/00. I am to that Real Estate Agent in Portland to whom you spoke to me. Please favor me by having letters forwarded greatly old.

Very Respectfully,

John H. Robinson
Wattsburg W. T.
Jan 26 1878
To Geo O. Howard
Fortuna Oregon.

Dear Sir,

I feel it my duty to write you, and, thank you for the notice you have taken in my welfare. I write you with feelings you cannot express, you cannot realize how grateful I am towards you. Twice during my absence from school I have not drank one drop of liquor, have got work, and am doing well, and for the love that I cherish in my heart, for my parents, and realize in my outer senses what other fathers and mothers of mine do, done, to try and have me become a good man. I never again will touch another
Dear Sir,

I say this from the bottom of my heart and with God for my helper. I want my word kept, my pledge, and I am almost sure that if I lead on Dicer upstart and tempt the life, you will find it so for a fact. You will find yourself repaired thousand times more, than had it been gold or silver. My health is better, and I feel a great deal better than I feared formerly. I never realized it was this way before, but I am now, and I hope God reward at some future time, that I may be able to grasp you by the hand, and say to you, God Howard you senced me from ruin. Please write me in return.

I o that I may be sure that you received this letter.

Yours Respectfully,

Franklin O. Pratt

Waitsburg

Washington Territory

F.C.B. 100
Washington, D. C. Jan 28, 1878

Dear O. O. Howard,

Portland, Oregon. My dear General. I have been unable to have an interview with Co. Wells until to day, when we discussed fully the matter of my coming here. The conclusion was that Co. Wells absolutely refused to summon him as a witness for the U. S. on the ground that he did not need him as a witness. He said that if you applied for leave to come East to attend to their duties, and were refued leave, that he would not press the matter, (as nobody could not in that case.)

Yours truly,

Geo. W. Dyer.
Dyer & Co. Co.
Jan. 28, 1878

File
Willows, (Scott, D.C.) O.R.
Jan. 28, 1878

Hon. C.P. Howard
Portland

Dear Sir,

I take the liberty of troubling you for some information with regard to our being friendly with the Indians the coming summer. They are excited over a recent event. They say they have heard that the soldiers will soon be up and remove them to a reservation and as I have a stone mine (40 miles below Umatilla) and am trading some with them, they naturally come to me for information. If they are not to be removed and I can assure them of it on your authority it will quiet their fears. They all assert that they are good friends (close to the whites) that Joseph is culturo. There are but few of them along the river here and they are very much attached to their home fishing on the river in the spring and going to the mountains in summer and fall to hunt and dig roots. This was perfectly peaceful during the recent troubles, though we saw but few of them.
as they remained in the mountains until fall
hoping to hear from you soon.

Your Obl. Serv.,

James W. Smith
Scott's P.O.
Waseo Co. Co.

Smith James W.
Jan. 28, 1878.

And. Feb. 5, 1878.