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Unofficial
Office Indian Agent,

NEZ PERCE INDIANS,

Lapwai, Idaho Territory, January 24th 1878

Genl O. Howard

My Dear Sir

In a letter received from James he writes as though you blame James Lawyer for not informing your men fully in regard to the course pursued by the Indian prisoners now at Fort Vancouver, James Lawyer was here to day and said the friends of the prisoners here were friendly frank 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 were to be taken out of the country. James says you through James Rubin as interpreter told him to tell the Indians if they came in

& gave themselves up all would be released
excepting such as should be found
to have been among the murderers, 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
were apt by you of which Mr. Throckmorton
was I believe and that Com was to
decide what was to be done with them
We all know at that time James Lawyer
or any of the rest of us would have been
denounced by the citizens if they had
been any effort made to have had the
Indians turned loose without a trial consequent
ly I cautioned the Indians against saying
anything until they were called before
the court. James knows this as well
as any one, and for these ~~reasons~~ ^{reasons} he
kept quiet although some of the Prisoners
are his friends. I have reason to believe
that one and perhaps two of them were

Montgomery
James

Ansel. Jones



indicted 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 waited
in the Clearwater fight and that feeling
has not died out yet although the Indians
have done everything in their power to
contradict it. James Lawyer and all the
rest were true and still remain so and
will in the future.

I am much pleased with Genl
Whitton as commander here, 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 & 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 Genl Whitton issued an
order issued by Col Gunn which

which allowed those engaged in that business to come on the Reservation and since then the drivers have made no complaints. The whites on Salmon are informing on each other of the amount of stock driven off so I think by Spring the Govt will be able to find some -

I received yours regarding Capt John & George last evening and copy of telegram to Genl Whistler

I have quieted the in regard to the matter and will not inform them of the content of the letter unless they should again get uneasy and then I will inform them that you have telegraphed for them to be at home, I think they have had some information from some of the returned packers 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 Spring.

With kind regard

Very Respectfully Yours
John Bmontt

Wheaton Frank
Jan. 24. 1878

Gen. G. A. Hancock.

S. S. Army

Compt. Dept. &c. &c.

Bethel, Conn.

Frank



General, General
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Leaven, Jan. 24. 78-

Dear General,

Indeed I take the liberty to send vouchers for an Indian, "N-matis-mor-moy", known here as John Leonard, who while in charge of a squad of friendly Nez Perce Scouts rendered to Lt. Watkins and myself most valuable service last summer; a note from Col. Rey tells me he also rendered him and other officers service in the return of my valuable service, one of the few who could speak English and would do anything required, never has had any pay for himself or 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 oblige me by ordering this acct taken up by some Dr: Mr. and paid —

I was at the Agency

yesterday, and heard some very satisfactory reports from "Mois", 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 Spokanes quiet and that there is no truth in rumors of his hostility, that ^{he} is not only friendly with all whites, but intends to remain so, and don't want any stay Neg. Pries to come among his people — He has made most careful inquiry for our "Virginia Bill", said to be selling ammunition to Indians, man who has lived about four sixteen consecutive years has never heard of such a person. can learn nothing of him. I am on most cordial & agreeable terms with the Agency people & so far like Montith very much, he ^{is} a very sick man, not long to live I fear — with regards to Wilkinson & Slader and Compliments to Mrs Howard, I am very

The Dailes of Jan 24th 1878

Genl^r O. C. Howard {
Postland of }

Dr Sir

Yours 11th met received yesterday. Contents noted, I being away from the Dailes, 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 Territory are now well represented with the sheep interest, Wasc^t Umatilla Co in Oregon and Klickitat Co in Washington Territory are the heaviest sheep raisers. At this time of the year the most of the sheep raisers have their herds, up 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 herds as then they separate ewes from weathers and make extra herds, 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 ~~experience~~ had experience in han-
dling and working horses, and varied at farm
work generally, Anything that I can do
for your friends in relation to information
or assisting them in getting situations I
will be pleased to do it,

Yours Respect"

Grovendale



W.M. TELL CO. INC.

Cuthbert C. B.
Jan. 25. 1878



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Washington, D.C.
January 25th 1878.

My Dear General:

I hope by the time this reaches Portland you will have settled down sufficiently to your routine duties as to give me a few moments of your undivided attention. I ask it on the score of your proved, unselfish friendship for me. It is useless to tell you, General, how utterly impossible it is for me to pay you any portion of the large (but low almost to me) 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 cancel my money obligations to you, and afford my family a better livelihood. I am like a buoy anchored in the stream of life with a millstone of debt to my feet. True, I'm afloat, yet half submerged, while the ceaseless tide of events ebb and flow 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
towards cancelling my obligations to you? General, please
give this your serious attention and let me know frank-
ly what hope 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 cry in
my distress like Peter did 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 glimmer-
ing of hope that something might be done for me
should 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-
cials needed, I ask you, General, please to remember
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 sac-
ifice 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 your con-
fidence in me is not entirely destroyed lift me with
your good strong arm out of my unenviable condition.
May I hope for an answer from you, General, on this
all important question to me?

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

I met Post-Master Cole of Portland a few days ago
and he told me of the grand reception the good people
gave 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
N.W.B. Quellip,
Room 31, P.O.D.

Headquarters Army of the United States,

Washington, D. C., Jan 26 1878

Genl O O Howard -

Portland Oregon -

Brigade -

I have rec'd from Mr
Raynor a letter which I
think is in a kindly and
respectful spirit to you - and
as he says a copy of this
letter will be sent you
I need not re - speculate,
In that letter he says
he has no power to dismiss
a Unit before - but has ^{co} _{or} the
power to Compromise after
as well as before Judgment -

that he will urge your
"Speedy trial" and notify
me when such trial may
be expected.

Now when such notice
is received, I will urge to
submit the notice to the
Secretary of War, and recommend
that you be ordered
him in person to defend
your interests.

This I think is fair
and all you have reason
to expect.

As ever yr friend,

W^t. Sherman
General

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Chapman. A. J.
Jan. 26. 1878

Ans. Feb. 22. 1878.



Fort Leavenworth
Jan 26th 1878 1878
Ltr v C.C. Howard
Portland
Oregon

Dear Sir

I received a letter today
from Mr Dan Crooks saying
that he had asked for a voucher
for a certain horse that he
had sold to the government by
your Order said horse being
used by me in the U.S. Service
and bought by your Order
I spoke to Genl Ebeling
at Henrys Lake about
sending the voucher or
giving it to me so that
I could send it to him
and he said that he had

taken the horse up on his
paper with ten others or not
he was one of the ten and it
had been settled by me
2nd M^r. at Twiston but if not
he had not he would see that
the proper voucher would be
issued when he went back
Said horse being lame and
wore out was sent back with
Lieut-Ebstine from Judoth
Basin and I can not see
why I am expected to pay
for the horse I wish you would
have the horse settled for
me closed please find some
clippings from a paper which
will explain themselves The
question asked by the
reporter was this was you resp-
onsable for this war did you
bring it on by your own

deliberate acts and I answered
no I believed ^{that you} at least tho
sympathised with these Indians
and thought they had a legal
right to their country but the
Order &c you will see the clipping
Joseph asks that you do
all you can for him in the
way of getting him to his con-
try. As I understand our
Contract I was to have six
dollars per day and everything
furnished and a little stripe
of paper to that effect might
be of some service as I have not
drawed any of my pay yet -

Very Respectfully

Your Most Obedt Servt
A. J. Chapman

JOHN H. COOK,

Attorney-at-Law,

Le Droit Building, 520 Eighth Street,

Washington, D. C., January 26th 1878

General Q. Q. Howard U. S. A.

Portland, Oregon,

Dear General:

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

I enclose you letter from one of the Commissioners of the Freedmen'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 Vandenburg on account of a certain paving contract. I collected on this order about \$700⁰⁰ 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 \$100⁰⁰ per month; during the fall he received \$60⁰⁰ or 75⁰⁰ per month. I have

frequently reminded him of the fact that you aided
in time of need, and that he ought now to pay you
on the debt, but he seems not to be reached. I think he
ought to pay at least \$1000 per month on the bal-
due you, and I suggest that you bring the matter to his
attention in a strong appeal at least for that amount.
You can certainly shame him out of a portion of it.

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

I hope you will find it convenient to visit
Washington before long. Of course I would not wish
to 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 shifts which would
result in relief and advantage to you.

Please remember me kindly to Capt Sladen
and any others of your household who may be in
terest in me

With very great respect
Most. Coote

Headquarters Department of the Columbia, 365

Portland, Oregon

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that are so very insignificant,
that I think it will be difficult
for you to interest them in any-
thing pertaining to that remote
country, which seems to be an
elephant on the hands of
the government."

I have now in preparation
a report upon the propriety
of the abolition of this district,
which eventually must find
its way to Congress. The
Secretary has been misled
by that miserable De Adna,
whom I am glad to say is
no longer an officer of the
Government, the Senate
being properly having refused

Custom House, Port Townsend, Washington Territory,
COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

July 26, 1878.

Dear Genl. Howard,

I thank you very much
for your kind note of the
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My stay in these parts
will be somewhat protracted,
and I may have the plea-
sure 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 Urquhart 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.

Dr. 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
Gov. McCormick, 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 collection
district there" and again
remarks, "Mr. Sherman has
so poor an opinion of Alaska
and the customs revenues from

Mons. B.
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to confirm his nomination.
Overhauled this adventurer
at Victoria en route to Sitka
and stopped his going there.
He was on his way up to gobble
the money collections etc. He
is a fraud of the first water.
I think the Pacific Coast
delegation will oppose the
views of the Secretary, and
I have reason to know that
Reward Asst. Sec. of State
is opposing him strenuously.

united.



I have asked to be ordered
to Washington to be heard in
Alaskan affairs, and the
Dept has very generously
offered me a leave of absence,
which will not be availed
of.

I am not rich enough to
work for glory alone, at least
from this stand point. Hence
if my views and experience
are of any advantage, the
Govt. can pay my expenses
and so, else I remain
at home.

I am very busy and have
some smugglers (opium) to
prosecute ~~this~~^{next} week at Seattle.

Mt Hggs will be at
this port.

Very respectfully
and truly Yrs

W^m Gouverneur Morris

Genl D. D. Howard USA
Portland
Oregon

Attnison, Jas. S.
Jan 26, 1878

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Atto Gals Oregon
January 26/78

General.

Please have any letters that
are directed to Vancouver Post Office,
forwarded to me here and greatly
obliged. I am doing well
now, teaching Music ^{and} next week
will forward \$²/₁₀₀. I owe
that Real Estate Agent in Portland
to whom you took me. Please
favor me by having letters forwarded
greatly obliged.

Very Respectfully to
Jas. S. Attnison.



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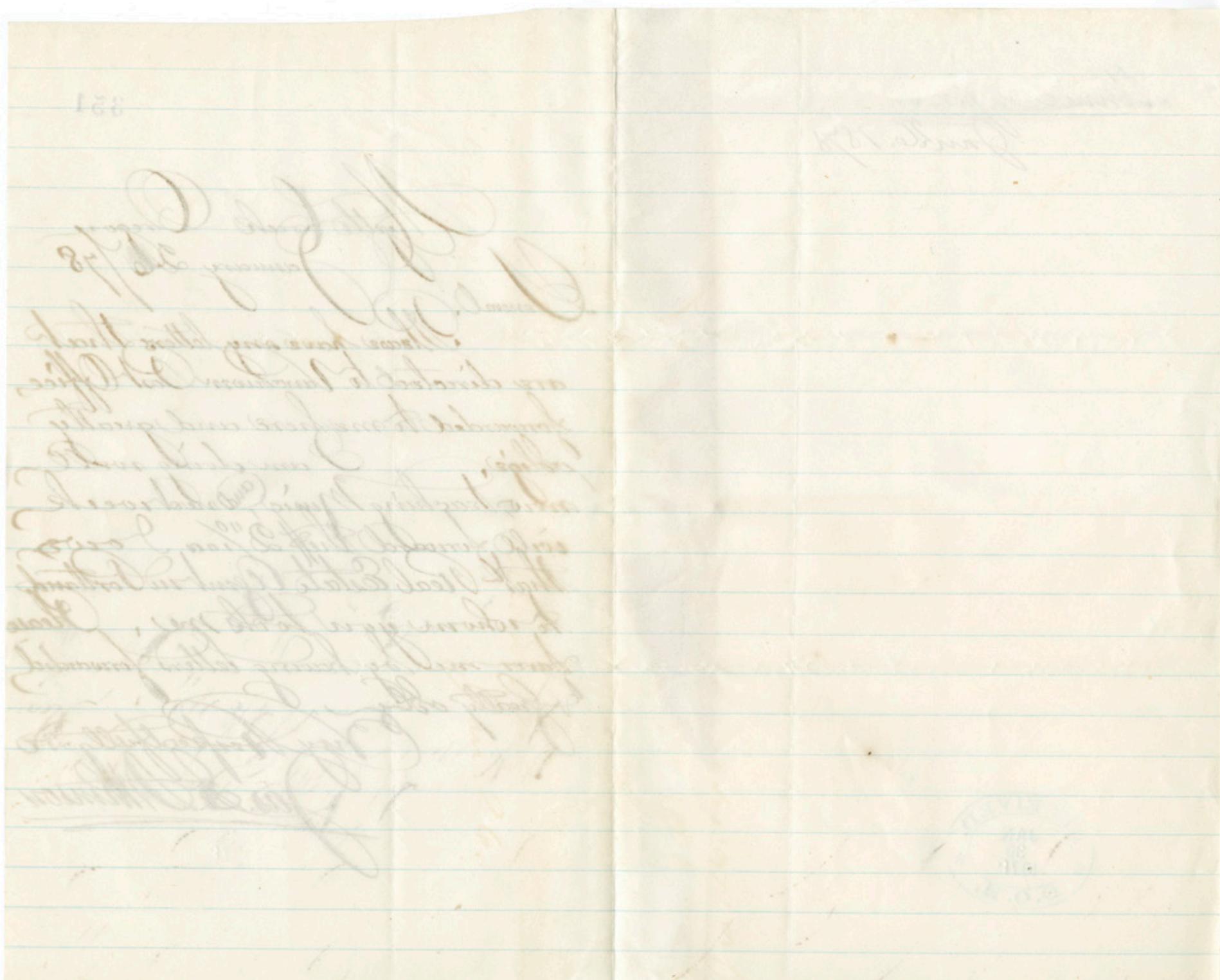
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Jan. 26. 1878

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And. Feb. 5. O.O.H.



Wattsburg N. Y.
Jan. 26 1878

To Genl O. O. Howard
Portland Oregon.

Dear Sir.

I fell it my duty
to write you, and, thank you
for the ~~wishes~~ you have taken
in my weefone, I write you
with feelings. you cannot express
what you cannot realize how greatfull
I am towards you, I since dichor
you 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 sober sense
what that Father and Mother
of mine has done, to try and
have me become a good man
I never again will touch another

drop of blood. God I say this
from the bottom of my heart
and with God for my helper
I will try and keep my pledge,
and I am almost sure that if
I lead an honest upright and
temperate life, and you hear
of it for a fact, You will feel
yourself repaid a thousand times
more, than had it been
gold or silver, My health is
better, and I feel a great deal
better than I have formerly,
I never realized it in this
way before, but I do now
and I hope Jesus Howard
at some future time, that
I may be able, to grasp
you by the hand, and say
to you, Jesus Howard you
saved me from ruin.
Please write me in return

or that I may be sure that
you received this letter,

Yours Respectfully
Franklin C. Pratt.

Waitsburg,
Washington Territory

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GEO. W. DYER,

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Attorney and Counsellor at Law,

519 Seventh Street.

Lock Box 100.

Washington, D. C. Jan 28 1878

Genl O. O. Howard.

Portland, Oregon. My dear General. I have been unable to have an interview with G. W. Wells until to day, when we discussed fully the matter of your coming here. The conclusion was that Wells absolutely refused to summon you as a witness for the U. S. on the ground that he did not need you as a witness. He said that if you applied for leave to come East to attend other suits, and were refused leave, that he would not pres. trials, (as indeed he could not in that case.

Yours truly

Geo. W. Dyer,

Dyer, Geo. W.
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Willows (Scotts D.O) Or.
Jan. 28 1878

Gen. C. O. Howard
Portland

Dear Sir

I take the liberty of troubling you for some information with regard to course to be pursued with the Indians ~~here~~ the coming summer

They are excited over a report they say they have heard that the soldiers will soon be up and remove them to a reservation, and as I have a stone house (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 timber) to the whites, that Joseph is Cultus &c.

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. They were perfectly peaceable 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 I remain

Your Obl. Servt.
James W. Smith
Scotts P.O.
Waser Co. N.Y.

Smith James W.
Jan. 28. 1878.

Aurd. Feb. 5 - C.R.W.

