



Thurs
J. H. May 11

I have been in a day or two
for New Mexico - shall reach
Santa Fe - in a month - and
my family join me at Denver -
Col. - When my address
will be for two months - I shall
be glad to hear from you -

Give my regards to your family -
to Capt Williamson and family - as
also to Capt. -

Very truly
R. C. Matthews

Brig. Genl. O. O. Bonome -

Matthews - R.C.
Apr. 18

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San Carlos Agency A.
April 18th 1878

My Dear Genl.

I have been warning
these Apache Indians for the past
months - learning their resolutions, their
wants and needs. (As this lacks
with me - they generally speak of
the fear you made with them, and
the better way of living they have
learned since then. They tell
me "Genl. Bonome placed a stone
on the mesa and told them - as long
as that stone lasts - so long the
fear shall continue. The stone
still lies on the mesa as it was
placed by Genl. Bonome - and we
are still at fear."

The benefit to humanity - the (In-
dians, and white settlers - accomplished
by your coming among these people -

can not be estimated. It is enough to have lived a whole lifetime for. Few men do as much toward the cause of Christian enlightenment, in the sum of the allotted years of life.

One incident I must mention however - that shows the Indian character - in not so hopeful a light. You gave a Bible to this old White Mountain chief: and told him - if he would follow its teachings he could not go astray. He fondly supposed it was a talismanum, that should protect him from all harm - and so kept it with him wherever he went.

A year ago - he lost his position as chief of the Band - and soon after - for some misdeemeanor - was put in the prison house here. His Bible was taken with him into the cell - During his con-

finement - he was bent to reason with himself, as to the efficacy of the protecting power of the Book - He reckoned the number of times that trouble had come upon him - while it was his constant companion - and finally came to the conclusion - it was no good. When he came out - he gave it away - to Mr. Jeffords. Perhaps no better subject for such a pursuit - could have been found. If you were to come through this country now - the Indians from far and near - would come to see you. And greet you as their best friend.

I congratulate you on the final ending of those vexatious lawsuits.

I think the public are now satisfied - as your friends always have been - that there was any occasion for their commencement.

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Office State Penitentiary
Saline April 19th 1878

Gen O. Q. Howard
Department of the Col-
Portland

Dear Sir Or

Allow me in behalf of
Nolan to ask for Clemency. He
was a good prisoner whilst here,
One of the most trusty and relia-
ble. I trust that the War Depart.
ment will make his punishment
as light as the law governing the
Crime for which he is charged;
will permit.

His Conduct whilst here
showed true reformation of heart
and life, and I believe his pur =

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- pose in the future is to do right
and be faithful in whatever con-
dition he may be placed.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient
Servant

B. T. Burch
Supt.

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Attested to.
Forwarded.
Chas. W.

Houston, J. W.
Apr 19. 1878

Private

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San Diego Cal

April 19, 1878

General O.O. Howard U.S. Army.

Portland Oregon

Dear Sir.

I forwarded to you some time since through the Asst Adj General Dept of the Columbia an official letter requesting your favorable action thereon.

I have not heard from the application. I am very anxious that the orders under which I performed the journey from "the Field" to Portland and return to San Francisco should be amended as I suggested or revoked and new orders issued in their stead.

The journey involved me in some expense and the mileage is I think not more than a just reimbursement. I ask as a personal favor

that you give the matter early
attention whether the action taken
be favorable or unfavorable to myself

I am General

very respectfully

Yours O. T. S. S.

J. H. Hutton
2nd Lt. 8th Regt.

Portland April 19-1878
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Dear Sir - Wm. Gouverneur Morris
Special Govt-Agt. ^{at} Port Townsend
preparing a report for Dept. upon Alaska
writes me. requesting a "pamphlet pub-
lished by order of Genl Howard detail-
ing the substance of a conversation be-
tween me & Capt. J. W. White US Res Marine
regarding the Agt resources of Alaska. Have
you such a pamphlet - will you send him a copy?
Yours respectfully E. H. Atkinson



WRITE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE-THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER



Gen

O.O. Howard U.S.A.
Portland

All Official Letters to this Office must be addressed to the "Second Auditor of the Treasury," and in replying to Letters from this Office the initials on the upper left-hand corner should be referred to.

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Treasury Department, 74

Second Auditor's Office,

April 20, 1878.

Sir:

Your accounts for disbursements as Spec Comr of the Ind. Dept. in 1872 have been adjusted and a balance of \$667.⁶⁸ found due the U. S., differing \$30.⁵⁰ from your Acct Current, which is explained by the enclosed Statement.

You will please deposit the amount due with the Treasurer of the U. S., as Spec Comr, in order that the account may be closed.

Respectfully,

E. B. French.

Auditor,

Brig Genl O. C. Howard
War Dept.

By A. H. W.



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Respectfully

(Signed) C. B. French

Auditor

Brig. Genl O. O. Howard }
 Tho' War Department }

By A. T. W.

March 22-13,
General Auditors

April 20-1898.

II.

Differences in the accounts of Genl. O. O. Howard
Spec. Ind. Commr from Mch. 6, '72 to Dec. 15, '72 incl.

Due U. S. by Official Statement	667 68
" " " his Acct Current	<u>637 13</u>
Difference	<u>30 50</u>

4th Tr. 1872.

49 J. F. May

Am. 7 Board at Ft Bowie and Sulphur Springs, A. T. for self and three persons (two Packmen & one Driver) while separated from the Spec. Commission, from Sept. 29 to Oct. 9, '72. Genl Howard states that this is a duplicate payment, the same having been paid in Vol. 50, and the amount is accordingly disallowed

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51 Guy Howard-

Hotel expenses at San Francisco, Cal. - Genl H. states that this is an error and the amount is accordingly disallowed.

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