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Ft. Vancouver
May 18 1878

Dear Genl

When at Portland I intended to speak to you about the wants of men & subs at this post. Pierce leaves in about a week & Duncan tells me he should be promoted & leave soon for his Co at Klamath. That will leave only 5 Subs to the 6 companies. Meigs office of Quard & other duties a little hard. Stone now at Townsend is 1st Sergt of Co I one of the companies here. He has never been tried it always clean. I. M. only

at some fort. I understand he is troubled with rheumatism & can do any hard duty. such as drill guard &c. Sergt Fletcher is 1st Sergt of C Co Sergt Dunsmore. I do not know what you intend to do with him when Sergt McDowell gets through with him. but if you intend to send him to his Co. would it not be wise to send him here a few months ~~to~~ in the face of Rebs like you & also some Sergts in place of Duncan Beides I believe Sergt Jones served as a sergt of over 1 Company

Yours Respectfully

Geo Sully

Geo Hewitt
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THE NATIONAL PROHIBITIONIST.

FRANK M. BEMIS,
Managing Editor.

1504 PINE STREET,

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St. Louis, May 20th 1878

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Portland Oregon

Dear Sir:

We have sent you sample copies of the National Prohibitionist and hope you are pleased with the paper and endorse its sentiments. We desire to obtain short, characteristic articles from the most prominent and able temperence writers in the country. Will you favor the National Prohibitionist with an article at your earliest convenience, and oblige

Yours for entire Prohibition
Frank M. Bemis

Frank M. Bennis.

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Major General O. O. Howard

Dear General. —

Yours of April 18th. came to hand some days since. I will take the liberty of handing it for publication to the Editor of the "Northern Christian ~~Character~~ Advocate." ~~for publication~~.

Mr Frothingham pleased no one in his memoir of Gerrit Smith. Mr Smith's family were so thoroughly dissatisfied that they have called in the work, stopping the issue & buying up what copies they could. They are justly dissatisfied. Frothingham has made out that Gerrit Smith was at the very best a whiffling politician if not an out and out liar. You know how impossible that would be. —

Of course no one who loved not the Lord Jesus Christ could understand or write the life of Gerrit Smith. But we

who knew him well, saw Christ in him. —

Thanking you for your great kindness in writing to me, and thanking God, dear General, that you have come off more than conqueror from your own trials

I remain

Yours Very Truly

David Kephel

Dryden Tomp. Co. N.Y.

May 22nd 1878

E. M. Wilson -

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The Dalles Or. May 22
[1878]

Genl O. O. Howard
Dr Sir.

Your telegram came to day I write because I think you may better understand the mail delays if I explain that there is no direct mail from Simcoe or Yakima to this place but only weekly by way of Umatilla going round Robin Hood's Barn - Unless Capt H had sent a messenger back no news from him could reach this before next Sunday - I saw to day a settler from Yakima, who tells me Capt H. was at Yakima city en route for the land of Moses - in company with

"Ate" the Agency
blacksmith, he thinks
they were in a light-spring
wagon - but is not positive.
I tried to have him say what-
day he saw them. but -
there was nothing which he
could recall that would enable
him to state the time defin
itely - only that he judged
he was travelling with
due speed - and that no
messenger could overtake
him -
Mr Tamer thinks the commu-
nity perfectly quiet and
easy - If there is any apprehen-
sion - he is not aware of it -

Your second telegram is
at hand - I shall do as
you request -

But no mail communica-
tion would start from
Umatilla until next -
Monday -

Very sincerely
Yours -
E M Wilson

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Office Yakama Indian Agency
Ft Simcoe W.T. May 22d 1878.

Gen O. O. Howard

Dear Sir,

Capt Wilkinson has just returned from a visit with Chief Moses and his people at Kettaf Valley. I sent a messenger two days ahead of the Capt. to inform Moses that we would meet him and his people on the 20th at Shively's Store Kettaf Valley for a friendly talk. At the time fixed for leaving home, my health was such that I deemed it unsafe for me to go - I sent Abe Lincoln who understands and talks the English and Klikatat well, so the Captain might be fully understood in all his communications.

Moses came as he was requested at the time and place, and was free in his talk with the Capt, showing that his mind was not changed towards the whites from what he represented in the council here last June - I am fully persuaded that the elements of war are not in Moses heart - he stands commanding his people and with prudent management will continue the strong friend of the whites

The Capt will give you all the particulars of the interview, and enable you to judge correctly of the Standing of these Indians who have from time to time during the past year been falsely represented on the War-Path.

I am Sir

Your obedient Servant

James H Wilson

U.S. Ind Agent

J. H. Wilbur

May 22. 1878

Gen. O. Howard

Dr. Friend

Letter from Wood — Aid de rec'd

1864/15

Briefly. (For, I realize that in intruding my ideas on one whose time is as precious as yours must be, I ought to be very brief) — Briefly, you express your wish to aid me. Now I beg you earnestly to remember that I am no petitioner for aid, that is in view of any self-interest in my part. But if you think that the ideas are correct, that the results are grand — that the modification for the military bridge is very important, & might be the turning point of great military events — & last perhaps not least, if knowing that you have consecrated whole soul body & estate to the service of God & his king=dom — then why shrink from a partnership in a concern that may easily bring you many millions to do good with. And now as I feel quite ashamed that I am not yet in position to make at once a present of the right of Oregon as I speak of but rather propose what you may consider a petition for assistance, I will say briefly that these two last years of extreme difficulty among the poor I have felt obliged to give so much as to cripple me materially in my efforts for myself. For example in one man an inventor of an important machine with a large beautiful young family I have spent enough to have nearly patented my idea. But what could I do I would go in anxious about them & find they would have to go supperless to bed & & & & & & & & I need not lengthen such details.

Then, I have a considerable amount of property, but all the financially available part of it my sons have controlled, & seeing that they had got considerably into debt, I have winked at a sort of usurpation in the administration of my financial affairs rather than have them crippled in paying their debts. And this hold

on my financial means, which they have crept into, rather seems to grow on them than diminish now that their debts are nearly paid. Briefly my wife (now deceased nearly two years ago) had a great dread about my inventions. I deferred to her fears. The family indulge the same (blind I am obliged to call it) aversion. And I suppose think they are doing God service by opposing me, & sanctify in their own view the getting as much of my means into their hands as they can on the pretext that I am visionary. I would like to engage your sympathy by giving you some small detail of my history in this & other respects, but it would be selfish in me & would be encroaching on you. But briefly my family have infected the public with the idea that I am visionary. I was almost the earliest settler here & the earliest professing Christ. - ~~[illegible]~~ Had the field - constantly vacated it in order to have preachers come - did so in Eau Claire ~~as~~ all over the city as it grew - then all over the surrounding country within a diameter of 50 miles - pioneering every where - vacating constantly to give room & an open door to any who might seem to wish to go in & preach the gospel. They have come in & reaped good harvest spiritually & temporally where I ~~have~~ with much difficulty have sown. In these excursions which have been all pedestrian I have walked 25000 miles in these 20 ~~[illegible]~~ years, in the heat & deep dust of summer, & deep snows of winter, & no storm has ever deterred me. But all this voluntary, & no recompence. But why bother you with these details. My apology is that I feel ashamed at not being able by this time

to offer you a handsome gift as I expected at first, & that now you rather have to hint about assisting me, & that what I now propose may appear to you as ~~such~~ a craving on my part of your assistance. Well, then, to crystallise, as you express it my ideas, with regard to your assistance. If, finding the ideas correct, very important, & likely to be very remunerative up to millions in one such bridge as the Brooklyn, & if this claim be well justified by the testing of as many models, as you may choose to test, then, if you will ~~patent~~ merely, but without delay patent the ideas I will for that small aid give you every 4th county in the U.S. – And if you will also give from $500. to $1000. within one year for pushing the same, just as much above $500. as a sense of justice to me modified by a due regard to your own self-interest may dictate, then I will give every second county. I sent a letter to you to the address you mentioned in Wash^n but you take no notice of it. In that letter I mentioned that I had models in the hands of Lewellyn Deane Patent Atty. to whom at the recommendation of your brother C. I had committed the matter. L. Deane I

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understand he have formerly been Comm: of Patt office. You probably know him. At first he seemed to wince at the claim of great advantage or economy which I insisted in being embodied in the application - He said, he would not present such an idea without much time & study to see that there was no error. Finally, however, he wrote saying that, if I was young & had means, he would urge me to go on with it, which was substantially endorsing my strong claims with regard to advantage.

I will try to send within a few days a model beam. It will likely be of the following singular construction. A ¼ inch diam. cord of from 4 to 8 ft. enveloped with spools, & having a tension truss under it, probably not to weighing over 3 lbs in all & capable of bearing several hundred. The illustration of the principle on this plan will be good in several respects, especially as showing how from many small, & easily packed up, & easily transportable parts a bridge may be sent, ~~& easily cons~~ or carried, & easily constructed & again easily taken down, & easily packed up, & c & c as before, in short how ~~it has~~ in these advantages it far surpasses every other bridge, especially for military purposes.

Respectfully
Thos. Barland

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EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY,

No. 120 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

G. WATSON McALLISTER,
Cashier,
Office, 121 Montgomery St., San Francisco, Cal.
P. O. Box 753.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 23d 1878

My dear Cousin;

My wife rec'd your very welcome letter, & the Note to Miss Dunn &c, in good time -

I called at the office, but Mr Lampkin, the Manager, is in N.Y.

I left the note, at the request of the Gentleman in charge, and he said he would let me know when the Manager returns. I cannot tell you how thankful I feel for the note, & trust something may come of it -

Geo Mourse gave me the charge of this office, Equitable L&A Society,

till their new agent arrives - I have also the promise of some work for June & July - if I get the latter it will give me an opportunity to look for something permanent.

I hope you are all well and enjoying the quiet in your Department.

We are well, except Dora, who is troubled with a Rheumatic difficulty - We hope the warm weather will carry it off -

I notice Guy is in the City occasionally - I shall try and see him -

All desire to be kindly remembered to you & yours - Ever yours affectly

A. Martin.

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Dalles City May 23d 1878

Gen O. O. Howard
Head Quarters of Columbia

Dear Sir.

I take pleasure in saying to you that Capt Wilkenson who has been to visit Moses has made the best time in going & returning, that it is possible for a man to make to that country & back. You will understand something of the difficulty of the journey & visit, when you know that to reach Moses I had to send messengers at least one hundred and twenty five miles from Ft Simcoe over a rugged mountainous country to inform him the Capt would meet him at Shewdie's in Kittas Valley, and that from the Ft to Shewdie's where the interview was had, the distance is about Eighty miles.

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The Capt in returning from Kittys Cance the Eighty miles arriving at my house between twelve and one in the night, and when he was rested enough and a team could be started from the Ft it was done and we came in about one Day. There is Mail facility once a week No Telegraph. So you will see that any Slowness that was apparent to you in the Dispatches, could not have been bettered. I am prompted to say this from the reading your Despatch sent to day, in which it appeared to me you were a little nervous. I trust you will find the Report of the Capt perfectly Satisfactory

I am Sir

Your obed Servant

D. H. Miller

U S Ind Agent

J. H. Wilbur.

May 23. 1878

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Wilkeson W. Ty.
May 25th 78.

To
Gen. O. O. Howard. U.S.A.
Hdqrs. Portland Ogn.

General;

I have the honor to respectfully make application for a Situation as Messenger in any one of the Staff Departments Dept of the Col.

I make this application on the grounds of being an Ex-Soldier, having served in Capt P. Collins' Co. "H." 21st Infty, the term of 5 years from which I was honorably discharged the 3rd Feby 1878.

I can get recomendations from my Coy. Comdr. and Coy. Officers and 2nd Lt R. P. P. Wainwright 1st Cavy. as

John Pyne

regards my Honesty, Sobriety, Integrity, and faithfulness.

May 25. 78.

Hoping this application meets with favorable consideration I am Sir;

Very Resply
Your Obdt. Servt.
John Pyne
Wilkeson
W. T.

P. S. General I respectfully solicit an answer

J. P.

Ans. C. & W.

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Frank Wheaton

20 May. '78

The men of that word remind me of the shouts of laughter I hear daily among my officers over some of Boyle's glorious bulls — he told one of my Captains here that the dis in fected Indians must be dearly coached — this & his admiration of the Field rapid growth of German Ivory in hanging baskets created infinite amusement here — you know German boy bors thrive wonderfully in this prolific region —

If I could do as I please in this matter of Moses I would establish a camp

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Spokane May 25/78.
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My dear General

Stadius dispatch about Moses I received, and sent Wermani orders to watch the Spokanes & other Indian bands near him — I was sorry to get an order a few weeks ago directing the discharge of a most valuable employee, Interpreter George Herring at Spokane Falls, his wife was a Colville Squaw and through

his Experience and familiarity with Indian Nature of the Snake, and his wife's family connections, I was able to obtain accurate information; truth is, we are utterly helpless without such people as interpreters guides scouts &c and they should feel when in the Military service men secure of their positions to insure a faithful and devoted performance of their delicate & important duties, I feel the loss of Herring greatly & know how much he is now needed by Merriam.

Maybe the crowd of emigrants into the Crab Creek Country has which though rough & mean compared to other portions of W.T.y: has had a bad effect on Moses people. A citizen acquaintance from near in Southern Oregon was there some weeks, say a month ago & saw Moses & all his Indians frequently, had frequent talks with them, his impression was that Moses had no desire to make trouble but was in constant dread of some act by the settlers that would disaffect his people —

and usual to go when our
Blood is in an Indian
County with a handful
of men – but these old
bow & arrow Indians are
now all armed and a very
different enemy –
The disbursements made here
by Eastern have had as
most salutary influence,
the best Indians here were
rapidly losing all faith in
Military promises to pay –
Now, if we should need the
services of the Cœur d'Alene
Scouts I think it likely we
might obtain some – The troops
at all our frontier posts in
your Dept have so much to do
this summer in preparing for
their shelter from next winter

North of Walla Walla
on or near the Columbia
road mayhap as far up
as Cook Creek, of five
hundred men – let them
form a summer camp there
under confidential instructions
unknown to any citizen or
clerk or employee in Portland
or elsewhere – not to send to,
or go near Moses or any of his
people for some weeks until
citizens & Indians were quiet,
then to send a message to
Moses and tell him what he
must do & where he must
go then & there without any
discussion or temporizing –
That is my impression in the

matter — If the Indians were under the War Dept & we could arrange for their location when friendly as well as for their chastisement when hostile I imagine it would not be difficult to locate Moses where he would be contented & satisfied — but a force would be required to keep the whites off his Reserve —

The Reserve he wants last of the Columbia had but 3 white settlers on it last fall, now I suppose there are many more, and the problem of dealing justly & fairly with the Indian & protecting the advancing tide of immigration becomes more difficult daily. Mantish tells me 2 of Moses Indians were here to visit Pin Pin Mox Mox some days since they wanted him to come to the Setosh, Hangmans Creek, in about 3 weeks, Moses wanted to see him but did not want to fight.

Mantish thinks we cannot be too watchful and there may be trouble ahead — If it should be necessary to make a campaign against Mr Moses & his people, I would suggest the use of an ample force, I remember the time when as a Sect of Cavalry it was

Cold, it is to be hoped for this aside from other less selfish reasons they may not be obliged to campaign until they have homes to come back to when quiet is secured — I need not tell you that we think & speak of you & yours & your kind hospitality every day — I wish I had a honor big enough to ask Mrs Howard & Grace to run, later in the season we hope to have a spare room. The best time to make a trip to the Coeur d Alene Camps I think would be in August or early September before the fall rains and after the roads are settled

Sir: Comes with this Lake Frank Lauer has a week go and his supply expires shortly in Forrest Blues, Roads are not really any I in fair order up here entire Regiment. I sent Memorial & additional signers & trains complete, he is doing well & all goes smoothly as the day Miss except the Brier had reached there before the 6th inst. Pen any Lord this week more charity if I cannot give it was not my original intention to night to bring a letter when I see other I expect - What Did Fat Mrs D. think of Jenny proposal before he left? Mr: Br: Wheaton

Ladies need Army are fearfully and stand much low to for all, hitherto I fear that

if Mrs W. was not checked by my jealous disposition? She would send you by me some specially sweet & sentimental messages. She has the kindness however to spare me & Mrs Howard & will probably either write them herself or wait until you meet - Mrs Wheaton is evidently growing thin, she talks constantly of you, I really think Mrs Howard & I should come to some decided understanding in this matter. Army is equally desperate about Harry. Sends his dearest love to him & to dear little Bessie.

Is this Confederate Congress going to smash the Army by one meal or at one fell swoop - Regards to the Staff will keep you constantly advised of things here about.

Genl O. O. Howard, U.S.A. Yours faithfully F. Wheaton.

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