Hittata Valley Nov 12th 1879

Brig. Gen O. O. Howard Sir

I start to day to visit the Indians North of here. The weather is bad & there are other obstacles, but the Lord will carry me through.

I find here in this valley a lot of worthless Indians who keep drunk all the time. A great many have taken out their "papar" but they do not take up land. It is for the purpose of hanging around the town. There was only a few of this kind of Indians at Port Rapids. There are none there now except below at White Bluffs where there are 4 lodges & they are peacable.

There was nothing done in chief Moses case the grand jurors did not find a Bill against him.
When I get home I will tell you more about these things as far as I can see things are very likely to be quite this winter. But I look for a drunken now here or near here soon.

Homelizabeth is at home about 12 miles from here he don't drink as much as the rest. Chief Moses had a good spree when he was here but no trouble. These Pottatas Indians will not go on Moses Reserve but it would be better for the whites if they did.

I remain very respectfully your humble servant,

Ned Chambliss
Dear General,

Your note of the 31st ult. was received last night. The name of the old German clergyman who was Pastor of the church for 20 years was Rev. Dr. Hinsdale. I believe he is dead. He gave up the church some years ago and died I think some time afterwards.

He was father-in-law to J. W. Pratt (son of Mr. & Mrs. Pratt of the Wash. M. t. A.) who can doubtless give you any information you desire.

Miss Winter and the boy are very well, and join me in kind
regards to you and your family.

Very Truly,

[Signature]

J. B. Chitt
Helen Walla R. T. Nov 17th 79

To Gen O. O. Howard

Please excuse the liberty I take in addressing you at this time.

But taking into consideration my situation as what prompted me to take the step hoping you will receive it as it is intended with an honest motive.

With a view of getting something on the way of business is the object you will undoubtedly remember me for I was at Vancouver about 6 weeks ago Discharged from Capt H rthur Harris 74 Reg of Artillery on account of Surgeon Certificate of Disability and having confidence that you would please take a little interest in me in the way of giving me something to do so I will be enabled to make an honest livelihood If I had a business taking care of stock or as a servant in any capacity for anyone I would be only to please to fill the position to the best of my ability this expresses my wants
and I hope and trust you will give my case a little attention and if I am not capricious to reward you therefore I feel confident that God will

Respectfully

George Batford

I will enclose my Discharge so you will understand who I am

Walla Walla

Washington Territory

Please let me know if you will do any thing for me
The Dalles, Oregon, Nov 19, 1879

To O. P. Howard,

commander Dept. of Columbia

Sir,

About a year ago we bought of J. Payne a voucher for $40 which was given to him by one of your officers for services rendered Columbia County during the late Indian War. The place the same in the hands of the National Bank of Portland, for collection there was issued to J. Payne a certificate in the same name of the same amount which disposed of to an other firm, and which has been paid. The voucher remains unpaid at the 1st National Bank has requested me to return the voucher to you, and if a certificate and voucher should have been issued for the same service. We therefore request you to tell J. Payne to return the voucher.
to the Bank. Kindly soliciting a reply.
We remain

Very Respectfully Yours
Blumauer Jr.

[Handwritten notes on the bottom of the page]
Discharge of
George Batsford.

Nov 31, 1879.

Headquarters Dept of the Columbia,
Vancouver Barracks, W.T.

Nov 21st 1879

Mr. George Batsford, Walla Walla, W.T.

Dear Sir:

Your letter is at hand. I am astonished that you cannot get such employment as you ask for at Walla Walla.

The teams are going now north to Chelan and to work on the Railroad. Go to small Diggins or Mr. Baldwin of the same firm and they will at once put you in the way of work. Enclose your discharge.

Yours truly,

O. O. Howard

Regiment, U.S. Army.
Portland, Nov. 20, 1879

Gen. O. O. Howard
Vancouver, W. T.

Dear Sir:

The one hundred fifty dollars left by you in August last, which we loaned for three months, has been repaid to us with some interest.

Can place the same upon interest again if you desire; if you can make the amount two hundred dollars it will suit our application we have today, for one year.

Yours Respectfully,

Parish & Connell
Walla Walla, W.T.
Nov 25, 1877

General O.C. Howard,
Comdy., Dept. of Columbia

Dear General and Brother,

Pardon this trespass upon your time and patience. Although I have never had the honor of a formal introduction to the General, yet I flatter myself that I am acquainted with you as I am with all those who follow Jesus the Blessed Redeemer. In Christ we are brethren.

Will you grant me your advice in the following matter and also continue to answer the following questions?

At one time, not many years removed in the past, I was a member of Company K, 2nd U.S. Cav. (Capt. Bell), and was discharged by President Grant, on the recommendation of a few Brethren and several Elders of the M.E. Church, and others, in order to enter that Church as a Minister thereof. During my term of service, about 2 years, I saw the necessity for Army Chaplains, and, I think, I know what an earnest, God-fearing and godly Christian man can do in that department of service. My mind seems directed that way and I am anxious to obtain such a position.
I am satisfied in my present relation to the Church and the work of the ministry, but yet, I believe I have work to do in the Army.

1. Would the General advise and do ended that service?

2. Where is application to be made for the position of Regimental Chaplain?

3. Is the Chaplain subject to the order of the Post Commander, in the case of a Post Chaplain, and in the case of Regimental Chaplain, to Colonel of the Regiment?

4. To whom must application be made for position of Post Chaplain?

5. What is the pay in these respective cases, and

6. In the event of my applying, may I ask the General for a favorable recommendation?

Permit me to refer you, for the present, to Capt. Wilkinson, Bishop Hoeven, Dr. Rev. Mr. Victor, Rev. Mr. Scotland, Rev. B. C. Spring, Branding, Pastor of White Haven District.

Believe me to be,
With great respect,

Faithfully yours,
Rev. H. Simpson,
Pastor M. B. A.

P.S. I am married and have one child.
Nov. 25, 1879.

Gen. O. O. Howard.
Commanding Dept. Columbia.

My Dear Sir,

Pardon me with
troubling you, but I have a request
to make of you. Your articles in
The Advance have been read with
pleasure, and I would be very glad
to see, either in The Advance or
privately, to receive a statement of
the aid that Protestant Missions
and Christian work among the In-
dians have given you in the Indian
wars on this W. T. coast, either
directly by giving those Indians to
you as scouts who have been of ser-
vice, or indirectly by assisting
from war those who, humanly speaking, would naturally have joined the enemy. I would like to see such statements and am satisfied that many others would be glad to read them.

I remain,

Sincerely,

Mr. Eells

Missionary A. M. A.
My dear Genl. Howard,

I do not think I need

myself thoroughly understand, but I mean that, speaking of the meaning of the leasing in the sense of the leasing. What I mean by leasing over there: whatever title the Hudson’s Bay Company has given to the Hudson’s Bay, if it did in fact in the way of leasing or transfer a title can be no better than the title itself holds. A person cannot give above its source, and a person or corporation without title cannot convey any. A man owning a lease cannot convey the land in fee, or, as it is called, free simple. And for that application what title had the Hudson’s Bay Company? Without saying what I apply the above rule to effect that I must give or title. With them it held. If the Company was a mere occupant under Treaty obligations it not only must not give any title whatsoever, but by attempting to give a title it forfeits its own rights to convey zero the land. So, though this view that he grounded in the title of the Hudson’s Bay Company, it value will be determined by the value of that title.

One more question. Under an act of Congress an Indian Reserve had a right to 640 acres, under certain conditions, of unappropriated public land...
for mission purposes. If the Hudson Bay Company was
occupying the land in question under treaty stipula-
tions it was not lawful for a mission or an
individual to come on & take up the land, under any
circumstances. The Company could not give this right. The
land having been temporarily occupied considered as
out of the reach of the law of Congress which was
meant for occupied public domain.
Applying it above to English & the different
& determine the legal status of the Mission in
the ground which is the subject of the correspondence.

Saw with high respect,

John V. Ferris

Commissioner

Nov 25, 1849
Camp Chalin Nov 25, 1879
Brig Gen O.O. Howard Sir

I arrived here yesterday. I have been every place you ordered me. I found Chief Moses about 32 miles North of here he is camped on what is called "Cattar", a small stream five miles this side of the Nespelem. He has just returned from Chief Lk. Sup-Kin. He says that he is on the best of terms with him.

I will be home soon, I will give you all the news, everything is very quiet. Subly reported to the Indians that he had been to Washington and that he now Moses moved away from there soon.

I am Very Respectfully
Your humble Servant
Ned Chambrana
Dear [Name]

I am so happy to hear from you. It is nice to hear from you again.

Have you been doing well? I hope so. It is good to hear from you.

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