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Portland, Oregon, 2 Feb. 1880.

Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir:

I beg that you will not be offended at the liberty I take. I have no intention to ask you to become a general collector for me or any one else, but I understand the gentleman whose sign manual is to the enclosed note is employed by the Government at your post. And while we cannot by law reach him for his board till you may be able to help us in our helplessness. The account belongs to Mr. Sileo, that is, the payment of Voss' bill to Sileo, depends on the collection of this note. If you could consistently intimate to the said gentleman that this bill ought to be paid, it would be of just that much pecuniary advantage to Mr. Sileo & a great favor on the undersigned. If you cannot, please return it and say nothing about it and, if you can, pardon my presuming so much.

Very truly yours I. A. Macrum.

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Media, Delaware Co. Penna.  
February 2nd 1880.  
Major Gen. O. Howard  
W. S. A.

Dear General.

At the request  
of the surviving members of the 61st  
Regiment - Penna. Vols. I address you  
this note. During the late war while on,  
together with your Brigade, under your Com-  
mand organized an association in the  
regiment, at Camp California, Pa. for the  
purpose of attending and caring for the  
sick and wounded of its members and of  
those who died or were killed in battle it  
was our duty, if possible to forward their  
bodies home to their friends. in fact a beneficial  
organization. being unable to carry out the  
objects of the Society. We carefully marked the  
Graves of our fallen comrades, and noted the  
place, time &c., in the books of the Society. A  
considerable sum of money was in the hands  
of the Treasurer at the close of the war

but he dying shortly afterwards we were un-  
-able to secure the money until some few  
months ago. The amount being over \$700. And  
at a meeting of the survivors association  
held on Monday Evening January 26th/1880.  
it was resolved, that we devote the amount  
towards the purpose of erecting a monument  
to the memory of our fallen comrades. connec-  
-ted with the Regiment. We trust to be able to  
raise sufficient means to enable the Com-  
-mittee to proceed to work at once. And to  
encourage the work we have concluded to  
ask the cooperation of all the General Officers  
of the Brigade. Division and Corps. to aid  
us in our efforts by their contributions. The  
high regard and esteem the members of the  
Regiment have always held for you as  
their old Commander we desire your  
cooperation and assistance, and if it  
is possible at the time of dedication, we  
trust that you will be with us on this  
occasion. I would also state that at

a meeting at least the reunion of the old  
Regiment you were elected an Honorary  
member of the Associated Survivors  
Association. Trusting Dear General  
that yourself and family are enjoying  
good health and the blessings of a  
kind Providence

I remain yours truly  
Col. J. M. Leicester,  
late 81st Tenn. Vols  
President. A. S. 81st P. V.

I would be pleased to hear from you  
as soon as convenient

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San Francisco.  
Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1880.

Genl C. C. Howard.

Dear Sir:

A few days ago a notice appeared in the paper that Lt. Earle of M<sup>rs</sup> Idaho had been lost in the snow & had lain four nights under a tree without food or fire: it did not state the date of the occurrence or give any further particulars as to his condition when found: in my anxiety I applied to headquarters for further information, but they had heard nothing & thought the report

And by off. telegram  
to Dir. Hayes.

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aggravated or possibly untrue.  
My monthly remittance has  
not arrived although ten  
days overdue & I am very  
anxious to learn if its deten-  
tion could be caused by the  
illness of my husband. I  
have no means with which  
to telegraph & the expense I  
suffer you can well imagine.  
Will you be kind enough  
to telegraph me any particu-  
lars you may learn and  
thunderly oblige me greatly.  
Your last communication  
is received & I was hoping  
Mr. Carter would soon be ready  
to my relief.

Respectfully,  
Mrs R. J. Carter.

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cc2-Feb 5, 1880

Brig Gen O. O. Howards  
Comd'y Dept of Columbia  
Vancouver Barracks

Dear Sir

Yours of the  
31st inst at hand also 3 copies of your  
Report of Bannack Campaign

The papers I asked you in a former  
letter to return to me came before  
your letter all right -

I have the honor to  
transmit herewith a copy of my  
letter to the Hon Com of Indian  
Affairs through Hon L. H. Brent for  
your inspection and to file if you  
so desire

Again thanking you for your kindness  
in this matter

I am Very Respectfully  
Yours Obd Servt - F. D. Mc Cown

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Proctor, C. C. Esq.

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Oregon City, Or., Feb 2 1878

Sir, Com. Ind. Affs.

Through

Sir, T. H. Brands, M. C.

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

We have the honor to transmit herewith enclosed papers, all pertaining to the suspended property accounts of Indian Agent H. V. Rinehart for the 2nd Qr. 1878.

We trust that you may properly understand the same and we give you the facts as they appear from the records.

On the 5th of June '78 the Indians of the Malheur Agency left the Agency and commenced committing depredations. See letter of Agent H. V. Rinehart, June 28, 1878, marked "X" herewith. Agent Rinehart could not have remained at the Agency except at the peril of his life. See also his printed Report, pages 18, 19, & 20, and his letter of June 21, 1878, with enclosure "X" & "Y" to S. J. Mc Cown "X B". He used every means in his power to obtain a guard to protect the property of the Agency.

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Golden City, O.

May 25, 1905

My dear Mr. Johnson:

I have your letter of the 23rd inst.

and am sorry to hear of your

trouble. I am sure you will

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See his telegrams to Indian Department about the 10 of June '78 (copies not at hand) A cruel and relentless war was then in progress by the Indians and he could do nothing better than abandon the Agency till the arrival of troops, and he was with the first troops who arrived, and requested a guard to protect the property for which he was accountable.

This was denied him and the property taken possession of by the military. See Report of Gen. Howard above referred to and the General's letter to McCown.

From the time the military officers assumed charge of the Agency property to this time Agent Kinchert has used every means in his power to obtain either the property or the necessary vouchers therefor. See letter of Kinchert June 26, 1878 "D C", copy of Maj. Stewart "D D", and Agents letter to Comd'g Officer Camp Harney, Or, Sep. 18, 1879. "X Y D".

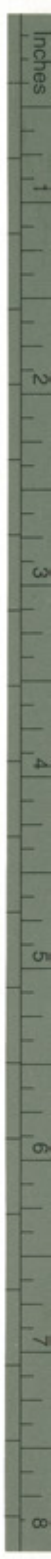
Sergeant Geo. W. A. who was left in charge of the Agency for a time, sold the property, or at least such of it as he could to the settlers; and

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Agent Rinchart procured his arrest. What the evidence was may be found in substance in the letter of Hon. Rufus Mallory, U. S. Dist. Atty, "X. E."

Whatever Agent Rinchart has since received from whatever source has been properly taken up by him in his returns from time to time. See "X F" and "X L"

We insist as a matter of right and justice to Agent Rinchart, that the Indian war which began in June 1878 found him with certain property for which he was accountable, and reference may be had to the Dept. records for his property returns 1<sup>st</sup> Qr. 1878 to ascertain what it was and the amount. That in consequence of the Indian war he was compelled to abandon the Agency and flee for safety. That Gen. Howard, Comdg. Dept. of the Columbia, took actual possession of the Agency and its property, and made it a military district and a sub-depot of supplies. See Gen. Howard's Report page 19. That his troops used the agency property.

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See "D B". The Dept Commander was engaged in active, energetic pursuit of the Indians and had no time or troops to protect Rinehart's rights, and gave orders that his troops should use whatever was necessary or needed; but all this time Agent Rinehart was prevented by the state of affairs then existing from assuming control or in any manner caring for the property of the Agency. See "D D" and "D H" - at one time being even driven from his own room to the haystack to sleep.

We call attention to another fact for some reason which is not apparent from the record which we have, and which it is not our purpose now to state, Gen. O. O. Howard and Agent Rinehart's personal relations are not of the most friendly character. This only tends to add the greater weight to Gen. Howard's emphatic statement that Agent Rinehart ought to have his accounts relieved from suspension. His whole letter to Mr. McCown is such an one considering his relation to Rinehart

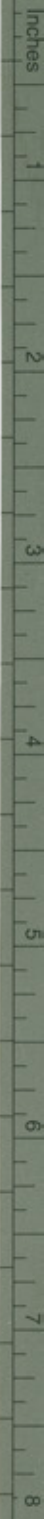
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us not only bears the impress of truth, but  
could emanate only from a braver nobler man.

Vouchers 5, 6, and 8 Abst. "F" Property Return for  
2<sup>nd</sup> Qr. 1878, and Vn. 5 Medical Property Return 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Qr. '78 (A.B.C. & D.) - now on file in Indian Office at  
Washington - represent the amount of property at  
the Agency June 26 '78 when taken possession of by  
the U.S. Troops. Property on these vouchers is expend-  
ed by Second Auditor. See "X G." Extract from  
subsequent Property Returns of Agent shows what  
amount of this property has since been recovered  
and accounted for. See "X F" and "X I." Deducting  
"X F" and "X I" from A.B.C. & D. we have the  
actual amount of property so taken and appropriated  
by military, and for which Agent Rinehart is still  
held accountable by 2<sup>nd</sup> Auditor of the U.S. Treasury.  
See "E" "F" and "K" hereinto.

Our position in brief is  
1<sup>st</sup> that there was a state of war existing at  
the Agency in June and July of 1878, and then

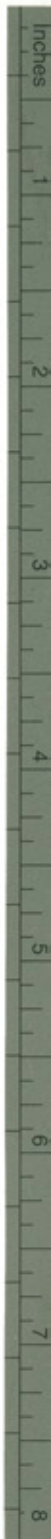
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by reason of it Agent Rinehart lost all the property he had on hand 6<sup>th</sup> of June not otherwise accounted for.

2<sup>nd</sup> That it was and is physically impossible for him to account for the property lost before the arrival of troops between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of June and that taken by the troops otherwise than by deducting that which has since been recovered from the amount on hand on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June

That the Comd<sup>y</sup> Officer of the Dep<sup>t</sup>. endorses this view - in substance: That therefore his accounts for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Qr. '78 ought to be approved by the Treasury Department, as they have been already by the Dep<sup>t</sup>. of the Interior.

We have the honor to be  
Your obt. servant

Johnson, Mc Gown & Macrum  
Attys. for Rinehart & Surtees

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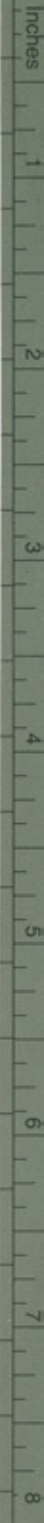
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General A. A. Howard.

My dear Sir,

I fear I have failed to acknowledge your kindness in sending me a copy of your address & a Settlement which had not found place in my Geography, although Puget Sound was a familiar name some years ago. I am constantly amazed, as I may have told you before, to see that the region where you lifted your voice in a "Brilliant Hall," & Queen Charlotte's & Aootka Sounds, are so fast coming into the light of a Christian civilization & that so much of that remote coast, of which all I knew was from Mavor's voyages in my childhood's reading,

now equal in the protection of the U.S.  
flag. I was, you may be sure,  
interested very much in the culture  
& fine sentiment to which your  
gay & brilliant assemblage listened  
with delight & admiration. Bush's "Lecture  
Committee" on "Fugate Sound" is to me  
still a marvel!

You have felt ashamed & in-  
dignant at the strange scene through  
which our State of Maine has passed & by  
which she has been disgraced. I hope it  
has passed, although rumors are current  
of a design <sup>on the part of the conspirators</sup> to memorialize Congress  
on the subject in the hope of a repetition of  
the next Electoral vote by Congress,  
which I fear there is iniquity in that  
body to accomplish, if the leading spirit

Can "whisper in" a sufficient number is coming through their badness,  
with affectionate regard from  
with ever yours,

A. S. Packard