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JAS. GAMBLE, General Sup't, {
SAN FRANCISCO.

NORVIN GREEN, Pres. { NEW YORK.
A. R. BREWER, Secretary, }

Portland, O. May 8th 1880

Received at Vancouver B.C. May 8th 1880 3³⁴ P.M.

To General A. C. Howard, Van.
Bks. Many thanks, Invitation
reached me too late.

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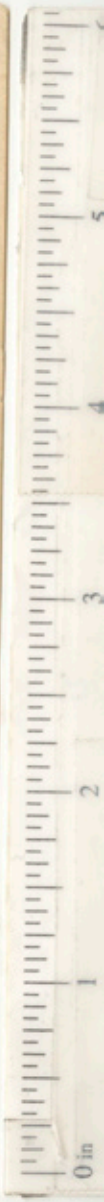
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To General A. C. Howard, New York
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reached me too late.

Yours truly
W. H. Tilden

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Spokane Falls Mayth 1880
Gen O. O. Howard
Vancouver Barrack W.T.

Dear Brother Father and
Benifactor hoping the Lord as brought you
safely home to your dear ones again.

I set down to
relieve my heart of its burden by writing to you
a few lines. This as been a long and tedious trip
to me more so then any previous one. I have
been despondent at times in spite of myself.
the only word of encouragement I have had
from any mortal since last summer (and that
was at the warm spring) was by Gen Wheaton the
other day. In conversation he said Gen Howard
had great confidance in me. This stimulates me
to do my duty. But sisten what would I do
without my dear savior when all alone. Thanks
be to God for the great comforter. and God bless
you for your faithfulness to him towards me.
The great Burden of my heart is to create good feelings
between the Indian and the white man.

This is a very hard task. because for every one that brings the word of God to the Indians there are one hundred who either bring whiskey cards or palution, oh what an harvest for those who love the Lord. To give you an idea how the devil is at work in this upper country I will give you one instance. This Beautiful Town of Spokane as already eight Saloonⁱⁿ it. This is very near more then all the other business put together. I believe I mentioned in one of my letters to Gen O. W. Green about meeting drunken Indians a hundred miles from the Settlements. This is all but a pleasant business, I know you appreciate the sacrifice I make. I have been married for nearly thirty years I love my dear wife and children, and I have arrived at an age and being a Christian I could enjoy home so well, but some one must do this work. I believe most cincerly that the Lord as brought this great change in me to do is work. But oh what an unfaithful servant I am. When I reach home I will know if it is his will that I should return again among them.

Things are quite now but I look for a drunken row between the white man & the Indian some were sure. aside from whiskey the feelings bad.

Pray for me and have those that love the Lord to do so. I will feel it and it will do me good. for I feel very weak at times. The kind of people I have to do with are generally bad but God as said. "Resist the Devil and he will flee from you draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you".

No more I remain your Brother in Christ
Ned Chamberlain

1880

Near Camp Howard May 8th

Gen Howard

Respected Sir

I presume you are aware of my Husband being killed on the 20th of last August by the Indians (called the Sheep Eaters) Since that Gen. I have been entirely destitute. having no one to assist me in any way whatever I have one child a little girl seven years of age. I am here far away from home & friends in this cold country without any means of support & no means to get to my home & friends.

I hope Gen. that you will
pardon me, for this
intrusion as I know not
what to do. Will you
give me a pass to my
home, that is Nashville,
Tenn. I have friends there
but have not the means
to get there. I will ever
be grateful to you &
God will reward you
Praying that I may
hear favorably from
you I am Gen. yours
with respect.

Kate E. Eagan
Wife of Harry Eagan
Deceased
belonged formerly to
Co. E. 2^d Infy.

Direct to me
Camp Howard

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Portland Oregon May 10th
1880

Gent. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir I well
feel very happy to write
to you I thank God Bless
your all well day by day
and strength us all every
where too but I never see
your for long times is I like
to see you some times but I
like to depend on you also
you may know to any body is
have any contractors the are
for railroad labor I wish
you may inquire to let me
know any times I well be
finished good labor for the
I hoping you must help
me requite any railroad &c.
have any section track work

I well finished all good
leabers for them any times
I like that section track work
very much you please help
me inquite soon I like to
hear from you
Respectful
friend an Jussers

Seed Bue

by

Wing Shing Co.

No. 31 Alder Street

Portland

Oregon

P.S. I hear your place down there
Vancouver expect to have some
railroad line wish to built so
dont not where the begin to work
I hope you requite of that too

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108811 May 11, 1880

My Dear Friend

I can not tell
you that the disappointment
was small at not meeting you
I called at the Ebbitt.

I received your Card here
and on my return to the
H. R. the other Card. I did
not know where to return
your Card

I go to New York City tonight
and return Tuesday. I shall
hope to meet you yet
before you return

I need not assure you that no seat
in Congress can induce me to favor
disloyalty or wrong I send you a

document explanatory of
my views.

With highest regards

Your friend

Wm. Dwyer

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TRANSMITTING DRAFT

LEMENT-WARRANT.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, May 11, 1880.

Sir:

Herewith I have the honor to transmit Draft No. 10207
on *Interior* Warrant No. 992, for \$ 23 #
payable to *John M^c Bean*, being amount
found due on settlement.

Very respectfully,

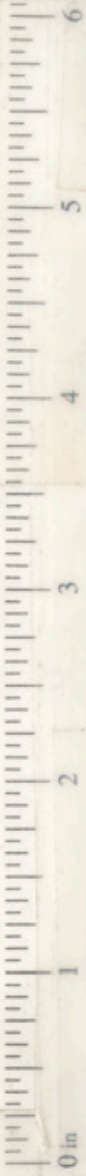
Genl. O. O. Howard
Vancouver Barracks
Wash. Dy.

Jas. H. McLean

Treasurer U. S.

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1. Every indorsement must bear the proper written (not printed) signature of the person whose indorsement is required. In case of an agent or attorney, a properly executed power of attorney must be sent with the draft or be on file with the Treasurer or First Comptroller.
2. Payees and indorsees must indorse by their own hands; officials, officially with full title; firms, the usual firm signature by a member of the firm, not by a clerk or other person for the firm.
3. Powers of attorney for indorsement of drafts, in payment of claims, must be dated subsequently to the drafts, must be witnessed by two persons, and be properly certified. (See Section 3477, Revised Statutes.)
4. Indorsements by executors or administrators must be accompanied by certified copies, under seal, of letters testamentary or letters of administration, as the case may be.
5. Indorsements by mark (+) must be certified by two witnesses, giving their places of residences.
6. Evidence of authority to indorse for incorporated or unincorporated companies must accompany drafts drawn or indorsed to the order of such companies or associations. Such evidence should be in the form of an extract from the by-laws or records of the company or associations, showing the authority of the officer to indorse, receive moneys, &c., for the company, and giving his name and the date of his election or appointment, which extract should be certified to by the Secretary or President of the company, and its seal be affixed, and the certificate should state that such authority remains unrevoked and unchanged. If the company has no seal, the extract should be certified as correct by a Notary Public or other competent officer, under his seal.
7. No guarantee of an indorsement, imperfect in itself, can be accepted.



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United States Indian Service,

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Umatilla Agency,

Oregon, May 12th, 1880.

Gen O. O. Howard.

Vancouver Barracks, N. D.

Sir:

Your kind letter of May 1st is received,
In accordance with your advice I will make
my bill for services rendered and expenses
incurred at Lake Chelams going and coming
back from there and will have the vouchers
signed by Major Conroyer and send it
to the Indian Bureau Washington D.C.,

That is an understood thing and I hope
that the Indian Bureau may audit my account
at once for I have incurred the expenses
and it deprives me now very much to
be out of my money. In fact General I
feel tired and almost discouraged to be toiling,
working hard and often exposing my life without
a certainty of a prompt remuneration.

Still I expect that the settlement will be adjusted

but I would prefer to deal with the War Department
and have nothing more to do with the Indian
Bureau where in my opinion it seems there is
great want of order.

I see that Col Wood is ordered to go and
gather all the scattered bands of Indians on the
Columbia River and bring them to the different
established reservations.

As I am well acquainted with those different
bands of Indians I offer my services to you
as Interpreter and if you desire me to serve
in that capacity please notify me of the amount
of salary you are willing to pay and the length of
time you ~~require~~ need ~~for~~ my services for I know
I can be of great use to the Colonel. Knowing where
those different bands are located and speaking
their different tongues.

Please answer as soon as convenient and
receive my respectful homages.

John McBean,
Interpreter.

Cousinville had been down here toward making F.
"C" Drury, Harvey, comfortable soon after their
expected arrival and I am disappointed at the
change in their destination - Drury must now go,
the Co can get an efficient intelligent Captain,
which he can now be, through lack of education &
old age. he is probably over 62. today. So "H." C.
M^r Lewis, Thoms Howard, to come here in lieu
of "F." Drury. You know this Post is not yet
half done - it takes more time and money to
finish a building after its walls are up & more
than one would suppose. Our Mill has not been
idle a working hour since my arrival here in August
last and every body has been at a pump, building and
finishing half completed structures but with only their
labor it necessarily goes slower than it would with an
appropriation. There is still so much to do here
that I hope I am not to be deprived of the
promised four companions. Duggitt will receive from me
the next Remitting Detail, he was ambitious and I am
have been glad if he had had a chance to command for
a while, but Major Gilman came unexpectedly. We must
Adair greatly. had become attached to the competent all their
a Supt. With much love to you & yours, in which I am joined,
& regards to the Aides, I am Yours faithfully,
Frank L. ...

(A private letter)

Head-Quarters Second U. S. Infantry.

Fort Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

May 12

1880.

Dear General,

I am glad to see by the
Oregonian that you have returned
from Washington, and Mrs. Wheeler
joins me in the hope that you have
had a charming visit to old friends
without fatigue or accident and that
nothing will prevent your giving us the
pleasure of a visit from your sometime
during the summer. How sorry I did not
know of your proposed visit or lengthened
stay, for I certainly should have urged
your aiding me by placing Smith Catlips
position in his Regiment before the President
and letting him know how damaging it
would be to all concerned if that officer is
promoted again to command officers or men
who

believe him to be constitutionally timid
and when excited an avowed coward—

This man has greatly surprised me, he
is an old soldier, as a Sharp Shooter served
for years on the frontier, some time at
Fort Colville with Sutherland, from his
intelligent conversation and manner I supposed
that though he was a rough uncouth fellow
he knew something of Indian and frontier
life and could at least be manly if not
brilliant in ordinary scouting duty—

The case has now been so long in the hands
of the President, (I suppose) that I am
growing very anxious and anxious for fear
some Ohio influence, Catby was once a Newspaper
man, ^{there} may induce the President to mitigate
a sentence that I had hoped would rid us of
an incubus. If McCatby is returned to duty
with his Regiment he will get the 1st vacancy
for Captain, no Lieutenant will serve under him
except under protest, and he will ruin any
Company he commands.

I shall certainly ask that Hunt Catby be
relieved from any command in this Regt, &
even if he gets his Captaincy request that he
be assigned to duty with some company under
a senior Captain, officers want sure and
soldiers want stay under a commander who has
been convicted as I infer Catby has been—

All I know of the sentence is the expressed
opinion of a number of the G.C.M., that he
believed I would be satisfied with the action
the Court had taken. In my own length
investigation by letter of Catby's conduct, I was
greatly disappointed to get so little from the
three officers who were with him, Webster &
Dr. Poiry said much less than I had expected,
Lt. Muhlenberg seemed to be the only one disposed
to give me what I believed were the salient &
important facts in the case.

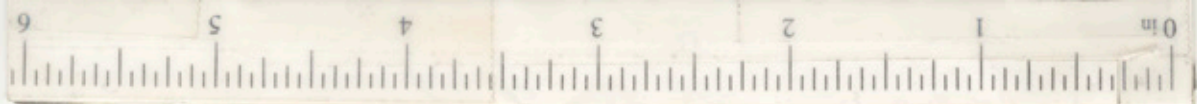
Your orders for the recruits belonging to Chelmer
now have to go to their station, including "F"
C. man here, has been excused and our excellent
Quartermaster Clark is getting up a train for the
movement of said set.

Mr Wharton tho not a bit vain, will abuse
me if I fail to mention his Sunday School
success since our arrival, He has prepared
quite a class for confirmation and a baptismal
class for our good Bishop who is expected within
21st He apparently enjoys his visits to us and
we certainly enjoy them or rather prize them.
We have had a Sunday Dinner in my rooms
every Sunday since we came here, and done what we
could to mark the day and induce others to
make some difference between Thurs day and others
of the week, Mrs W. does all she can in this di-
rection, but I have neither talent or ability
to render her much help - If that marplot

Rufus Saxton the Div: Gr: Mr: had let my intimates
alone, (They were not attached to him, & he should
not have been so mean as to return them,) I would
some have had a good school & chapel building here,
and a hall for the mens recreation and entertainment,
nothing more required at an isolated post, no better
promotion of Divinity - But Rufus must do something
sometimes or another, or people will wonder what a Div:
Gr: Mr: is for - a good number have been doing that
same for years. My little Amelia is better she has
been seemingly quite dangerously ill with Rheumatic Fever.

Can you give me any information as to the prob-
ability of this Recreation being ordered. Raccoon near
us are corresponding with congressmen about it. For op-
position has Senator Mitchell interested in it. I would
like to have your latest on this subject?

J.W.



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The American Sunday-School Union,

No. 1122 Chestnut Street.

Philadelphia, May 13 1880

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the
American Sunday-School Union, held at the Society's
House, on the 13th day of May
you were elected one of the

VICE-PRESIDENTS

of the Board. An acknowledgment of this notice at
your convenience, will much oblige,

Yours, very respectfully,

M. A. Ward

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O. C. Howard, Esq

Washington
D.C.

The American Sunday-School Union.

No. 1333 Chestnut Street.

Philadelphia, May 18 1870

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the
American Sunday-School Union, held at the Society's
House, on the 12th day of May
you were elected one of the

VICE-PRESIDENTS

of the Board. An acknowledgment of this notice at
your convenience, with much oblige.

I am, very respectfully,

Wm. McKim

Wm. McKim