DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, 2457

V. S. Patent Office,


Dear Howard:

Yours of the 3d instant is at hand, and contents noted, requesting me to look up Williams' application.

From his letter, it is impossible to tell whether his invention is an improved steamboat, or a new engine, or both. However, it does not make any material difference, since I am unable to find any such name as Elijah Williams in the office. I went first to the application division, where all the applications are received. No E. L. Williams appeared on their books among the 10,000 and odd applications filed since Jan. 1, 1880.

Nor among the incomplete cases for 1879 and 1880, did E. L. Williams present himself.

In the division of Steam Engineering, since Sept. 1, 1879, no application has been
fied by E. L. Williams, while in the division of shipbuilding such name did not appear as far back as 1875. As a next resort I went to the Machinist, who takes charge of all the models which come to the office and distributes them to the proper divisions. His books, back to Sept. 1, 1879 showed no such name as E. L. Williams, and no model could be found on his shelves.

I will send Williams a copy of our Rule which will give him full particulars as to drawing up a case in proper shape. He probably wrapped up his model and sent it on without any papers, and so all trace of it has been lost. It must have been a quaint and curious piece of mechanism to run equally well on land and in the water.

Give my regards to your father and folks, please. We expect to see your brothers here in a few weeks at SheilBallocke.

Yours etc.,
Geo. H. Whittelsey
Roths 103, Patent Office.
Port Klamath, Oregon,  
May 18th, 1880.

Dear General:

Reports having reached me indicating the presence of hostile Indians south of Selma River, near the tributaries of the South Fork, and also east of the Middle Fork, I enclose, for your information, letters that I have received, and have taken the liberty of addressing you personally as it is barely possible that these letters were written for the purpose of getting troops into that country this summer, and I am not prepared to vouch for all the statements contained in them, but wish to present them to you, to be taken for what they appear to be worth.
However erroneous Mr. Herland's estimate may be as to the number and disposition of these Indians, there is no doubt but that country affords an excellent hiding place for renegades, and I believe that there are still Indians near the Middle Fork of Johnson's canyon there an aged Chief named Eagle Eye (father of 'Whit Jack,' one of the Indians now confined at Vancouver).

Also, a small party that was seen last fall south of Prine must be still out for, by a comparison of states made at the time, I am certain that they are not among those thus surrendered to Chief Factor.

From inquiries made last fall I believe Mr. Herland's statement to be correct in regard to the country east of the Middle Fork being unexplored and excessively rough. If the troops be sent to operate in that vicinity this summer I should deem it a great favor to be permitted to accompany them, or to take charge of Indian scouts, should any be enlisted.

Hoping that I may be pardoned for bringing this matter in this manner, instead of officially.

I am, with much respect,

Your obedient servant,

W.H. Brown

Lou Xero 1st Capt.
Washington, Idaho Mar 10 1880

W.F. Brown

Dear Sir: Your of 21st.

It came to hand today. I am gratified to hear of the vouchers re.

Mr. Much general news, I want last week to states jelfos place in company with herbs them as we had and heard from them since Nov. They were all right - had not sure our heard of any sickness, but were amused in - being my part of snow there. All friends much there is but little sent at my place none.

No Indians nor any indications of any have been seen upon the broth fork as main salmon this winter. It is the common opinion that the Indians that raid from across the nation last fall are writing upon the head of the salmon fork or somewhere in the vicinity but of course none has any
definite information on that point

Yours truly,

C.P. Smith
Challis, I.D.

April 17th, 1880.


1st U.S. Cavalry.

Fort Halleck, Oregon.

Sir,

I am requested by the Postmaster of Salmon City to inquire of you regarding that portion of the country lying between the Middle Fork and the Main Salmon River. Having been one of the very few prospectors who have visited that region, I may truthfully say that it is almost entirely unexplored. The portion that fell under my own observation is on a bar that portion you traversed last summer. We found from the Middle Fork to the Salmon almost inaccessible Mountains and found too that only in the fall months could we travel with any degree of comfort on account of water. There is undoubtedly about 160 to 175 hostile Indians secreted near the base of a broken range of mountains that rise abruptly from the South bank of the Main Salmon. Since in a southerly course to and past where your command halted last summer, I came in contact with them. They always winter here, hence your command went 30 miles you must have found their stronghold. I was on the Middle...
Work in July, again in August, and last in Oct. of 79. I promised a company of prospectors to go back in Nov. but we were checked by hostile Indians — although we were well armed and able and willing to fight we thought it wise to remain until spring. The greater portion of the prospectors around here feel morally sure that some redsoil create trouble as soon as they can get around for snow.

I can get you maps of any portion of this country but the one in question are, provided I don’t lose my check this spring on the Middle Fork can give you rough sketches from that country. If you think I could be of any service write me my address, Chalis, Lemhi Co. I.D.

Yours,

Joe. Harland

Recorder of Pay Horse Guards Mining District
NEW YORK, MAY 16, 1880.

BRIG. GEN'L. O. O. HOWARD,
HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE COLUMBIA,
VANCOURER BARRACKS, W. T.

DEAR SIR,

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Yours truly,

[Signature]
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May 17th 1880

 Brig. Genl. O.O. Howard

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able to call this evening will
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with you.

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you called but time is fully
occupied prior to my corp.
return to East ton.

Many thanks for maps.

Yours truly,

J.W. Emmett.

Ymhill St. 174
Portland. May 22-80
Executive Council Chamber, Governor's Island, May 22, 1880.

Sen. O. D. Howard, Esq.
U. S. A.

Sir:-

I am authorized by the Executive Council to invite your attention to the subject selected for the Prize Essay of this Institution for 1880, "Our Indian Question," the rules for which are set forth on page 266 of No. 2, Vol. I., of our printed journal, a copy of which has been mailed to you.

It is believed that your special experience will enable you to write a valuable paper, which we hope you may contribute on or before October 1, 1880.

Very respectfully yours,

J. J. Robinson
Secretary.
Lincoln, Nebr., May 24, 1886,

Maj. Gen'l C. O. Howard
Most Honored Sir:

Please find enclosed a few cards on which if you would write your autograph you would greatly please oblige. You are very truly,

Chas. T. Fairfield
Lincoln, Nebr.