Room No. 103

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U. S. Patent Office,

Washington, D. C., May 18, 1880.

Dear Howard:

Yours of the 3d inst. 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 L. 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

filed by E. L. Williams, while in the division of Ship building such name did not appear as far back as 1875. As a last 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 Rules 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 brother here in a few weeks at Genl. Balloch's.

Yours etc

Geo. T. Whittlesey.

Room 103, Patent Office.

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Fort Klamath, Oregon.
May 18th, 1880.

Dear General:

Rumors having reached me indicating the presence of hostile Indians South of Salmon River, near the headwaters 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 Harland'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 Salmon R. among them an aged Chief named Eagle Eye (father-in-law of "War Jack", one of the Indians now confined at Vancouver)

Also, a small party that was seen last fall north of Boise must be still out for, by a comparison of dates made at the time, I am certain that they are not among those that surrendered to Lieut Farrow.

From inquiries made last fall I believe Mr. Harland's statements to be correct in regard to the country east of the Middle Fork being almost unexplored and excessively rough, Should troops be sent to operate in that section 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 presenting the matter in this manner, instead of officially

I am, with much respect
Your Obedient Servt
W. A. Brown
2nd Lieut 1st Cavy

Washington Idaho Mar 10 1880

Mr W C Brown

Dear Sir Yours of 21st
ult came to hand to day. I am gratified
to hear of the vouchers &c.
Not much general news. I went last
week to Sturms & Tylers place in
company with Chas Brown as we have
not heard from them since Nov. They
were all right - had not seen nor
heard of any Indians, but were
snowed in - there being 4 feet of snow
there. At Smeads much there is
but little and at my place none.
No Indians nor any indications of
any have been seen upon the
South Fork or main Salmon this
winter. It is the common opinion
that the Indians that raided across
the mines last fall are wintering
upon the head of the South Fork or
somewhere in that section but
of course no one knows any

definite information on that point

yours truly
C F Smith

Challis. D.T.

April 17th, 1880.

Lieut. W. P. Brown.

1st U. S. Cavalry,

Fort Klamath, Oregon.

Dr. Sir.

I am requested by the Postmaster at Salmon City to ans inquiries of Feb. 18th, in regard that portion of the country lying between the Middle Fork and the Main Salmon rivers. Having been one of the very few prospectors who have visited that region, I can truthfully say that it almost entirely unexplored. The portion that fell under my own observation is on a par with that portion you traversed last summer. We found from the Middle Fork to the Salmon almost inaccessable 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 hostiles secreted near the base of a broken range of mountains that rise abruptly from the South bank of the Main Salmon & run in a Southerly course to and past where your command halted last Summer. These Indians always winter there & had your command went 30 miles further, you must have found their strong hold. I was on the Middle

Fork in July, again in August and then in Oct. of 79. We formed a company of prospectors to go back in Nov. but were checked by those 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 those same reds will 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 and, provided I don't pass my checks 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 Challis, Lemhi Co. I. T.

Yours

Geo. Harland

Recorder of Bay Horse Gulch Mining District.

182 FIFTH AVENUE
Near 23d Street

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NEW YORK, MAY 18, 1880.

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

DEAR SIR,

IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR FAVOR OF THE 1ST., INST. WE ENCLOSE HEREWITH ESTIMATE OF THE COST OF MAKING ELECTROTYPE PLATES OF THE ''MEMOIRS OF GASPARIN'', IN CASE THESE MAKE A VOLUME OF 192 PAGES, THE MODEL OF THE ''INDEPENDENT MOVEMENT IN NEW YORK. IF THE VOLUME PROVE TO BE SMALLER OR LARGER THAN THIS THE COST OF THE PLATES WOULD BE PROPORTIONATELY REDUCED OR INCREASED.

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Yours very truly
G. P. Putnam's Sons.

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May 17th 1880

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Dear Genl.

Received your card. If unable to call this evening will call in morning & attend service with you.

Regret not being in when you called but time is fully occupied prior to my early return to Eastern Or.

Many thanks for maps.

Yours. truly

J R Pennatt.

Yamhill St. 174

Portland. May 22-80

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER,

Governor's Island, May 22 1880.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
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 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. T. Rodenbough
Secretary.

No. 7

Lincoln, Nebr., May 24, 1880.

Maj-Genl O. O. Howard,
Most Honored Sir:

Please find enclosed a few cards on which if you would write your autograph you would greatly please & oblige

Yours very Truly,
Chas. T. Hainfield,
Lincoln,
Nebr.