

J. Y. MacCormick
CHAPLAIN, U. S. ARMY

Nov 1881

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Fort Custer. M-7.

Army 24th 1881

To Maj. General O. O. Howard
San Francisco. Cal.
Respectful Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your very frank reply to my
communication. I would not trouble you
with this but feel it my duty under
the circumstances. To say that in all my
Pastorate I was never so far as I know even
suspected of "place seeking". Was in the majority
of cases "asked for" and always had places
given me better than I expected. or deserved.
My present appointment is no doubt better than
I merit. and really I had understood that
Alcatraz in itself was not considered very
desirable on account of its being a Prison
but having had some experience as I
stated a Prison Chaplain. I thought
while I might do something for my only
child I at the same time might do good
work in the Military Prison and otherwise

I quite agree with you in regard to Place
Seeking one always quite desirous it
wherever I saw it cropping out in our
Conference. I am very unfortunate if I
have left the impression upon your mind
~~that~~ ^{that} I am a "Place Seeker"

Dear General. if you think of me at all
honorably please do not place me in the
black list. but please do remember me
in your prayers that I may not become
dishonest under the influence of
wicked commandants but may be able
faithfully to lift up the Standard of
Truth - I am General

Very Respectfully Your ob't Servt
and may I say Comrade in this
Holy War

J. W. Macomber
West

Seaside Park N.J. Aug 24th 86.

Farrar Ed.

Lieut. N.H.

Sends Vol 3. Med.
Encyclopedias. Is
improving in health.

Mr. 14th 10. 1886.

Seaside Park N.J.

~~the 9th of~~ Aug 24th 86.

Dear General: 857.

I have just dis-
covered that the Pub-
lishers in advertising
failed to send you
Vol. 3. of the "Medical
Encyclopedia". I have
ordered same sent
today, which please
accept with my compli-
ments. My sojourn in
my cottage at this
place has improved

my health and I am
now hopeful of return-
ing to duty very soon.
For advice & expense
of recovery in feet that
I shamed to forced
to withdraw from the
profession & which
I am denied.

I trust this will
find you in good
health, General, &
with our kindest

regards to you and
Yours, I am
Yours, I am
Edward S. Howard.
Ms. A. 1. 2. v. 1. p. 10.

W. D. Howard,
Residio

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Aug 24th 1886

Gen. Homma. USA

Dear Sir The press

would have your letter. I will go
back for Coriolanus and also to my
fond if I trespass on the time of press
writer in letting the Call have it. Your
seats will also goee: but is my
excuse. I will or once communicate
with Twinkling Weeks.

My & Martin are the Dewey of the Call,
G B Dawson. John Vance Cheney,
D Collier & many others are of our firm
assotiation. So I will certainly be able to
get me some time will be pleased
with reverence Weeks

Yours truly Miller

San Francisco Cal
Aug 24. 1886

Miles Joquin.

In regard to planting of
trees on Yerba Buena Hill
Calif

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in its connection with
the Moral Government of
the Universe, and the
Promulgation of the
Gospel of Jesus Christ
as the Means of Salvation
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S. F. Augt. 24.

Marten Matt. D.

asks clemency for her
husband a Military Commt.
at Alcatraz Isd.

Ans. Aug 25. 1886.

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San Francisco Aug 24th 1886.

Gen. Howard.

Sir, Once more

I dare to ask you in the name
of the ~~Master~~ whom you profess
to serve, to interest yourself
in the fate of one who is
very clear to me, can you not
temper justice with mercy?
can you not find it in your
heart to forgive one who although
he has sinned, has also suffered
deeply. Remember it is human
to err but oh! it is divine
to forgive, My husband is very
ill, indeed I fear he is slowly
dying, He cannot live long in
that damp place, since all hope
has deserted him he has rapidly

failed. He is not the worthless
wretch you seem to think him.
As you would see if you would
take the trouble to go over there.

This going away was more a
thoughtless action than the desire
to do what was wicked. He is
young yet and deserving of a
better fate, for I feel that
even should he live through
such a terrible ordeal (which
I very much doubt) that his
life would be utterly ruined.

I know you will be angry
with me for coming to you
again. But I ask you would
I be worthy the name of wife
if I could go and leave my
loved one to die in such a place
without making one more effort
to save him, I think not. There-
fore I ask you again to pardon

My husband in the name of Him
who has said "Forgive thy fellow-
man even as I for Christ's sake
have forgiven you."

Hoping you will excuse
my boldness I remain

your obedient servant

Yrs H. P. Martin
315 Bush St-

S.F.

859.

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 25, 1886.

Dear General:

Can you procure
for me the address of Benj. H.
Snyder 4th. U. S. Inf't.
He was post printer at Ft. O-
maha, before the 4th left
that post place. I don't
know his company, and a letter
sent him, last June, has come
back to me after going the
rounds of Coeur d'Alene,
Spokane and Omaha.

If you can find his wherea-
bouts you will confer a favor
on yours fraternally,

Jno. G. Cressaden,
522 N. 26th St.,
Omaha,
Neb.

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asks address of
B.H. Snyder. 4th Laff.

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18 Essex St. San Francisco
Aug 27th 1886.

Gen. O. O. Howard-

Dear Brother,

Your answer to my request last Saturday was received with great pleasure. You will be supported with good music, and the service will be well advertised - and we hope for a full house - in Irving Hall.

We have lately removed to this large Hall and shall have work to make a temperance meeting so popular as to fill it every week - and at first depend on the speakers - The Hall is 129 Post St. The hour 4 P.M.

Respectfully & gratefully

Mrs. H. H. Luse, Pres. Y.W.C.A.

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Journal of Mr. Wm. C. Brewster
of his trip to the
country around
the town of
Laramie and the
valley of the
North Platte River and
the Colorado River.
The notes are
of the birds seen
and heard in
the country
around the
town of Laramie
and the
valley of the
North Platte River
and the
Colorado River.

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Date 9/1/86.

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New Mexico

862. August 28th 1886

Genl O. O. Howard

Presidio San Francisco
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Dear Sir

I come to you for a great favor and trust your uniform kindness of heart will manifest itself on this occasion as it has throughout your long and useful life. - Lieut J. A. Cole of
Troop G 6th Cavalry has applied for a leave of

absence for the purpose
of marrying my daughter
in October last The
leave was approved and
recommended by all
departments concerned
until it reached you
When to our great surprise
it has been unfavourably
considered - I am sure
dear Sir had you but
known the reason for
the application you would
have given it a favorable

Consideration Harry not
yet forgotton your own
youth and having
sons and daughters of
your own I beg you
to reconsider and let
me know by telegraph
at once - Situated as
we are so far from civilization
we are obliged to make
plans and preparations
for such an event as
a wedding so long in
advance it is imperative
for us to know as soon

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as practicable

Having learned from
Dept Head Inters that
Lmt Col's application had
had recd favorable
consideration we felt
reasonably sure that the
subicor was passed and
we could with safety
give orders that we will
be obliged to make
unless you can grant
this much desired favor
I write this in the
absence of my husband

Capt T. C. Upper) and
Lent Cole - you will see
for yourself it is a
womans letter

I trust you will
pardon the liberty I have
taken again asking
your favorable consideration
may be telegraphed
me I am Sir

Most Respectfully

Mrs T. C. Upper

To
Genl O. O. Howard

Fort Bragg, N.C.
Aug 29. 1861

Aug 29
1861

Tupper, Mrs T.C.

asks re-consideration of
application of Levi Cole
6th Cav. for leave of absence.

Alb. Sept 9. 1861.

Addison C. Harris,
William H. Calkins,
Attorneys & Counselors at Law,
Over Indiana National Bank.

863.

Indianapolis, Ind. August 28th 1886

File
Box
Sept. 6

May Genl. O. O. Howard
San Francisco.

Dear Genl.

Before this reaches you, my brother-in-law, Rev J. A. Potter, Post Chl. in the army - will have reported to you for duty pursuant to orders from the war department. —

I write to say that he is near death's door, as I am informed by my sister, and if he shall recuperate at all, it will be by means of favor shown him by you. Mr Potter was a gallant soldier in the late war, and is a thoroughly religious man. If you can inquire into his physical condition, and give him the advantage of a post where he may have care and treatment - I entertain the hope of his partial recovery.

I am very truly W. H. Calkins

Indianapolis Ind. August 20

Cath. Ch.

Asks consideration for Post
Chaplain J. A. Foster, who seeks
change of station on account of
ill health.

With much interest

Sept 4 1886

Mr. Sept 6, 1886.

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Nefary Public.

Aug 29 1886

Dear Sir - While on a visit recently to
 S.F. intended calling on you at the same
 time to make the rounds of the forts.
 Will you now kindly lend Mrs. G.W. Pittock
 Oakland Cal "a permit of that kind - Mrs
 Howard ^{will be pleased} ~~to~~ ^{Replies}
 I am well acquainted with Mr. Gray PER G.W. Pittock

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~~United States Indian Service,~~ 865.
Fort Laramie, Custer County,
August 29th, 1885.

Lient E. H. John Greer.

Fort Meade.

San Francisco Cal.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. with enclosure, which is herewith returned. My time has been so fully occupied that I have been obliged to defer my answer until now, and even now it must be shorter than it might be, for if I should attempt a full statement of my views, and of my experience in the Indian Service you might say I am endeavoring to plagiarize the "Fools Errand" or the "Broad-minutes".

While I have never been without the hope, of seeing, in my

time, the Indian raised from degrada-
tion to a condition of thrift and
industry, I am never called on to
contemplate the subject without
a feeling of indignation, and ever
recurring disappointment, at the
persistent and unauthorized main-
tained of the potential forces
that are kept in aspiration to thwart
the laudable purposes of the Indians
themselves and of those who are hon-
estly interested and engaged in the
work of their advancement.

In referring to the meagre records
to be found in the office here, I find
that from 1871—which is as far back
as the record goes—to 1876, the agen-
cy was under the control of civilians
appointees, presumably an account
of their supposed philanthropy and
intelligence. The government expen-
ded here during those six years, for

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for labor or employes (all white) alone over \$73.000. What was expended for annuities and regular supplies there are no means here of ascertaining, though it was undoubtedly very large, and will probably prove to be nearly, if not quite \$300.000. Today there is not an existing result of all that expenditure visible on any part of the reservation, and at this moment there can not be found on the whole place the necessary appliances and utensils implements to conduct in a proper manner, as far as of 200 acres, while of the whole number of children here only 28 can read, and of these 20 were taught since Captain Porter took charge here, and during all this time but one boy was taught a trade.

and he was caught under Porters ad-
ministration. Under the tenure of
the civil agents, agriculture was open-
ly discouraged, except on the govern-
ment farm, which was of course, a
source of profit to the agents, and
I find that it was in this enterprise
that the shameful practice of compul-
sorily Indians to labour for their subsist-
ence began, and ^{which} has since been up-
held, and departure from it refused,
by the Indian Office.

When the agency passed into the con-
trol of officers of the army, the alloca-
tion for labour of employees dropped
to about \$3,000, and is now \$2,740.⁰⁰
one half of which is devoted to pay
the salary of a government handel,
whose only qualification is that he
is a relative of a great general who
resigned his Commission and had
served in the rebellion against the

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government. The services of this man are no more available to me than would be the services of a lapidary, but I must keep him in employment by order of the Department, and it grieves me to do so. The issue involved in my request to employ three more farmers to assist the one man here, by ignoring the proposition.

I find an inquiring, that there never was 800 acres of land under cultivation in this valley, and I can not find any one here who can remember when there was as much land under cultivation as there is now. I find too, that when the valley was purchased for the Indians, something over 900 head of cattle were purchased for them ~~Indians~~, also, and that Mr. Dodge

one of the first agents soon afterward
take them in, and under the pretense
of transferring them to Rapid Val-
ley, sold them to the big contrac-
tor, and hung them back as
big as the black, for the Indians.

This is only one of a great num-
ber and variety of facts that may
be readily adduced as answers to
Mr. Beith's argument against many
officers as agents, and whose ed-
ucation and training unfit them for

Beith, I am informed is a politi-
cal helot in this country, and Mr.
Walker was formerly post black-
smith for the quartermaster at this
post. He is here today, in compa-
ny with a Deputy U.S. Marshal, and
as I have made his acquaintance,
I am not able to say that I can
concur in Beith's recommendation,
though apart from intellectual

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attainments, he appears to be a good man.

When I came here in June, and took a view of the situation, my first impulse was to ask that the duties of agent be relegated to Civil Control. Every officer here advised me against doing this, and it is solely on this account that I have not done it. Since then I have consulted the most intelligent and influential Indians on the subject, and I find that there are many who are in their opposition to such a change.

These reasons are convincing as well as instructive, but all agree that it would be unfortunate, and a disappointment to the people. Accordingly I have

about and the expectation of doing
this, and as my term here will prob-
ably be long I see nothing to do
but to get down to work and do
the best I can under the circumstan-
ces.

I enclose you a copy of my
report to the Indian Office, which
though brief, is comprehensive
enough to give you a general
idea of the condition of the Indi-
ans and of their affairs. You
may see that much and great
improvement is possible, and
if I can obtain the assistance
I ought to have from the Depart-
ment of the Interior & see no
difficulty whatever in putting
the people into a condition of
complete industrial independence.
I hope to do this, but can not
do it without means, and if it

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is not accomplished it will not
be my fault, nor that of the Indians.

The report enclosed, you
will of course treat as Confidential
until it is published.

I am Sir:

Very Respectfully
Yours truly
Wm Daugherty.
Capt. 1st Infantry.

P.S. Please make my Compliments to the Commanding General, and
say that I am much gratified at the expression you convey to
me. of his confidence.

W.E.D.

Copy furnished Mr. Pancho, Adj't Clerk Alp. May 21, 1887

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Aug 29, 1861

Dougherty, W. E.
Capt 1st Infantry

Submits statement of
his view in regard to the
Hopla Valley Indians.

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Napa Valley Agency, Cal. 866.
Augt. 15th 1886.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit
the following as my report
of the condition of the Indians
and the Indian Service at
this agency.

I assumed charge
of the agency and reservation,
also of the Klamath Reservation,
on the first day of July, re-
lieving Major John W. Au-
drews, 21st Infantry.

My tenure here has been so
short, and my experience
so limited, that I am not
able to make a very compre-
hensive report of the actual
condition and necessities
of these Indians, at present.

The policy of my pre-
decessors, Major Audrews
and Captain Porter will be
maintained, as I find that
very material advancement

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was made under the administration of those officers.

In general I concur in the recommendations made by Captain Porter, in his report of last year, and therefore I need not repeat them here.

I particularly refer to the subject of Compensation for Indian labour. To keep Indians in a state of penury, labouring for only a meagre subsistence and a scant supply of raiment, is, in my opinion, as degrading as absolute idleness.

This system is absurd from a progressive point of view and is repugnant to our laws and to our civilization.

These Indians all speak English, many of them very well, and I find among them individuals fairly skilled as artisans. The great majority of them are competent farm labourers, and with proper means, and the

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necessary supervision for a
couple of years, are entirely
capable of sustaining them
themselves.

A large number of the people have lived off the reservation for years — driven from it by destitution resulting from bad management and dishonesty.

Those all have permanent homes of some kind, though a few of them are but little removed from vagrancy.

The number now here

is

442

viz:

Men	126
Women	153
Boys	84
Girls	79

Total 442

Although these people, in acquired intelligence, and in the education that comes with experience in the struggle for existence, are far in advance of the wild tribes

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of the plains, yet, the dark superstitions and the atrocious practices of the most heathenized aborigines prevail, and are deeply rooted among them. Polygamy does not exist, but the sale and abandonment of women are still common practices, and a belief in witchcraft is often the cause of violence and retaliation.

The arable land on the reservation is just about sufficient for the people now here, and the young generation. The first necessity is that the land be subdivided, and that the occupants be given titles. Until this is done, these people can not be said to have fixed abodes or permanent homes; the degrading village life will continue, and the beneficial efforts of the government must go for little better than naught.

The entire outfit of farming implements

had all p. availing and
and, as it is the best place
that we have had the time
and all the time we had
now to know who the
writing man is so no
problem is there a few
hours to run it off if
one's other bus
comes up
and so nothing to do
and all the time off so
no problem at all and most
we will get a better
idea of how all do it is just
another all the time, and is it
difficult . . . well things is
but this was a good one, and
so good to see what is
it, and I am not so
the first possible suggestion
is to find all the countries
and determine all the diff
aspects with other lots of
information about all
of the different countries.

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horses, &c, now all the res-
ervation is barely suffi-
cient for the agency farm.

This condition has kept
the people dependent upon
the agency, and compelled
them to labour for it, when
in need, if they laboured at
all, without other compensa-
tion than subsistence.

* * * *

The product of the agency
farm this year, is, approx-
imately:

Wheat	100,000 lbs
Oats	40,000 "
Oat Hay	100 tons.

All this is the product
of unpaid Indian labour.

40 tons of hay was sold
to the army contractor, and
325 cords of wood were cut
by the Indians, and delivered
to the same party.

200 bushels of wheat 50
bushels of oats and about

After all we went to the
new pump after this
got out with him and
we got submerged keeping it
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water to get well & with
it flooded with water in
campus with the flood all
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30 haas of hay were produced by individual Sudicars, on their own account. A large supply of vegetables is under cultivation, and the orchards have produced a great quantity of fine fruit.

The agency buildings are few in number, insufficient for their purposes and generally dilapidated. The mill is almost worthless, and is located at the most inaccessible place in the valley.

The number of children between 5 and 15 years old is

Boys	37
Girls	49
Total	86

The number under 5 years old is:

Boys	39
Girls	23
Total	62

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is, which I think is
well & I am now on my
way to get some more
and to get some with bigger
and more of them if you
have any time left.

There is no equivalent
in the U.S. and I am
expecting this country
to have the same
kind of things.

I am here, and there would
be no reason to go to
another city in this
country at all.

There is no place where
I can get a good
equivalent for what
is here.

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The average number who attend school is 31.

There is an Day School on the reservation. This, like all Day Schools for Indian children, is but little better than nothing. A Day School here can never justify the outlay for it, and I recommend that it be abolished at once, and that a Boarding School be established, of sufficient capacity to accommodate all the children of school age, on the reservation.

The Klamath Reservation

My duties, as both agent ^{and} Commanding Officer, require me to exercise a supervision over the reservation on the Klamath. A small outpost is maintained at the mouth of that River, to prevent intrusions on the Indian

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it is best to fit
the pipe with
the lid and is made
so it can't fall
out and is made
too tight so it
will not move
and will stand
up straight and
will not fall over.

Now we will fit

the pipe that has been
cut off from the
main pipe so it is
all the same size
and we will fit
them to each other
so they will fit
well and be

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lands and protect the Indians in their only industry, that of fishing for salmon.

Those Indians are also anxious for a subdivision of their lands, but before this can be done the lines of the reservation must be fixed definitely. It is alleged that fraudulent surveys of the public lands adjoining the reservation, have made it impossible to fix the lines without creating a conflict of title.

The people, like the Kaapsas are friendly, and well disposed, and maintain amicable relations with the white people about them, but should the military power of the government be removed from this Valley, both reservations would soon be overrun and the Indians dispossessed.

The Klamaths live almost exclusively on the

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able to get it out
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tangled up with
spills & so forth
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wind causing the
blade to stick out and
not move easily
was quite difficult
but I succeeded after
several attempts at
removing the
blade and was
able to get it out
without getting it
tangled up with
spills & so forth

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Salmon, though a few plant
a little. They number
about 400, and have no
schools.

The census of both
tribes, required by law, was
taken at the end of June,
and was forwarded to the
Indian Office, soon after
the first of July.

I am Sir;
very Respectfully
yours &c &c &c
(signed) W^m Douglass,
Capt. 1st Infantry,
Acting Agent.

The
Commissioner
Indian Affairs.
Washington, D.C.

Extract. A true copy
W^m Douglass,
Capt. 1st Infy.

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