Letter to
Rev. Lyman Abbott

Subject
Department of Columbia
New York, Oct. 15th.

I have proposed to myself to make a personal inspection of the different posts on stations of troops within the limits of the Department of the Columbia. The first two visits were made to Fort Vancouver, situated on the Columbia river a few miles east and above the confluence of the Willamette. The next inspection was of the fort near the mouth of the Columbia, at Astoria, situated at Point Adams on the left bank of the mouth of the Columbia, just within the mouth.

Astoria, Bar, and of Fort George, discovered by a continuation of the route below.

The present river, returning from the latter point Saturday evening, the following Monday (Sept 17, 1814) with Mr. Car. de Camp. Capt. J. T. Hadley set out for the posts of Malla, Malla and Capitol. At 5 o'clock next day, the Captain on board the steamer, Oswego. Col. John F. Philpott, who was known there, sometimes here, says that he noticed two peculiar marks of this part of the mouth, one is that every steamer within public conveyance sticks at four o'clock after, and another that every vessel
The text on the page appears to be a handwritten letter or document in English, but the handwriting is quite cursive and difficult to decipher. There are no visible headings or clear formatting that would indicate the start of paragraphs or sections. The content seems to be a personal or official communication, possibly discussing matters of importance or containing specific instructions. Due to the cursive nature of the handwriting, a more accurate transcription would require a closer examination or expertise in deciphering such handwriting.
...as far as possible the
steamers round northern ports at their own leisure.

The journey is to be made by

The passage is

who has been upon board the

river as in her journey, read any of the accounts of the early explorers of this enigmatic country. Being the best possible using only the knowledge of

takes at least a day to a half to reach

the place for other kings.

The ship Oceana is really a small steamer

a small steamer which

companied with the ocean steamer half a

under the water. She is built almost entirely

over two decks. Her lower deck carries the

springs and necessary stores. The upper deck is covered

The central part for nearly the entire length

is divided into three rooms - a large one

when the entry table is set for dinner or a

day. A green room for guests when this sound as

table is located. A little larger

class constitutes the ladies' apartment.

sheet
of their nicer house apartments are near the state
point. The captain of the ship is also a
side of the gentleman being the reason for appearing
at every station in the port of the vessel
in opposite. Before me and though I felt a little sleepy from
not having retired before an early night before so
some only seeing not we must see the river before the

moment of a whistle rang and my present self to the
eyes of things. From Portland to Millwood
some low and thick haze aided the scenery is
always much the scene. Except the often little
variety which you see the Columbia passes
amongst the Columbiaคลอง a succession of
small openings when near a landing or a
farm house. Yet it often seems like a wilderness
The valley is now very high and generally steep
from the river, many are covered with trees. You start back from
the river, and strike a path of long
standing, which goes through a deep chasm between the ridges called
directly from the left side, and this forest I am told
extend with little interruption for nearly four miles.
My first location on the lower levels near the river
and on no occasion defined what the people
and the Columbia was a tree that the arm
resembles in the distance one eastern clump first
so much in New England and York state.
for Snake. The Cottonwood of Oregon presents a brighter green and does not stand so long as the Evergreen. After entering the Columbia the steamer heads up stream and soon reaches the vicinity of Vancouver. The beauty of this beautiful inland sea & gently flowing stream seems to have been first observed by Mr. Neilson, then governor of this colony, on its deposit into a channel called the

After this I went to the territory of the American Fur Company for the purpose of learning more of its deposits in this channel. The

Under this law & in consequence of the\n
In the Castilians close to the entire military reservation, I do not

While Vancouver would strike one as remark able

for beauty, were it not located where it is, a such complete control would acc"be the only avenue of attack as back of it. It is in Washington Territory 4 of the road to your left hand as you ascend the river. From our starting point outside a head of the forest obtain the first glimpse that you see in the beautiful

The first feeling that strikes you in the beautiful

military parade in the distance with a row of

horsemen, & from the 1st step you

Now it struck me that there was one person near you (the Ordinance Depot & some belonging) to the West.
nearly the little town of Vancouver. In front of the wharfs, piers, and near one of the
officers, soldiers, and guards, there are three guns by which the
boom is guarded by the Government buildings. The town stretches
from the river to the ocean, as if for the protection
and perhaps surprise. Behind the whole stretch of open
spaces within a stone's throw of the river, fort is a
narrow front of bayou, thus making it impossible for
military purposes. At the eastern part, up the
river, the grass lands are growing narrower till in
the wood and the river meet again. The banks
rise higher, become steeper and swampy, when the trees
have been cut for the use of the steamers. Their first
signs of the approaching line have been for the long time
noted by the

outward cattle. The cattle color, Hereford, has hot the
long tails, droopy ears, and a strong
cheet and head to him with a nice hot breakfast. The
Captain's seat, at the left hand, as he sits
impressed facing forward at the end of the table. Courtly
greeting, the head of a German, but here in

Coburn, the head of the steamer, is a

characteristic of an American (unless one of the Anglos who
were recognizable from their clothes to their voices).
He has a deep mellow voice, in spite of a slight height
with a face worn hardened by exposure. A dark
skin eye and hair quite black - apparently a man.
of strangers. We left the court presented with the usual signs of respect. We all these people were gathered around some kind of Heaven or other vessels. We also gave some presents with all respect and duty. It was a great satisfaction to me to see the preparations for the departure of the ship. We were all assembled during breakfast. We have a great thirst for leisure at the lower cascade. We went from the lower cascade to the upper cascade. Then we went to the castle. Then some 15 miles by boat to Adelphi. Then another town with some, the river you then to your place of departure. After breakfast, Captain Maker having built the rickety stage open for you with me to observe. The trees high under the sun. We crossed mountains. The aspect of the landscape is like the highlands of the Hudson. Once we arrived there, we proceeded to make our way toward the river. We entered. We were not able to get there. We were there going by boat. We went into the Pacific, not into the Atlantic. We were at the pilot house. We spoke of the Hudson scenery and how it was wonderful. We were able to see the mountains. Yes, only from this distance an angel of the hills can be seen. Our water line. We marked the mile. We marked the mile.
approach. Two or three feet is here, from above the recent tuft of the river. From him, was little there where the change of color, from the edge to the water on the rocks. If then that might we on approach your style is it in your judgment to twin some fourteen or fifteen hundred feet.

"No it is 2000 feet. I was looking on the river here. How far to yonder there? I thought to a mile. It is over three thousand yards. The rocks are so high that at lower than 50 feet now.

They are in the current working clear. With that current, once, the current makes us turn back on approach the back. Now is a good current. Listen here, the channel I escape from using trees blocked ahead & the current seems hard against you. We are approaching the bay is clear. Now right ahead a singular looking rock sticking up well from the water. It looks like a man, here out by here. Afterward commingly appears the water, in its various shapes. The current makes us turn right here, past Castle rock and 450 feet above the Cascades.
down the steep and rocky banks, cutting narrow canyons. Boulders, fallen from the mountains, were carried by the river, forming a series of cascades along the way. The arrangement is called a slide, where different water curtains form a series of cascades along the sides of the river. These cascades are typically referred to as the "upper cascades." In the cascades, the river is too rough to be traveled by horses, ships, or sailboats.

After leaving the upper cascades, where the stream flowed free of rocks, you entered a series of cascades. This was the final hurdle before the deep, turbulent portion of the river. The landing here was known as the "upper cascades." You passed several former old buildings along the banks of the river, presenting the architectural remnants of a military camp or post.
and suspicious as some parties have been
bone as only in manner, not a
morning to two of the St. Louis papers in 1856
the place is demonstrated simply the Cascades
its tribes orders give a brief of希望能
will rest. The

New York: Jan. 19, 1857

In March last year, Mr. Kelly, Compt. C. & H. Kelly
with 2 men generally defended a small block house
and protected all the public property at the Cascades
Washington Territory, for two days against a
body of fifty Indians. He had one man
spared, D. Rooney, killed and two, Michael & Bernard
and O. W. Banneker, wounded. The latter one died the
morning.

In April 1858-1859, Col. Edward J. Steptoe,
commanding companies of the 1st & 2nd regiments and detachments of Company B. M.
Dragoons and Company D. 3rd Artillery - in all two
hundred men - at the Cascades, 1858, repulsed
the Indians in their attack of that place. The
troops stood under fire, routing and discharging the
enemy at every point, in turning a large number
of their rations and destroying all their property.

Said Lieutenant, Philip H. Hesiden, 4th Infantry, is
Specially mentioned for his gallantry.

By one and in shining we proceed up the river.
The waters are as long as tranquil, but quick as
the river below the Cascades. The weather seems
the rest of the morning. Stone by stone of a brief journey.
The Long Narrows.

The Narrows is on the eastern side of the Hudson river, and the name is given to the river by the British, who have been called the "Long Narrows," from the fact that the river is narrow and some of the small vessels can sail between the two banks. The Narrows is the scene of some of the most interesting events in American history.

We also saw some of the early settlers along the river, who knew the Hudson and its tributaries well. They were equipped with "A broadside, a longbow, and powder." The river was then the highway of the colonies, and the settlers depended on it for their transportation and trade.
The river Indiana on still very much
attended to their fishing grounds. I
did not think they would venture to
begin the survey of the rapids with a view of
improving navigation. The Indians
maintained that it was not advisable to
begin the survey of the rapids for fear of losing
their hunting grounds. They said it would cause
suffering to the
load of these writers on whom they depended. Going
north they wrote a wonderfully accurate description of these
Indians and their mode of gaining their
livelihood. They knew their
forest from without much difficulty. The
Indians,

The rapids group

O'Brien said.
Then in little change in the lands of the country unless during settle till
you reach Matamilla. The woods have disappeared. The country is calling
"rolling." It seems like mountains
bands of mud rounded off by winds
and pulled into by water and then covered
with sufficient soil to produce grass. At this
season the grass has a greenish feel look
and you wonder how many tenant can
receive a much yield coadjutor or land
find them. Occasionally see approach and
at different spots in the Columbia. Capt. Stump
a middle aged dark and full built moccas plow
now master of the steamer. Takes his place as
his wheel. He sits at the compact part of
the steamer a foreman. Room
around turns to the right and left or just the right point.
open back your blinds a foreman explainer into
Mr. Gage's face for mastern. Now
remember the same men! The dangerous
point is passed. The stern. Steamer off Mr.
Captain [illegible] discovered on the occasion his
duty to act on the basis of improper
forms, which he omitted to notice, or to make
remains. He was instructed to do harm
the right arm, to the right flank.

Perhaps someone was a great
Shama, to fight a battle.

Captain Dinwiddie (whom I
felled with a blunder on the table)
or a brave judge who handled his name
in a building running with fire and
saying as an Indian Sears his enemies
in some other language: O brave [illegible]

Made the solicitude of two important
present ages in the judge—upon their
work to be a wiser collector.

Columbian by the way of Walla Walla, &
the war in succession of the destruction
to demanded, the town of the town... I was
summoned by these composites. The
judge or young man, is a life of English
conservatism, or him to his class as was
just mentioned in the times of others. A
Anti

spirits, Anti democratic, Anti liberal, type.

All things. A living man, with all union old
characteristics. His spirit, of courage, something
Christian, frankly opposed to popular rights.
I disapprove the thing fully altogether from the start. I do not think it consistent. He is so busy and in the dressing-room that he does not have time to entertain you. He is not in the mood to be doing this. He is not suitable for the house of representatives.

Mackenna has been cheaper to the point that he paid in full. He was paid in full and now he is in the house. He will probably stay in his place and not fight to get the old car. We are in the mood to get a place and not fight. We have been warned by the present mayor not to have our house on theuffs at 2.45.

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