

Portland O.T. May 13<sup>th</sup> 1856.

Dear Sir

From the news I get by this steamer I am induced to go at once to Port Oxford, by return trip: And therefore wish you to remain at the Grand Trunk until Mr. Thompson's arrival, when you will turn over to him all public property belonging to that sub agency, on which may be in your hands, not required for the service. In which you ~~are~~ herein assigned - and his receipt will be your warrant for the same. You will then proceed to visit such of the Indians as may be found in the Saginaw River district and express to them my wish that they at once go to Port Oxford where they will join the immigrating party and proceed to the coast Reservation, under an escort of U.S. Troops. After ascertaining their whereabouts and if practicable visiting them in person, and giving such directions as you may deem proper to accomplish the object, you will visit the Indians, if there be any, in the Illinois Valley which tho' in the Saginaw River district may require a separate consideration. The intense hostility of old John and a part of his band, and the fact

that they were the first to take up arms against  
our people. That they may have had cause of  
complaint, requires an unconditional surrender of  
that tribe, and such of his men as were engaged  
in the first outbreak on Sague River and Camp off  
La Creek. The whole tribe must be required to  
give up their arms and agree to go and remain  
at such place as may be required. The ~~troops~~  
and fortifications may be garrisoned a joint  
trial by the Court Marshal of W. S. Officers  
or by the civil authorities as may be determined upon.  
They may be armed also of the protection from  
lawless persons, by W. S. Troops and hereafter  
deemed in their just rights. In return  
which they must ~~turn~~ turn up all fire arms  
or other weapons at such place and at such time  
as you may agree upon. And proceed with  
you on such discreet persons as you may  
direct to Port onford or at such point  
as the W. S. Troops may be stationed and  
be subject to such orders as may be given  
touching their travel to and deportation from  
such camp. In other words it is the  
object to close the men in Southern Oregon  
and every energy of those entrusted with the man-  
agent of Indian affairs in the territory must be

denied  
since to the consummation of that object. The safety  
of the settlers the peace of the country and the  
voice of humanity demands that it should be done.  
That we might conquer a peace, it must be at  
the sacrifice of many valuable lives, and at an  
enormous expense to the government and a flight  
upon the prosperity of our territory and while  
peace is desirable and important, it by no  
means follows that we should desire it at un-  
discreditable terms, but demand a rigid  
compliance with such reasonable and just  
terms as will be likely to insure <sup>a continuation of</sup> ~~peace in~~  
future and giving such guarantees of protection  
as the circumstances in which you are placed will  
warrant. The only hope of securing peace  
is by removing the interne Indian populations  
from the country and <sup>in thus attaining it</sup> ~~thus securing~~ since  
we are promised a sufficient number of troops  
to fully guarantee any terms requisite to  
insure their safety. On my arrival at Port  
Oxford I will proceed to Hague Nine and  
advise as far into the country in the direction  
of the Meadows or into the Illinois Valley as  
practicable meeting the Indians on the way  
and with such an escort as will be likely  
to secure a safe passage to Port Oxford.

Our business will be directed to proceed to  
Port Oxford with thirty horses to aid in the  
transportation of subsistence and baggage from  
that point to the coast Reservation. The  
saddles for such use ~~will~~ <sup>will</sup> be drawn by the steamer  
as close as we can get them off.

I gave instructions to Auburn to send  
a messenger to George D. Loring and direct him ~~to~~  
~~to go to Port Oxford~~ on if they prefer it to  
Port Sanne - but <sup>that</sup> no ~~prefer~~ <sup>to go to the</sup> ~~steamer~~ place.

You understand the object to be attained:

Please in sending Oregon, there may be  
those who will oppose the policy of negotiation  
but it is useless to try to please all:  
if peace is not made before the ~~drought~~  
comes on - the entire country is ruined

There is more at stake than the gratification  
of satisfying the whims of foul friends; The  
lives of our citizens will be sacrificed unless  
the men can be closed - and I cannot but  
believe that all good men, lovers of Justice  
and those desiring the real welfare of the  
country, will approve the course

~~we shall have the soldiers and means to~~  
~~you such~~  
~~for less than an amount of funds claimed by~~  
~~you~~  
~~desirous to meet you off~~

H. (Post)

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I make this suggestion supposing that Mr  
Blanchard will have left - as he desired  
doing so - on my return from Portland  
but having to go below, I assume he will  
leave before my return.

I shall be under the necessity  
of engaging Mr Chamberlin as Secretary  
in my office and desire you to see  
whether it suits him - And wish him to  
come down as soon as you can spare  
him - And make himself acquainted  
with the books and papers in the office  
and orange Cutters &c as far as he can  
until my return - His acquaintance with  
accounts - and knowledge of business generally  
will enable him to understand the duties  
and should Mr Blanchard leave, he  
will take the key of the office, receive and  
acknowledge any official communication  
requiring such action, which may be addressed  
to me. I hope to return by the next  
steamer but may not until the one after

and take principles into account with which I  
should act. That was then the case &  
that's why with great care - no greater  
care than any - used up the precious time  
in the first part of the day in

negotiations with the other side.  
It also on Wednesday I was appointed to  
see the new constitution and you will  
see what that will mean to the people  
who now have to work so much more  
to manage a government which has  
sufficiently been divided into three  
several ways to prevent a good deal  
of the independence of P. - and you will see  
how clearly divided it is between the three  
but at the same time the same  
~~as~~ you will understand all the boundaries that  
have been drawn up, and the other the  
intermediate, being less separated or  
broken at your divided, either done yourself  
or not you will see that it is not at  
all possible that the two parts

\* Should you need funds for your travelling expenses, call upon  
W. Blanchard, who will advance you such amount as may be  
necessary, provided he has any on hand. The recent heavy expenditures,  
however, have nearly exhausted the funds on hand, but a  
remittance is anticipated the next thamer

I will add in conclusion, that I much rely upon you for  
the prompt and direct performance of the important duties  
herein assigned, and hope to meet you well and hearty at Pat  
oford, or vicinity.

Very respectfully  
Yours obtly

Jocel Palmer

Asstt. Dist. Atty.

To

R. B. Metcalfe Esq

Sub Dist. Atty.

Grand River Reservation

and had you the pleasure of being here at all? \*

We have not been back very long and I have not had the time to go over your letter again, so

I did not read or think about it much. I am not  
entirely satisfied with my mother's explanation  
of my sister's death, especially in the first  
place that applies to her son-in-law David and I am not at all  
sure he could have done any thing to help her. I hope you will

excuse me for being so long.

Very truly yours

John C. H. Jr.

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I have instructed

~~It is my wish that Cpt Symeons at once~~  
disposes the men under his charge - retaining  
Mr Clap, Mr Aphraim and ~~three others~~ <sup>of the</sup> ~~some such~~  
~~men of his~~ <sup>as he may choose</sup> selection to aid him in taking  
the horses to Port Oxford - ~~The others~~  
~~will be paid off by the established sum~~  
~~he leaves if the accounts are presented~~  
~~in time - if not they will be compelled to~~  
~~wait my return - M.~~

~~I have directed C Gaylee to purchase~~ <sup>has also been directed</sup>  
Twenty five horses, <sup>I desire</sup> you will turn over to  
Cpt Symeons all horses on hand belonging  
to the Indian department, which with these to be  
purchased will be forwarded and taken to  
Port Oxford - Should you find it  
advisable to take any Indians <sup>with you</sup>, procure the  
native men except ~~with~~ <sup>not</sup> ~~as~~ messages -  
it would be well ~~to~~ <sup>not</sup> allow them to  
carry guns - but they might have revolutions  
~~if~~ <sup>perfectly</sup> deemed <sup>likely</sup> ~~likely~~; but none <sup>keep</sup> ~~will~~ <sup>keep</sup> a gun for  
them <sup>however</sup>. I would think it well to have  
at least one white man with you.

Be discreet, run no risks - but try  
and meet me at Port Oxford. \*

Dr B. Mitchell  
Sub and Agent O.S.

You obt get  
Fuel & lumber  
soft and off

May 19/56

C. R. P. Prototype

Cast on Gunt

Hot front

were to move from Tiffey to a site just to the  
west of the one in which we left Cheshire.  
This was a good place to do it, as the  
quarry is still there & we have had  
extreme difficulty in getting the  
quarry to release the land for us.  
Tiffey has been a good place  
to do our work.

We made the early morning  
train to Warrington and took  
the bus to the quarry.  
The site is very similar to  
Tiffey and looks  
the same but more useful to us.  
We found some flat ground and dug  
out a small area and had a meeting  
on how to get the work done.

After some thought we decided to  
use the quarry as the front and the  
rest of the site for the back.  
This way we could use the  
quarry site as an excavator to  
dig out the site.

Tiffey and the quarry are  
about the same size.