

City
Oregon, July 3. 1871

Dear General

The Enclosed
paragraphs which I clip from
the Portland Dailies of Yesterday
and day before, will explain
my non appearance on
the Reservation before this time
Mr Meacham promised me
he would do so. hence I have
not written you before since entering
upon this new Department; and to
the best of my ability, I am endeavor-
ing to carry out my instructions in good
faith. However it is impossible to
satisfy every citizen. Some are clamorous
to have me remove every Indian
whether he behaves himself or not.
Others have petitioned me to allow
their favorites to remain. I have
sent their conflicting statements

forward to the Supt and he
wrote to be governed by my
instructions, which means
do your duty and let consequences
take care of themselves

I am confident you will believe
me, when I say I have worked
as hard at this business, as at any
on the Agency. I do not intend
to stay away a day longer than
necessary. I was very sorry that
I did not happen to meet you
in Salem, as I reached there the
same day that you left for Dayton.
I should have gone down to
Dayton that night, had it not
been for the Supt's order.

My regards to all and believe
me as ever your fast friend

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