

Siletz Ind Agency July 26th 1873

Dear General

I enclose

a pencil scribble

written down this evening designed for the States
manly I wish you would look over and if you have
time correct its phrases & copy and put in grammatical
interest, or perhaps Mr. Crandle will do it himself
in the event you think it worth publishing - I have added
it ought if ought to have been written with a pen
but I have no time to now write and am but a poor hand
at writing grammatical sense - This may
be interesting to some of his readers, and
perhaps beneficial to the cause in which we are engaged
that I have not the faculty to express myself in a
more elegantly condensed form for
reason.

recently

I do not like the tone of articles
published in the Gazette ^{where the Indian question} is pampering too
much to the schemes of these alarmists and
it will be damaging to the best interests of the
Bay settlement. I hope Fairchild will be
here soon, I wish he had been here through
this scare and particularly today. That I had
rather Roberts had been compelled to be here
we could have gotten up a little fight just
for his benefit. Now I ^{have} this to say in conclusion
if as the Gazette states, Ben Simpson has a better knowledge of
these Indians and more influence over them than any man
living - and that knowledge and influence is necessary to
maintain peace between the white & Indians, or among the

The Indians ^{themselves} in gods name, send him here,
I shall be glad to be relieved by any one, and I was
particularly pleased with Grews departure, what
on his short visit here.

Respectfully
yours

Joel Palmer

P.S. I feel that it is presuming too much
to ask you to comply with my request. but
if you will read it and hand it to Chandler
or if thought best let Lippincott or Chapman
rewrite it and put it in shape. or repudiate
the whole thing as your judgment dictates
J.P.

copy to
Joel Palmer