To Miss Edie

I have just returned from a hunt with the Company in the County North and East of here and as far down as the curve of the Big Bend. I have ridden twenty miles trouted at 6 am. and got back at 10 o'clock at night. We were among thousands of buffaloes... (text continues)
have good friends and plenty of it. I am all right. Do not feel a bit weary after the long ride back. Would send you in a couple of buffalos tongues but they would spoil in the freight. In the Rockies it will be practically impossible to send them in. We bought in a large load of chowd. Prices and the men are stuffing themselves.

We will have no permanent camp here. The buffalos are moving and no Indians but half braves have been seen. A must. There are traces of but few. The whole expedition is a mere futile job. Probably by the Agent. East Belt Creek and Wolf Creek (or Wolfan Creek). The Grosvenors are now with the buffalos. And there is enough here available to feed all the Indians in the country without the com-

Should we find any Indians there are no horses and we being able to drive any of them - however. About the very absence from you it would be more pleasant not here than here at the fork.

I am ever so glad to learn

that you are better and hope you will be able to write in a few weeks. Do not

again neglect to call in the
plains when he is needed. Colonel has been made COLONEL. NELSON - is kept busy all of mischief. I expect to be made Chief.

Colonel tomorrow - as there is no one else who at all suited for the position. Miller, Short, Anker, Kid O'Brien and the Kluck, McSheers.

Same Buffalo and our Centeno are today. Karland and Wheeler came not. Killed nothing yet, but are good at picking bones.

Regards to all and time to the

Facts. Write all details - as before.

The fire, toward Dean's place, was important. They did not notify us from the Indian day thing among us.

As to orders - the new ones were

Myself & More Half Breeds as well as

Indians. They are to be named and if

form again. Believe certain instructions

the location of which they know nothing about

are to be assisted and build by court orders

that is they are to be build "next time"

There is nothing in any of the orders

looking to a Protracted stay out.

In fact if this fires been burning

then will be no range here in a short time for anybody or anything. The whole country is on fire on

Both sides of Milk River.

Bully for this fire. Bully for this Buffalo. Not to mention I did for everything!
Beltrami - 10th

My Wtneur Wife

Have just had chance

in this region here. and returned to

in camp, which is close by the lagen-

we go down the river tomorrow. There

are 12 lodges (the same ones | drew

away from the post in July). thing.

those here - 10 more a few miles beyond

there - and at the lakes near Woody

Johnson Creek where I went in the

last season. a large camp. Other

asserts only 30. 50 and half-knuckes are

definite at the bend of milk river

and shown about the huckles. We

go down the old trail and at the

old rest of a few miles a day. The

Indians were probably then a couple

of days ahead of us. just far

enough to drive away the buffalo.

East night camped on Big Creek

13 miles from the Post. It was

very cold, but of course we were

comfortable. The Company with the
is to start in a few minutes.

As usual the agent here is full of exaggerated reports. As all your information is obtained from Indians. This is so reliable that not one can
with the Agent here. I questioned him closely, and Major Hahn wrote him an official letter in which he said that it was done of his work.

I have no idea that we will catch an Indian for a half breed on the roof. They will take away from us and it will be very costly done. So it costs at present.

Under orders here in force we could not (theoretically) do anything of the kind without them. The result
will of course be that we will be laughed at as before. And the Indians will be rendered more important.

From all accounts they are more really afraid of us. After a while they will get over their fright and give trouble if this thing is kept up.

Don't worry Darling. It will pass than at least now here in fact as safe as to be already.
Monsieur. - The command is very definite, and the Indians should be considered hostile and not be allowed to go for them. You will be able to answer by return carrier, if it is not kept secret, when he is to return. Probably it would be well to address "Very respectfully, dedicated to the great campaign of the North. "

Of course matters have not developed much at this early date, but I see no prospect for change. W. B. -

Terms, terms, terms, -

Rens>Hello
Camp ed inside

before Agness - 11th 1870

My dearest Wife

The Ft. Republican

will come in with the mail

and your letter was of Canal

most welcome. It is snowing

like the devil tonight yet warmer

and will be but little trial. No accidents.

Tence County this week

excepting the time spent with the hungry

and cold - and had to be cropped out

with ropes. Several men got very

mudlows which was not pleasant

the morning being quite raw and

chilly. Are in Camp tonight in the

timber on the River bank. When

the wind is not full - at all there

an abundance of fuel. Buried

and huddled down with clothes. The

man weather by a horse and Ser-I-Nee

Indian Scout joined the party - 10 of him

the same trees we had before. Set

some fresh camp at Agness. and some

chumus today - Consequently am

sick in the notion of both, the first cold of Rockies.
some inquiries for altering the Stamps of the United States of America I think a whole big more. And then consequent to a difficult condition. From that it is also the expense of a dollar and a half must be incurred around that large amount. The farmers write is very few. Earning of land was about the order of the company that he would take the is a dark cloud with a black smoke and other clouds.

The agents daughters have three babies between them. The youngest is a beautiful young one in the about 18 months and...
Shipped tomorrow for the camp of the 4th and 5th tomorrow. Will probably find them here also. The friends and family write for news. One day March further with this train and then east with the Mounted Force beyond to the end of the water. Have seen the country and Indian villages. We are in great danger of being massacred without warning otherwise will probably be caught.

Nay for us, that we may be saved from the "prescience that shadow of this time" and this "lord, here my Lord, gand" that falls after right falls. Our name is only whether from choice or necessity I would not make any difference. Would not set any order in it any way.

The agent, Under Secretary, and a Train saw them out to see us this morning driving buffalo and horses. They also brought...
It should be pleasant & we will look for buffalo. The buffalo are
monotonous for now. As the weather
has to be constantly watched.

And the actualy horses to wait.

Will write later when

same - as we will be doing nothing
speaking for a little further
away -

about get yourself set

Much - The Indian Alliance
business is all hurry - some
united be a other -

As ever yours,

Yours
Camp - Priest's Grove - 13th 31

MyMarley wife.

Beans by Nichol.

Reeled today - Wagon go back to Hills - Train up with

Forest - Judge it here - Corn now might have been in

Canary in this "smoke" in the

Forest - to sense the snow began and

Comfortable - Plenty of wild ducks

And Chickens - also got

Buffalo and Antelope Meat -

All went - went before Carl

And last right - that we

Judgment must - 200 - 200

become zero - but all are

Shivered from the wind -


Miles below -

30 Edge of Wolfmen -

were seen edge before

Yesterday but no attempt

was made to reach them.

There is a large

Army of Assiniboin

about 20 Miles down the

River (these belong

with the Crow) They
send us up whatever information they have
from time to time
when the train gets here
we will move one day
March eleven the river
and scout from there
Do not expect to catch
anything but scalp
thought there are a few
near Camps of Cree on
or near Woody Island
Creek we might as
well have remained at
the Post until the scouts
return with foreign aides
and be more prepared for it.
Any where. We
were started a week on
so had some
2 Halfbreeds passed us
the day we left the Post
in Sight of the Column.
These went on to worm the
Camps. Catching them out
this side of Melkau.
Under reported orders, (as he
was free) we can do nothing if
displaced to - and tho
whole affair amounts. Existing
excepting to give employment
W. a force there at Fort
Esperance. The report about
War Between Cree Metis
and Government - is all wrong.
If we had started with a
Mounted Command - and
the Prick Veterinary - and had
the Company of Injun - to guard
a few wagons with force
and follow down the river
to be met - by us and at
advance might - we needed - We could
have secured the whole Res-
ervation and been back as
far as Redstone - Wright - As
it is have not secured at
All - even by the few Indians
which should have been slain
Before we left the Post at all.

Of course the Injuns found
no attention is Brown - Why
should they - I am glad for
Assumed Evans3. "Steele -
"It will material all right-
Don't be at all uneasy. Rel-
there is not the slightest occasion
Nothing is going to happen -
The storm is over - and
The snow will soon disappear.

Our horses are smooth shelved

and are trouble some in con-

tenance but on a day in bud

we can travel (think of a

post at then Sublunar

without horse shoes?)

It is very much in need
as the weight but little reading

matter. I sleep most of
the time - Mayor Klein is
a pleasant comedy officer -
and we get along in Camp

Meets. He in common have
up by crease in the first

instance - and each of him

furnations in the second

 Creed can old writing of

Course - regards to all

As ever loving yours,

Alwin

The welfare are plenty and

I have had but a few notes

from in which to write as

the Currence here in but a

little while ago.
In Camp - Red Elk Creek
30 miles below Bull Trout
22 Oct 51

To Darling Wife,

Nicholson came in this evening from the head of North Overton Creek. Started us back to Woody Island Creek. As he met him on the way down. You must have my letter written after going to the head of North Overton.

Next Day - the Shadlow
Went Woody Island Creek. Marched 16 miles and camped in a pocket in the cliffs. Sent Scouts up the cliffs. Who returned that night reporting a large camp of Crees on Woody Island. They also captured a lodge in the way and brought in 7 blankets and their utensils.

Next Day - Went to Woody Island and formed a camp of 200 Crees. It was a complete failure. Picked a fight - as they were just moving out to go to the head of North River. They offered no resistance - but submitted.
quailly. 4 o. c. and the Infantry with the train went into camp by themselves at once. 5 Company was sent out keeping the bluffs along the creek to hunt for game. We went a couple of 20 miles getting back late at night. It was very cold and the trail in the creek bottom for 9 miles of the way was muddy. Slight running the Creek Camp broke about 8 o'clock and turned off on the North side toward the Lime. At the same time the Infantry and 2nd Army got ready and started on the back trail. We remained with the same detachment for a couple of hours until the Corps that gone and their followers came up on the same place where we started out from. That was yesterday and was the only day of clear weather we have had in this time. Today we came in here 16 miles. Tomorrow we go 15 miles. Those Grand Chasm and then will probably come to a 50 mile ride after some few
Lodges defeated. It be in a Creek. I think we'll move us into Blackfoot. Scott will start from here in the morning. The 1st of the 2nd Camp is now. Will save us this long trip. Which men are not. Only our 2nd or 3rd as we already are. We'll continue up the River. Today has been cold and windy. Windy was powerful. Another similar cold day tomorrow. As we go up the River we will turn all the Half keeper Shacks. Are near the River. My thought of not writing. I'm writing 6:10. Have a Special Message for you. And I did not write because I did not know where he was going until about 10 minutes before. Keeping the Skunks away. My only thought all morning. In the Creek. This has been 10 or 20 a most-unusual thing with the Skunks. They've graduated Nothing which amounts to anything. As the Indians have not been near all all. And will return as before. We have some even to beds Connected this
have been miserably disagreeable weather all the time - I am glad that X is nearly over. We will be in on the 26th. Rappel and myself. I have just changed my clothes since leaving - it has been so uncomfortable and wet and that I thought it as well to tough it through - in the tent and not catch cold. Your blessing will be entirely interesting to me. We had no idea it had been so cold on the - but of course it was below zero; at least. Luckily, there is about all the time otherwise many of the men would have been frostbitten as they are entirely unprepared for such cold. Am this as glad for such the fire cap - the old hat - I have out is almost used up.

In terms - have contempt - the only feeling at the present hour? Will be very severe on the consequences if they lose their gardens. Do not believe any of the sensational reports that plants will die in. Everything will
Dear Chief of the Civil Service:

Very true, just as well in one half
the time by fifty mounted men. The
Indians and half bred are without
weapons excepting Carts, and are
willing harmless against a Mounted
Command then should they resist
as they claim - Cattie anyone.

The term of the Women to
Bargain to the 18th will probably be
then ten women will not have enough
means to leave the Department. As
the financial influence will compel
them to remove. Until that time they will
Command Fort A. north to get a new
Colonel for the 29th, of which time is
in immediate possession.

The Broadwater Monument
is coming out as we expected.
A Company has not been sent out
since Peace. As we had no one
to send. And more of feeling. One
from the Post - Chais.

But all letters for me.

We wish you the 18th well. I will take any time
we may possibly set on the 25th Cut
As we expect to leave the 26th.

A thousand owing for my dear
Sister Wife - As ever loving

Merrill G Burlingame
My Darling Wife

Today we drove off
the rest of the Indian 72 lodges.
They gave us no trouble—specifying the
route of about 38 miles. The whole
country here is covered with brush
and thicket. The men cleared away
for the tents by rolling cages
above balls over them. These were
the snows up clearly from the
divides and made the tent floors
tolerably dry. After they are cleared
will willows.

This evening we all called
at Never with Mr. Potton - the Doctor
here. And I called on Mayor
Pensky afterward. They are
all very kind and do everything
possible to make us comfortable
for us. The men are wearing
large bags in Buffalo robes.

Tomorrow we will go another
13 miles by the Post. The
Cavalry. Priests, etc. Very close will go in tomorrow night.

We have seen the Caddo and Comanches. They are very hostile and have been seen to the east and west of the Indians. They will probably come in here. We have seen large numbers.

May 26th tomorrow the will be in by noon. And that will be over. We have dirty, ragged and unrecognizable lookin. But we feelin well, thought great in head of a battle.

Will send in word by the 1st stage tomorrow morning as every Thursday.

[Signature]
My Dear Wife,

We have been very ready

and absent for some reason.

This morning has been better than

could have been anticipated - even

in the face of a cold - in the middle

of winter - the roses around town

are everywhere. All things look

very much as they were before

with a man from Kansas. Mac and

all the others have been as clever

as could be to all of us - they now

live in Shacks. - Evans - Jeffers - and

Wells and Breck are doing fine in Ellis. - All are here

Mrs. Rimsky - Mrs. Kendall - Mrs. Kirk

and Mrs. Waller are the ladies at

the Post. - Ann going to Call on them.
I am much pleased with this fort. The quarters are better arranged than those at A- and although some buildings are older than ours, we shall learn. And I will be here in seven days. That is on the 15th, unless delayed by storms. We must work well. Keep up the comfort and keep in a long road back long wart ¿s arms.

As ever, Peny

Lemon
Cliff Terrace Aug 25th

My Dear Daughter

By this time you must think that I have forgotten you or wished to slight you, but really such is not the case. I wanted to have written long before this, but since we came to the hotel we have been so crowded for want of house room and in such confusion that it quite surprised me, I had not the courage to attempt to write to any one, unsolicited or unexpected. This is my apology for not writing sooner and I hope that you will kindly accept it. Our life here in the hills is very quiet. John and I are really at home I had one friend and the only Irish neighbor.
and instead of our being on
government land we are on a
railroad section, and as the
company was no regard to its
promises when they think it is
to their interest to do otherwise
you can't tell whether you will get
the land or be turned off and your
work go to benefit others or that
had been say hundred and John brought
in the head. When we came here
from nearly three hundred miles and
with the exception of a peak of amber
worth to a model and some tools that
money is still invested in the place. He
fixed the fine for possession and the
remainder was making necessary.
I asked you to know just how we are
situated, and when we get fairly settled
out to keep up expenses. They paid
for the winter and we will write again
for winter meat, hay, feed, and
A man came out to see the place
and had about concluded to take it
at five hundred and fifty dollars to the
foot of the sas or the headland. John went

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My Dear Sir,

We have not left the hills yet, and as the rains have set in we cannot remove until March, when we will go down to the valley again. Charlie sold half of the range and half interest in the improvements for $275. The other half of the range he hunted one year for $100 getting back half of what they spent there besides the loss of that time. Charlie and I are anxious to return to the valley on my account, as in case of sickness from no female near, and so for a doctor the expense would be too great.

In my last I promised to write again as soon as I learned what we were going to do, but hoped in the
mean time to have heard from you. If you write so passing that you
can't spare time to send me a few
lines now and again? It is a great
comfort to hear from my sons, but
they write so seldom, though I
trust that I am not forgotten.
My health has been good. Thank God.
I have little to complain of in that.
We went Charlie down to the city
about this land, and found Asel
fages family gone to the country, they
bought near Bloomfield. Teresa M
Peter and his family have gone with
them. Bryant has a good farm but he
is a musician can play on any
instrument, and what he makes
from his music he spends in
dissipation. They won't keep him
in the country very long, I think
the Lord that my sons are not
thank Gods. I hope to hear from you shortly.

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Oct 15th
On 12 Mile Creek
5 miles South of Bozeman

My Darling Wife

Last day before yesterday we went out with the 2 Campers and the 3 men and punched up 35 lodges of Cree and half-breeds at the 2 lakes near Woody Island Creek. We packed up and went north without difficulty and got a good lunch of dried meat and tea in their camps. Going out we traveled most of the way 15 miles and got back to camp before sun down. Spent all the time before eleven every day yesterday crossed the Bluffs just past about 10 miles. Today 20 miles were out till late. Broke in tonight 5 Cree and formed a camp in Woody Island Creek about 130 lodges of Cree and half-breeds. These we go after tomorrow. Anticipated nothing expecting the Indians rich at the face of a small stream. The Indians brought in meat all on foot except one. They had one Out a few days with Davids and Seven Stars. These came out about 100 miles from
Camp and were left on the cliffs. We offered to release one of the bucks to go out after them, but the chum declined—said they would be all right and that he was up and to go after Clark! Solicitors, wasn’t he?

I do not know the programme for to go to the Camp of Great Commons—20 miles back to our last Camp next day and then we will assemble again and start us in search of the chum that is on the 20th.

We shall find something else to hunt after.

This was been an exceedingly
unsuccessful trip owing to weather—
and the absence of good animals—acks
so many of the men were recruited with
it is a great deal of trouble to care
for them—They are not properly clothed
nor enough hard food—most enough
of anything to eating Relatives and former.

I have not suffered at all.

But the snow weather—flooding
surroundings—and lack of sunny
it do whole will amount to any
thing tender that whole affair
unsatisfactory. I am sure that
all are equally meet 17.
The Indians and half breeds, we heard, they have only to go one day, Obirea, to be North of the line. With the ones we go. After tomorrow, it will be the same. The moment our scouts were burned, they will come over again and go on Knapp's Creek, most of which are good shots of Milk River.

Now thinking you do not be at all worried, I will be back in a few days. Keep all my mail. Will I return, the mail is yours. Sometimes little packages of things, to send to the Telegraph Office, about-there, Sales is officers business at Ellis.

On our return, we will land as fast as the train can stopify, we go much and will probably start back on the morning of the 21st, I do not know whether Arrow Creek will be sent in before the 22nd.

Very truly yours,

As ever lovingly,

[Signature]