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Personal

My Dear Priestly

You cannot imagine how sincerely glad I am to see by your own hand that you are not removed; but I did read it in the Oregonian and in three other papers - and it has given me cause for deep regret. Mr Butler of Warm Spring was removed and he was a personal friend and a good man. Then I saw Judge White with whom I had been working had resigned and I felt alone. Oh I do so hope you will not be changed. I will send you tomorrow a copy of my address to the department in regard to it - through personal friends -

Capt. Marchant is now at Seattle. He proved a pest to me and was a scourge to all who met or did business with him.

I do not so, nor have I any personal malice towards him. but his habits were so bad as to make him a trouble to all government procedure.

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in the affairs of the Indians.

When he gets full he would sit down with O.D. Taylor our opponent and relate all we are doing and O.D. Taylor took him to his carriage over to the Tumwater fishing grounds and he Merchant ordered all the fences wired up, where ~~kept~~ Judge White had cut them down the day before and he came home as drunk as a fool.

He gambled away his money and went about borrowing money - and consorting with the professional gamblers. and that time I was head sick of him.

I very much fear that Judge Whites politician labors has overset all of our chance for success in punishing Taylor for Contempt in this fall Court. I hope not. but fear it. My orders come from the Department. to apply to Judge White for orders in reprobation and survey etc but

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Taylor's special friends say, "Taylor is too sharp and has cooked White"

I cannot believe it. yet his orders for me to quit addressing him for information as to witnesses wanted at N. Yakima at Court, and for blank Subpoenas etc have not been answered or attended to and as to the survey he does not answer me. I presume he has been busy in the canvass. The White old men whom I want to go as witnesses as to Col. Wash Trail location, will not go unless subpoenaed and the Court is called for the 12th - now the 4th. So you will see how I am troubled

I'll be ready with a showing of the most profound batch of scoundrelism you ever knew of - if not tipped over by outside influences

Yours in good haste

T. S. Lang