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Vancouver, W.T.

Mr. J.B.A. Brouillet, V.G.

Using the benevolence with which you honor me I am sending you some letters for our Fathers hoping that you will find occasion to send them to them. Because of the prodigious and few lines which are on page 69, that there were three parties we did not think it safe to spread. Your little book to which all impractical minded people cannot help but to pay homage and respect to. The lines which I have quoted do not certainly have the sense that certainly wrongly intended could lend them. But it is not less true that you could be abused to entertain false and pernicious ideas.

I am sending you a copy of Mr. Crosby's speech in Marcaille and another one in Montreal. It is a nice and previous piece. Our orator is always strong when the true is the base of his speeches.

What difference between Mr. Bishop and the one of Mr. Crosby.

Gen. Wool came to Steilacoom bringing with him 150 new soldiers. He did not stay very long and did not come to Olympia. It is said that the general did not have the same ideas anymore and thinks that the war is ~~not~~ serious as well as on this side as on the east of the Cascades.

May God do, what the union is reestablished between the regular troops and the volunteers, and that the war can be fought with more harmony. The newspaper will tell you about little fights which have taken place. Nothing sinister around us.

Sgoulaia (Goliat) chiefs of Scadjets, came to see us. He has given a very good reason so as not to take part in the war. We know how to go in canoes only and if we had to ride in the woods we would be sick the very first days for we do not know and are not used to running on foot.

Thanks be to God I am well enough. I have said Mass today, a consolation which I did not have since your departure. Nevertheless I am still like an old watch which stops with bad weather.

Receive the sentiments of esteem and high consideration which I have the honor to remain your all devoted servang, P. Ricard, O.M.I.