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Librarian, California State Library,
Sacramento, California.

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Dear Librarian:

Inasmuch as I am a former Californian (Visalia) coming here nine years ago after 25 years and more in your state, I feel I may write to you for assistance.

In connection with historical research--and I find it knows no state boundaries as some historians seem to feel--I am looking for any information procurable on Major (Later General) Robert Selden Garnett, designer of the California seal who must have spent some years in the 40's or 50's in California. He was in the Mexican War and came to Washington Territory in 1855. Fort Simcoe was constructed under his command. Later he went back to Virginia, entering the Confederate service and was killed.

I understand there is material on the California Seal in the 1950 Blue Book and am sending to my friend, Mr. Holmes (Oakland Book store) to obtain a copy if possible. So you may disregard that source for the present.

I would be interested in the price of acquiring microfilm of additional Garnett material you may have, or any material concerning James J. Archer, another Confederate general.

My needs also include a photograph of the California Seal.

Besides, since Fort Simcoe was constructed under orders of Gen. George Wright, and he headed one campaign into the Yakima in the Yakima Wars of 1855-58, I am anxious to obtain a photograph of him (or photo negative)

I would appreciate a microfilm of George Wright background and historical account, account of his death, burial etc. I understand his body was recovered and that he was buried in Sacramento. If there is a marker to him there and a copy of a photo of it is available, I would need that.

If you can send me an estimate of the cost of the various items, I shall be glad to remit. I am writing numerous stories for newspaper publication (since I work on a newspaper) in connection with restoration of Fort Simcoe.

You may retain the enclosed for any purpose you so desire.

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