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"I wish Victoria were large enough for us to have such a clergyman as Mr. King here."

A copy, certified as correct by B. F. Kendall, of a letter from Secretary of State William H. Seward to William Huntington, United States Marshal for Washington Territory, dated July 15, 1862, approves the prevention of the attempt to sell lands of the Puget Sound Agricultural Company (British) for taxes "until the subject can formally be adjusted by treaty, which it is hoped may soon be accomplished."

The manuscript copy of an address by B. F. Kendall on "The Prospect of Freedom in Europe" is dated September, 1852, and opens as follows: "For the past three years the affairs of Europe have been of more general interest to mankind than at any previous period of the world history."

On gilt-edged paper C. C. Leeds writes a gossipy letter from Washington City to his friend B. F. Kendall in Washington Territory under the date of June 18, 1854.

In a beautifully written letter, James G. Swan, at Neah Bay in 1861, asked for a position in the Indian service that he might continue among the tribes he had been studying for ten years.

When B. F. Kendall was absent from office, his clerk, W. G. Dunlap, wrote him a letter of little importance except for the mentioning of a few pioneers in 1861.

Alexander S. Abernethy wrote a letter asking the appointment of his son as an Indian teacher in 1861. Three weeks later he wrote another withdrawing the request. Mr. Kendall saved copies of his carefully prepared answers. There were evidently religious quarrels over appointments and removals in the Indian service in 1861.

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This Quarterly was invited to be represented at a celebration by the Nebraska State Historical Society acting in conjunction with patriotic, military and civic organizations of Nebraska and of the United States." The occasion was the centennial anniversaries of the landing of the first military forces of the United States in the upper Missouri region in September and October, 1819, and the establishment of Fort Atkinson, which for the period 1819-1827 was the farthest west military post in the United States. The date of the celebration was Saturday, October 11, 1919.