

Stockbridge Mass
Aug 26
[1878?]

Dear Cattan:

I write the
substance of what I have
already written you at
Randolph U.S. so you'll
be sure to read it.

Telegraphed you today
that Com^r Hayes thinks once
of asking you the details
of the selecting & carrying
in of arms to Campetun
He wishes to see you

There are some points -
are already understood
each other pretty well.

① We are ready for the
girls - having finished off
some excellent rooms for
them in Va. Hall.

I have planned a fine
building for the boys - cost
about \$11,000,00 - Plans
all made - no time to be
wasting around - I am so
ahead of time of Indian.
Not as soon as you are

sure of Indian please
telegraph me here at
Stockbridge Mass.

"You may expect ~~state~~ about
(State no.) boys and about
(no.) girls;" No so important
about girls - not over 25
boys you know as we can't
provide work for more.

As soon I hear definitely
I'll send orders Hampton
to go ahead on Indian
building. You'll be crowded
& broken somewhat till the
building is done - probably by Jan.

Q) We wish a variety of
 photographs of the Indians
 Be sure & have them bring
 their dried barbarous
 things. This will show
 whence we started. If
 you cant do that have them
 pictures taken anywhere
 you like, at our expense
 & will buy the negatives.

We'll have our
 guides ^{very} cadet cloth ready
 by Sept 15th to be made into
 garments. Buy as little
 clothing as possible before
 reaching Ombaka. Of

Come you'll see your
 present. They'll have
 come down uniforms.

I intend to meet you at
 Hampton: telegraph me
^{here} two or three days before
 you get there so I can
 meet you. Good pictures of
 the Indians as they are
 will be of great use to us

My wife continues
 very low indeed. Unless
 she is in a great crisis

I will go & meet you in
Pa. October if I can be
managed.

Surely the pillar
of China has gone before

as.

Faithfully yours

J. C. Armstrong

Do call on Col. Rogers &

Mr. Wagon if you can

I have written them both