Fort Victoria,
10th Sept. 1850.

Archibald Barclay Esquire.

Sir,

I herewith transmit copies of a correspondence with Governor Blanshard relative to the dwelling house I was directed to put up for him at this place.

We have done everything in our power to forward the building; but unfortunately it was impossible, with our limited means to keep pace with his wishes; without altogether neglecting the Company's business and making it a secondary object, or hiring mechanics in the Columbia at the enormous rates paid there for labour and I did not feel at liberty to adopt either of these expedients.

The Governor's complaints were excessively mortifying and have given me more paid than I can describe.

You will observe by his letter of the 5th August that he speaks of only <u>one man</u> being employed at the "Cottage" while my reply of the same date shows that no fewer than ten workmen were then actually employed about it.

I have no wish however to indulge in complaints at the expense of Mr. Blanshard, for that would be unjust as with the exception of his letters I never heard him make an unpleasant remark.

The house is now nearly finished and he will soon move into it, so that there will be an end of trouble from that source. The size of the Governor's House is 40 x 20 ft. with a kitchen 18 x 12 ft. attached and a house 24 x 18 for his servants. The House is ceiled and painted inside. It has a neat appearance and is on the whole the best finished building in Oregon.

I beg to recommend in the event of any other public