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"Let me tell Dr Lowrie another little story

'While I 'ran away' from Joseph to Portland two years ago (the second time I had 'run from hostiles') I started for my home with my beloved second Mother, Mrs. Mary Easton Sibley, (Lindenwood). St. Charles, Mo. who had been so long pleading with me to come to her. I intended to wait in Portland long enough to try to recover my Nez Perce books, which Gen. Howard had promised to get for me at Kamiah and send to me in P. Dr. Lowrie knows how Dr Lindsley detained me in Portland wishing me to return to the Nez Perce. He knew the story of my waiting, and retiring by appointment from the Board the 'test' by which I had asked the Master to shew me His will). I started on the boat with Mrs. Sibleys [sic] last letter in my pocket, unread for fear my heart should fail me at the last moment for I loved her dearly. Last summer God sent for Mrs. Sibley, and she died feeling that I cared more for the Nez Perces than I did for her, and feeling hurt with me. (I know this because she dropped my name out of her will, where I saw it more than ten years ago.)"

[Original letter can be found at the University of Idaho. A transcript of the full letter can be found at: <u>https://www.lib.uidaho.edu/mcbeth/suetochurch/slowrie82779.htm</u>]