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with sketch, general remarks, and  
Coos Bay language vocabulary

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Anthropological Archives
<b>Title:</b>	MS 191-a Letters to George Gibbs with sketch, general remarks, and Coos Bay language vocabulary
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## Administrative Information

### Citation

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## Scope and Contents

Letter to George Gibbs, October 13, 1856, 2 pages. Letter to George Gibbs, November 14, 1856, transmitting "Coos Bay" vocabulary of two "different dialects of the same language," identified as "An-a-sitch" and Coos Bay" in Gibbs' copy (Manuscript Number 191-b), 6 pages; "a sketch of the coast showing the relative positions of the Siusclau, Alseya and Yakoner rivers," 1 page; "a few general remarks about the Coast Indians," 4 pages; and a copy of Milhau's "dictionary of sounds," 1 page.

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Letter of November 14, 1856 states: "I enclose you herewith vocabularies of the Indian languages spoken between Cape Arago and Cape Foulweather viz the Coose Bay [Manuscript Number 191-a], lower Umpqua or Kallawatsett [Manuscript Number 958], and the Alseya [Manuscript Number 955-a], also the Umpquah proper [Manuscript Number 193-a]."

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NAA MS 191-a

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Coos (Kusan)  
Coosan  
Indians of North America -- Northwest Coast of North America  
Language and languages -- Documentation

Cultures:

Coos (Kusan)  
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Types of Materials:

Drawings