Shusterville
Salas District
Yakima Indian Reservation
This Jan 18th 1890
Capt. Thomas Priestly
United States Indian Agent
Ft Simcoe Yakima Ind. Agency
Dear Sir,

Salas Shuster. Asks me to write this letter to you asking you to do something to get his Brothers Louis and George out of the hands of the Sheriff of Yakima County or out of Yakima County Jail where they now are. He tells me to say to you that when J.H. Wilbur was Indian Agent he never allowed the Sheriff to come on and take an Indian off of the Reservation and if they per chance came
and stole one off without Agent Wilbur's knowledge or consent. Be the Agent as soon as the fact was made known to him went and taken the Indian and brought him home. and Shuster thinks you had ought to do the same thing now. And if you have lost the power which he had then Shuster would be pleased to know how and when. As this Reservation is not, now, nor never was, any part of Yakima County.

Please see Organic Act Sec 1839. By this section if you will take the pains to read it you will readily see that when the Sheriff enters the Reservation he is out of his county & is violating Treaty Law when he interferes with the Indians who have committed no crime against the United States Law, nor Treaty Laws and if not in Wash Territory as the Organic Act indicates then Territory Laws are not Laws here when they conflict with Treaty Laws.

Shuster has not lost a team of cattle nor horses yet the snow is half leg deep. May is getting scarce we are all sick but we drag to do the chores around.

P.S. I did not see the Sheriff but the Indians say he told them he was going to jail George & Louis Shuster for two months.

Year in all truth

Antoine Etienne
Slemsterville Post.  
January 18, 1890

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Asks to have letters sent to his brother on 2 Jan.