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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, D. C., Sept. 25th, 1874.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter to the Hon. Secretary of the Interior, from H. A. Leavens, dated Cascades, W. T. Sept. 2. 1874, enclosing petition of settlers (copy herewith) asking that steps be taken by the Department to relieve and protect settlers from the lawlessness and depredations of certain unnamed bands of Indians, who, with their herds of horses, are roaming at will over Yamania County and destroying their crops; and requesting that said Indians be compelled to return to and remain upon their respective reservations.

You are directed to make an

investigation and to ascertain to what
tribes and reservations these Indians be-
long and report the facts to this Office.

Very respectfully,
your obt. servant.

Ed. J. Smith
Commissioner.

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