

Refer in reply to the following:

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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON, June 5, 1891.

W.L. Stabler, Esq.,
U.S. Indian Agent,
Yakama Agency,
Fort Simcoe,
Washington.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of March 11th, 1891, relative to lands desired on Yakama Reservation by the Methodist Episcopal Church, for missionary purposes, I transmit herewith a copy of a letter from the Department dated May 23rd, 1891, granting authority for the assignment to said Church for temporary use and occupancy for the purposes indicated (the consent of the Indians to be obtained in the usual manner) of the following described lands upon said reservation:

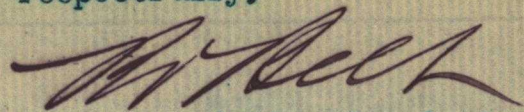
160 acres in Sec. 33 T. 10 N.R. 21 E. ; 5 acres in Sec. 33 T. 11 N.R. 16 E; 8 acres in N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 5 T. 10 N.R. 17 E. and 12 acres in S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 5, T. 10 N.R., 17 E; the two latter tracts to be in one body or separate as may be correct under the description submitted by the Agent, with the understanding that no right, title or interest in the land so set apart shall vest in the said Church, its representa-

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tives, or any one else, under said authority, other than the right of temporary occupancy for the purposes indicated above; and that the same must be so used and occupied subject to any order or regulation as to the use and occupation or the discontinuance of the use and occupation thereof, that the Department may at any time deem proper to make concerning the same. And with the further understanding that the assignment of such tracts for temporary use and occupancy as indicated, shall be subordinate to, and not in any manner prejudice any rights which said church may have under existing facts, in the event of the application of the allotment Act of February 8, 1887 (24 Stats., 388) to said reservation to have the occupation of said tracts confirmed to it for religious or education work under the 5th section thereof.

Should the Indians give the requisite consent, you will set apart said tracts as authorized, and report your action to this Office.

Very respectfully,



Acting Commissioner.

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The undersigned, being a member of the
 Board of Directors of the
 American Telephone and Telegraph Company,
 do hereby certify that the
 above is a true and correct copy of the
 original as the same appears in the
 records of the Board of Directors of the
 American Telephone and Telegraph Company.
 Witness my hand and the seal of the
 American Telephone and Telegraph Company
 this 1st day of January, 1901.

Very respectfully,

Office.

Acting Commissioner.

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