

Refer in reply to the following "A"

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1 Inclosure

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, Mar. 2nd, 1886.

T.A.Byrnes,

U.S.Indian Agent,

Yakama Agency,

Washington Territory.

SIR:

There is enclosed with this a letter from Ex-Agent Milroy. You will observe by it that he collected three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350.) from Mr.Alexander Finlayson for pasturing sheep on the Yakama reservation. This money was taken by force from this man,he claiming that the land his sheep were on was not a part of the reservation,but as a survey was then being made or about to be made,it appears that he and Agent Milroy afterwards agreed to wait until the survey would decide the matter,Agent Milroy still retaining the money,but now he wishes to turn it over to you.

2,-Byrnes

Before instructing either of you in the premises I wish you to return Milroy's letter to me with a report as to whether the survey referred to has been completed and whether it shows the land on which this man's sheep are, or were, to belong to the reservation. I am informed by the General Land Office that it is believed the survey has been completed, although the notes and plats have not yet been received.

If it is decided that the sheep in question were not on the reservation, find out whether Mr. Finlayson will be satisfied with receiving his money back and if that would settle the matter.

Respectfully,

J. B. Atkinson
COMMISSIONER.

W.S.S.

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Regarding \$350⁰⁰ received from
Alexander Huleyand by Ex-Agent
R. H. Hilroy in 188⁰, for pasturing
sheep on Reservation, and enclosing
letter from Ex-Agent Hb. in regard
thereto; and instructions from Indian
to ascertain & report whether place
of such pasturing was upon the
Reservation -

Ans'd, in part Feb 15 - 86 - L.B.P.