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Hon Thomas Priestly
At Simons
W.T.

Dear Sir Mr
Munnsey wishes me to
write you a few lines
in regard to the case of
Klickitat Peter. This was
a matter that came
before our court about
two years ago on acct
of Peter in company
with other arresting one
Jo Spettis down on
the Columbia River
for maintaining a
fish trap in said
River. Spettis was
taken to the At and
I believe was fined

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Then Matthews & Bird
Attys of The Dalles
Oregon brought
suit against Peter
and the others. For damages
in our court. And
Peter as well as the rest
was summoned to appear
here. But I believe
that Gen. Milroy advised
him not to come
therefore there was no
defense made to the
suit. And judgment
was rendered against
the Defendant in the sum
of \$500.00 and cost and
the matter has stood
in this shape ever since
that time until now

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On last Saturday Spitts
came up here after
the Sheriff and he
went down and
found Peter down
on the River with a
load of goods for
his store. And levied
upon them by authority
of an execution from
the District Court and
they are now in the
possession of the Sheriff
and in few days of
time will be sold
Peter is free but has
no way of getting home
and is waiting around
here until we can
hear from you

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We succeeded in getting Peter's Wives pony released and they now have one horse and I guess she will go home to day. It is my opinion that Melbay exceeded his Authority when he sent his Police of the Reservation to make an arrest. But as he did make such an arrest and Peter could not get it out that the Department will be held responsible unless Melbay acted without any authority from the Department. Mr. Hamssay

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says that he has direct
authority from the
Department to go to
the River and make
this arrest, in that is
the facts of the case
I should think that
the Department is directly
responsible. Mr Mannsday
your clerk, says that he
will stay here until you
come over, or send word
what they shall do he
thinks that you had
better come over. He has
all night and got here
this morning.
Yours
Austin Miller and Joseph
Att'y at Law Chas. Mannsday.

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Attorneys at Law.

Relating to seizure of
property of Klickitat
Return by Sheriff on an
execution obtained in
Klickitat Co. W.T. about
2 years ago.