

Explanation of Suspended items
remaining unsettled on revision
of the Cash Accounts of James
H Wilbur late US Indian Agent
at Yakama Agency Wash Territory
from July 1st 1881 to Sept 30th 1882
under bond dated February 14th 1881

Items

2^d Quarter 1881

Vou 36 "Jim Swail Indian 1 Steer \$25.00 "

"Interpreter fails to Sign Certificate"

Answer = My Office copy is perfect
and is herewith submitted

" 40 " C B Stone freight, San Francisco "

" to the Dalles \$750.37 " \$

" Bill for 539 packages at \$15 per ton "\$725.62

"These goods are not identified by reference "

"to original invoices. Supply records on file "

"do not indicate so many packages. As the "

"Commissioner's letter of Jan 4th filed with "

"the voucher shows that invoices of all the
purchases "

"purchases, had been sent to the Agent there"
 "appears no reason why the required information"
 "is not furnished"

Answer. I have explained the circumstances attending the receipt of this freight so many times, that it seems useless to repeat the statement - Nevertheless, at the risk of repetition I will state - Till the goods had all been shipped, I had no information other than a letter in reply to an inquiry from myself addressed to the Department after a large part of the goods had been shipped - This letter informed me that the Department had contracted for the delivery of these supplies at the Dalles.

In the absence of any information to the contrary, I naturally supposed that the freight would be paid by the Department, especially, as I had no funds for the payment.

Less care was of course taken to see that the number, weight &c of the packages corresponded with the invoices, than would have been the case, had I supposed payment would be

be made through me. - Whether all the invoices were sent me, I cannot of course tell, - many of them reached me long after the goods had come, been taken up on my papers and reported to the Department

I submit a statement herewith including all the invoices received by me which I trust may be satisfactory

Nov 49

" J H Wilbur expenses return from Washington "

" Sub-voucher 9 - Chicago 1 day \$3.25 "

" " " 12 - Council Bluffs 1 day 4.00
\$7.25 "

" Credit refused by Indian Office "

Answer - If the Department refuses to allow the time necessary to make railway connections &c, I suppose I must pay this charge

" 32 Western Union Telegraph Co telegrams \$1.60 "

" Distance 86 miles - message 31.46.23^{ms} 23 words "

" Correct charges 31.46.25^{ms} 25^{ms} or 1.27 "

" Disallowed 33 "

Answer, Let this be charged to me - I paid the bills as presented and supposed it right

Brought Forward Explained \$750.62

4th Qr 1881

Vou 19 "William Olney. Delivering Saw logs. \$" 102.68
 " Agents Certificate on this voucher gives "
 " date of delivery July 2^d 1881 "
 " Statement attached to voucher and certified "
 " to by the Agent gives date of delivery August "
 " 3rd 1881 "
 " This man is carried on Roll as an "
 " irregular Employee and paid for services "
 " rendered on 3. 4. & 5th of August - Explanation "
 " required "

Answer - The logs were hauled some time before either of the dates given above, but were sealed and entered on Mill book July 2^d as stated in the voucher. - Of course they were not considered as delivered till measured and entered in the Mill book - I have no copy of the Statement referred to as accompanying the voucher, and do not remember it - I think however, it refers to the date when the voucher was written which was in August. If it

Forward

\$863.20

States that the logs were delivered on the
8th of August, there is a clerical error. =

Vou 21 "Columbus-Logs-Delivered at Agency" \$ 16.81

"Saw Mill August 12th 1881

"It appears from Vou 3 that this Indian "

"was an Irregular Employee at the Agency "

"and Paid for services rendered from August 1 "

"to 13 inc. - on the 11th, 12th & 13th Columbus and team "

"were employed hauling Stone. = It is difficult "

"to understand how he could have been hauling "

"logs at the same time. "

"Apparently double payment, and unless "

"Satisfactory explanation is given the amount "

"will be disallowed - See Sec 22 Jus & C "

Answer. Very easily Explained -

No double payment has been made, and
neither has Columbus hauled logs and

Stone at the same time. = Our Indians

hauled their logs to the Mill - Each man

had his mark placed on his logs - They

remained in the yard till the Sawyer had

time to Scale them - the number of feet

\$870.01

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Amount Forward \$ 879.01

was entered in the Mill book - reported to the Office, and credited to the Indian -

Thus Columbus hauled his logs some time in the Spring, intending to have them sawed for his own use - Afterwards finding that he could not build as he intended, he offered to sell them, and on the date named in the voucher, they were sealed and the amount credited to him and he was paid on the date named in the receipt.

Vou 24 "Charley Blinn" \$62.56
"Delivering 15640 ft Lumber at Agency" "
"Aug 31st 1881" "
"Paid as Irregular Employee on Voucher 3" "
"Remarks to vou 21 apply" "

Answer. He was paid during the early part of August for hauling logs - then with his team commenced hauling lumber at \$4 per M, and August 31st had completed hauling 15640 ft, and received payment as stated in the Voucher

\$932.67

July 18 1898

hauling m logs

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Amount Explained \$ 932.67

Vou 26 " Geo. Waters "

" Delivering 18866 ft Lumber at Agency " 75.46

" Aug 31st 1883 "

" Paid on Vou 3 for services rendered Aug 22^d "

" 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 29 & 30 "

" Was the 18866 ft hauled from Steam Mill "

" to the Agency, a distance of eleven miles as "

" Stated in voucher on Aug 31 - If not, dates "

" on which hauling was done should be stated "

Answer - Of course all the hauling was not done in one day - Waters (and other Indians) agreed to deliver lumber at \$4 per M, the Department teams being worn out with the trip to Malheur Agency, - Each Indian hauled his lumber, was Credited with the number of feet in each load, and when he had hauled all he desired to deliver was Credited the amount, and a voucher ^{made} for the same - This lumber was hauled in the early part of the month, - that is the greater part, but the last load was hauled Aug 31st and the delivery completed

Forward \$ 1008.13

hauled July 27-28-29

Amount Explained \$1008.13

Von 7 "Irregular Employees - March 1882 "

"Items - Willie Burns, Paid in Supplies 1 \$12.67

" Calvin Mann " " " 20.25 = 32.75

" These names do not appear on Abst D. "

" Property Account "

Answer - If the names do not appear on Abst D, and the Supplies are not dropped, will the Department inform me where I have taken Credit for these amounts? And if I have taken no Credit for them, on what principle of mathematics is it that the amount is Charged to me? But I seek to evade no responsibility, and acknowledge freely that I have taken credit for it, and have issued them supplies to the amount claimed.

W. C. Farland & French

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Covered by Authority 11478

Aug 5 1882

Answers to
Lost Suspensions
Cash of
Jos A Wilbur