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Department of the Interior,

Washington, May 23, 1891.

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Sir:

I acknowledge receipt of your communication of 21st instant, transmitting the application of Rev. M.R. Brown, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for the assignment to said Church, for missionary purposes, of three tracts of land on the Yakima Indian reservation, Washington, containing respectively, 20, 5, and 160 acres.

In view of the facts set out in your letter, and your recommendation in the matter, authority is hereby granted for the Agent of the Yakima Agency, Washington, to set apart to the Methodist Episcopal Church, for temporary use and occupancy for mission purposes (the consent of the Indians to be obtained in the usual manner) the lands described by you as follows:

160 acres in Sec. 33, T. 10 N.R. 21, E.

5 " " " " " 11 " " 16, E.

8 acres in N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 5, T. 10,
N.R. 17, E. and 12 acres in S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of
Sec. 5, T 10, N.R. 17, E.-

the two latter tracts to be in one body or separately, as may be correct under the description submitted by the Agent. With the

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understanding that no right, title or interest in the land so set apart shall vest in the said Church, its representatives, or any one else, under this authority, other than the right of temporary occupancy for the purpose 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, to said reservation, to have the occupation of said tracts confirmed to it for religious or educational work under the 5th section thereof.

The enclosures of your letter are herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

Geo C. Chandler,

Acting Secretary.

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Five enclosures.

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