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Office Yakima Ind. Agency

Ft. Simcoe W.T. May 9, 1878

Hon. E.A. Hoyt

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of circular 12 accounts directing me to forward to your office at the close of each month a descriptive statement showing all irregular employees at this agency during the month X X X. I shall begin such report for the month of May as the circular arrived too late to commence earlier.

Very Respectfully

J.W. Wilbur

U.S. Indian agent.

Office Yakima Ind. Agency. Ft. Simcoe W.T. July 16, 1878

Hon. E.H. Hoyt

Commissioner

Sir:

I have the honor to request an extension of time in making up my quarterly papers for the close of the fiscal year. Your hon. is aware the whole country has been thrown into a feverish excitement in consequence of the outbreak of the Snake and Bannicks. To prevent any difficulty between the whites and Indians on the north side of the Columbia River I have been riding day and night among the least reliable bands of Indians and whites to keep order and quiet on the outside, and came home last evening and am going away again today. My clerk, G.C.(?) Nelson left with his wife on Thursday, the 10th and John Connell Farmers ??? and

family also left at the same time, leaving me without a clerk and farrier in the most pressing time in the whole year, hay to cut and grain to harvest. The reason assigned was fear of the hostile bands of Indians on the south side of the Columbia River. There as no justifiable action in their leaving and they cannot enter the service again without my approval. Our employes, Dr. Kuykendall, E.P. Headly and wife, G.C. Roe and Abe Lincoln — *went to wash* have remained at their posts of duty with their families. I have to use the mechanics to secure the harvest and they are now in the fields at work. The Indians of the agency have no ? element among them and will not give us trouble if we can keep the whites from breaking out on the friendly Indians.

I am sir, your obedient servant

James H. Wilbur.

W. I Indi Agent.



Ft. Simcoe, W.T. July 25, 1878

Shuster, Levy, Willie, George, Wants, William, Alama, Big Frank and their people have been directed by me to stay at their respective places and attend to their harvest.

If they or any of their people are accused of doing wrong to the whites the matter is to be referred to this officer of the agency and settled in a lawful manner, not by mob violence or brute force. They are on the land, by virtue of the treaty with them and I shall take all lawful means to secure them quiet and promote their prosperity in good behavior while conforming to the law of the Treaty.

James H. Wilbur.

W.S. Ind. Agent.

Wilbur Gathers Indians 1865

Mr. Wilbur, the agent at the Yakima reservation, is now engaged in collecting the bands of Indians belonging to his agency which are scattered along the Columbia river from The Dalles to Bancouver with the intention of taking them out to Simcoe valley. There are about 200 of them in all, of whom the majority are in the vicinity of the Cascades and White Salmon creek. The women, children, old people and provisions will be brought up the river by steamer, and the stock belonging to them, of which they have considerable, will be driven by the arri<sup>u</sup>ors to Simcoe.

--Daily Mountaineer Nov. 8, 1865



Washington D.C. Aug. 31, 1878

Hon E.H. Hoyt, Commissioner

Sir:

I have the honor to request the approval of the following purchases made for the Yakima Indian Agency during 1st qr. 1878

Voucher 44	W.J. Waldron	garden seeds	\$12.30
" 45	H. Hansen	" "	22.64

"There was no authority given to make the above purchase but the season for putting in said seeds had come and there was no time to send to Washington to obtain authority.

The seeds were purchased in open market.

I am sir,

your obedient servant

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Ind. Agent, W.T.

Washington D.C. Sept. 13, 1878

Hon E.H. Hoyt

Commissioner

Sir:

I have the honor to request authority to purchase the supplies for the Yakima Indian Agency, W.T. needed for the fall, winter and spring on open market. I can then select such goods as the agency requires , get them to the agency before the road is blocked with snow, save expense in transportation and storage-have the goods when we need them at less expense and better quality than when they are purchased for the agency under contract.

I am sir

Your obedient servant

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Ind. Agent W.T.

P.S. Please answer before I leave the city: JHWILBUR, Ind. Agent.



Washington D.C. Sept. 13, 1878

Hon E.H. Hoyt, commissioner

Sir;

I have the honor to inform you that we receive at the Yakima Indian Agency, W.T. from time to time money for grazing cattle from stockmen around the agency and request authority to disburse said money for such purposes as would increase the labor of the Indians of the Agency and the better prepare the way for any additional bands or tribes that may be added to said agency.

Opening new farms, building fences and houses the purchase of harness, material, supplies for the shops, mills, schools, hospital.

I am sir, your obedient servant

James H. Wilbur

P.S. Please answer before I leave the city.

Washington D.C. Sept. 18, 1878

Hon E.H. Hoyt

Commissioner.

Sir :

I have the honor to inform you that for lack of funds we have not done what is desirable, indeed what is imperative in the instruction of the children of the Yakima Nation of Indians in our schools. I respectfully ask an appropriation of four thousand dollars to increase our facilities for instruction.

The hope of the Nation is inseparably identified with the education of their children.

I am sir, your obedient servant.

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Ind. Agent.



Office Yakima Ind. Agency, Ft. Simcoe, W.T. Oct. 16, 1878

Hon E.H. Hoyt, Commissioner.

Sir:

I have the honor to request the appointment of the following persons as labors during the 2nd qr, 1878:

Coucher 29	Thomas Cree	Trans. Ind. Supplies	\$40.00
30	Nehemiah	" " "	25.00
31	Edward	et	50
32	Homes James	2	123.50
33	Abraham		25
34	Joseph Eneas		25
35	John		25
36	James		36
37	John Lumly	" "	35
38	Peer		35
39	Yesmowit		35
40	Joe Stwire		35
41	Service stablehand		38
42	Tecumseh Yaktomit	plowing	12.50
43	Jim Wesley	labor ind.	5.50
44	Hampton Lumly	teaming	7.46
45	Joe Simcoe	labor	37.21
46	Welimpt	teaming	22
47	Joe Riddle	farm hand	29.50
48	Jim Swail	teaming	23.25
49	Lancaster Spencer		
50	screen turner	at saw mill	4.98
51	Billy McKay	labor	23.25
52	Miller	farm hand	29.50
53	Susan	laundress and boarding sch.	
54	Engineer and fireman	at saw mill	5.
55	Klickitat Peter	with logging teams	14.37
56	James Buchanan	cutting saw logs	34
57	Samuel	farm hand	33.13
58	Andrew Riddle	farm hand	12.25
59	Julia Miller	cook	15.64
	Jackson	assistant blacksmith	18.95

Referring to office letter of June 13, it will be seen that I was authorized to hire 22 laborers at the rate of \$1 per day. The engineer and screen turner could not be had for less than \$1.50 per day. The goods were purchased at San Francisco and shipped Jan 6th, 1878 and obtained here in April and May. Also, getting in the machinery and supplies purchased in June.

I am your ob. servant  
James H. Wilbur  
U.S. Ind. Agent.

Office Yakima Indian Agency

Ft. Simcoe, W.T. Dec. 2d, 1878

William Bagley

U.S. Indian Agent.

Dear brother:

Rec. letter of 1st..... of George  
of whom you speak I have no objections to his remaining  
permanently with you and getting good and doing good.

I am pleased to know your agency is so bountifully supplied  
with religious teachers. The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
with habits of industry will raise the fallen and bring them  
to light and life everlasting. Praying you may have constant  
prosperity.

I subscribe myself

yours

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Ind. Agent



Office Yakima Indian Agency

Ft. Simcoe Dec. 29, 1878

Messrs McFarland and French:

Gentlemen:

When <sup>e</sup>neas returned with his wagon he purchased of you I was surprised with the wagon obtained and the price charged. I wrote he wanted a 3 1/2 spindle. You gave him 3 1/4 and then charged him more than you did me for the larger wagon. I send you a check on the 1st National Bank Portland to make the ? 61/100 dollars lacking in paying the "alden bill and fifty dollars on said wagon. Supposed you would trade with my Indians as you trade with me when I send on orders ~~to you~~ I discover you do not.

Yours truly

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Indian agent.

Yakima Ind. Agency

Ft. Simcoe, W.T. N<sup>v</sup>20, 1878

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Gentlemen:

Eneas the bearer, wants to purchase a wagon 3 1/2 spindle like the one I purchased of you this fall.

He will pay you seventy dollars down and he wants time to pay the fifty three. He has the money due him from John Polly and when he gets it he will pay. I consider him good for the engagement.

Yours truly

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Indian Agent.



Office Yakima Ind. Agency

Ft. Simcoe, Wash. Ter. Nov. 29, 1878

Hon E.A. Hoyt, commissioner, sir:

I have the honor to request the appointment of Charles Olney as laborer in the carpentry and wagon shop at a salary of \$500 per annum.

Having had considerable experience at such labor, he would prove a profitable hand.

I am sir, your obedient servant

James H. Wilbur.

## Reservation

A delegation of about 20 Indians, comprising Rev. Pearne, Chiefs Eneas, White Swan, Wesley, Yallup, Cree, Yamont, Silista, Cshnatups, Yombt-Pee and other prominent members of the tribe appeared before Commissioner Barge on Monday to urge the appointment of Rev. G.M. Booth as agent at Fort Simcoe .

They sent a telegram to Senator Wilson at Washington embodying their views. The Indians do not feel inclined to take any steps toward treating with the government relative to the opening of the reservation until the question of a new agent has been settled--  
Yakima Herald, July 1, 1897.



## Father Wilbur

Rev. J.H. Wilbur, Indian agent at Ft. Simcoe, arrived in town on Wednesday. He has entirely recovered from his late sickness, caused by accidentally being run over by a wagon when hauling logs. Mr. Wilbur has had a number of white men arrested in this city for selling whisky to the Indians, and from what we are able to learn the evidence is very strong against them.

— The Dalles Mountaineer, July 24, 1868

Somebody mistake and put down and make representation the residence of the Indian agent. In 1859 , in May. Dr. Naleston was appointed agent and in June Rev. J.H. Wilbur was sent as a missionary and a superintendent of instruction, and in November he opened a school gathering for children.

I am one of them first scholars; it was 25 students in old log house. Father and mother Wilbur they cleaning and training and teach us in day time and in the evening.

In 1864 Father Wilbur was appointed agent from the government. He was a true and honest man, stand on the Indian side he done what is right amongst the Indians; he built up four Indian two churches and two Indian ordain ministers; he bought a bell a hundred dollars worth for Indian church before he leave this reservation. We miss him very much on earth. He is in heavy I know. I remain

George Waters.

Yakima Herald, March 24, 1898.



Father Wilbur

Rev. J.H. Wilbur, Indian agent at Fort Simcoe, was in town yesterday and paid us a friendly visit at our sanctum. He is engaged in collecting the Indians that have been living about our town for some time, with the intention of sending them to their reservation. We are glad of this, as the amount of filth and disease that they are scattering around promiscuously is perfectly astonishing. It possible, these poor human beings should be kept away from the ~~xxx~~ haunts of civilization and should not be allowed to become contaminated by their more civilized brothers.

—The Dalles Mountaineer, May 30, 1868

## Father Wilbur

An Indian came into Father Wilbur's house a few days ago and was ~~tw~~ twice requested to take off his hat. The third time he threw his hat on the floor and sprang at Father Wilbur, and a regular rough and tumble fight ensued in which the Indian ~~got~~ rather got the best of it. The noise of the scuffle was heard and assistance ~~was~~ rendered.

-- Weekly Pac. Tribune, Nov. 28, 1878

The Indian who recently assaulted Father Wilbur was finally captured and placed in jail but during the night some of his friends on the outside cut a hole through the wall and after filing off his chains let him free. He belong to Moses' band.

-- Weekly Pac. Tribune, Dec. 5, 1878



Office Yakima Indian Agency.

Pt. Simcoe, W.T. January 24th, 1879

Hon. E.A. Hayt, Commissioner

Sir: I have the honor to request an increase of salary for my interpreter Stick Joe. He has for many years been lame, has always been a true friend of the whites and has rendered valuable service in time of difficulty..believes the whites and Indians. He is more extensively acquainted with the Indians through the whole country than any man of my acquaintance. As we are getting on wild lands is time, strength and means are taxed more than formerly. Please let his salary be fixed at five hundred dollars per annum, beginning January 1st, 1879

I am sir

Your obedient servant

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Indian agent.

Office Yakima Ind. Agency

Pt. Sincoe, Wash Ter. March 7, 1879

Hon E.A. Hayt, commissioner

I have the honor to ask the approval of Rufus Butler,  
tem orarily employed in wagon shop at \$600 per annum from Jan. 1,  
1879 also Thomas McKay temporarily employed in butchering and issuing  
to Piutes and Snakes, recently brought onto the reservation,  
salary \$600 from Feb. 10, 1879.

I am your obdt. servant

James H. Wilbur,

U.S. Ind. Agent.

Office Yakima Indian Agency,

Pt. Sincoe, W.T. March 7, 1879

Hon E.A. Hayt, commissioner

Sir:

I have the honor to request permission to purchase from  
one to two hundred bushels of potatoes for Ind. The addition of  
Indians added to this agency makes our seed short for planting.  
The potatoes would cost about one dollar per bushel and if  
pur chased in season for planting the purchase must be made in open  
market, I am etc.

Office Yakima Indian Agency, Pt. Sincoe, W.T. March 8, 1879

Hon E.A. Hayt, commissioner:

Sir: I have the honor to call your attention to a letter I wrote  
Feb. 6th in which I stated that Sarah Winnemucca came in with the  
soldiers who brought the Snakes and Piute prisoners as interpreter  
receiving a salary of five hundred dollars per annum and that I  
must keep her for a time until I became acquainted with the Snakes.  
I request she may be appointed interpreter at a salary of five  
hundred dollars per annum, services beginning Feb. 10th 1879. Please  
do me the favor of answering immediately.