

Mr. E.R. Alexander,
Box 412, Walla Walla, Wash.

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Dear Friend Alexander:

Just a note and an enclosure to let you know that our friends want a little bit of help in their determined and noble stand against violation of their Treaty rights.

While most of us have a general feeling that they are fighting a losing battle against stopping construction on The Dalles Dam, not a single one that I know of but is whole-heartedly behind the belief and firm conviction that the Treaty promises should be upheld.

Names on petitions of this kind, taken by the tribal delegates to the hearing at Washington will show our legislators that the Indians have sincere friends who wish their rights respected, and if nothing else, it will convince them that there can be no further evasion of the fact that if their rights are ignored, they should not be compelled to wait for untold years, as history has proven, for compensation. But of course you must understand that the red men do not put a value of dollars and cents on their rights at Celilo.

As you find it possible, please secure what signatures you can-- remembering there is no legal obligation in any way and it is merely an affirmation of friendship and moral support. This should be returned within a week or 10 days.

Meanwhile, good news is upcoming soon on Fort Simcoe. That will be announced by the proper authorities at the proper time. See you later.

Sincerely Click Relander