

Council

June 6th 1887.

Agent

Now do the Indians feel upon the question of Grazing foreign stock on the Reservation, I want to know if the older men present think the majority of the Indians on Reservation would say yes or no

{ Ans-
for Stuyvesant

At first, when the question was raised, years ago, we gave our consent - we realized a benefit then in the way of mills, agricultural implements & in various ways - but suddenly that stopped -

The younger Indians pressed us to find out the reason, so we called a council but the Agent got angry & gave us no satisfaction

It stood so until we consulted Maj Dickson who told us that the money had been paid over to the govt -

Now we have called this council & want to see what can be done in the way of mill &c

Mr. Dickson Allen & Snipes had a talk, and Allen afterwards offered to put up saw mill &c.

I told Allen we would know how to answer you when we find just how much money is to our credit in Washington -

Agent.

When we had council in early Spring I promised & did write the Dept what you said, & the reply came recently that you had money there sufficient to build a new saw & repair old grist mill or both new & then told me to make estimate of cost of both saw & grist mill

There being so many ideas as to what kind of saw mill we wanted I submitted three estimates one for portable saw mill one for steam saw mill & 1 for grist mill - My preference was for Portable saw mill - Have rec'd no reply from Wash as to what kind they would build -

Per my estimates the mills would cost from 5000.00 to 7000.00 We can do nothing now but wait till we hear from Washington - If they should decide to send us a Portable mill the first we may know will be the mill landed here -

I do not know the reason for the delay - Now what do you say about purchasing stock -

I may have to write to Wash - No one can come on with stock without consent of the Indians The Agent & the Department

Machawke

We have before this understood that there were different funds & we then could understand all about these funds - Since you have spoken it has awakened within me some of my old feeling, I feel that we have a friend - & we will again understand things again

Agent

- Explained to Machawke & others the difference in some of the old customs & the new.

Eneas -

We once agreed to let cattle graze but afterwards changed our minds & turned off the cattle, and

caused The Agent considerable Trouble -

& We could not see what became of the pasturage money, and never had an agent who could or would explain to our satisfaction -

Agent - If pasturage money is paid to me, I cannot hold it here for the disposal of the Indian, but send it to Washington there to be disposed of by the Department - I cannot promise how -

Eneas - Have patience with us Agent - There are a number of young men sitting around & we want to consider this matter, as it is one of importance to us -

(A number of Indians speak in their own language, consuming considerable time)

Tenwasha - I understood some bastons were on Range looking for cattle - found them & forbid them & told them if they wanted to round up let every body know - they said we dont care what you say nor do we mind moose who has a paper - I told them they should go back to where they came from - They were Snipes men I have seen snipes men rough.

I sent 2 boys up to report - One old man said he came to you - You sent letter to them - I sent the paper to where they were gathering cattle - They said they cared nothing for the Agents orders - They had taken it slick ears - We asked you Indians to come - They divided a beef after killing it with the Indians

Agent - The Snipes Cattle were on when I came
& we intend to collect from them -

We would have had them off before but
as they promised to pay liberally & it was
so late I thought - I would write the Dept
After the 1st July they will have to leave -

Do you know of other cattle on range -
Ans - Yes I see lots of cattle of different
brands - They are white men's -

Agent - I will start Police to take every thing
about 1st July & will seize the stock & make
owners pay -

One reason why we were lenient with S. & A.
they had bot so many cattle off the Dept & it
was hard to keep them off - We will keep
them off tho' finally -

(other Indian speeches -)

Tom Simpson - Have been in service a long time - Have put
off great many sheep - would take our band
for penalty but another would come in its
stead - Finally Gen Milroy decided to let them
graze here then I had less work - but we finally had
to prohibit them entirely

Agent - After we start any man who tries to cross
the Rio without authority should be ordered
off & if he does not go arrested & bot to me
I think any Indian has a right to demand

a mans authority & if he has none then he has the right to make him go off-

Every body has a right to drive stock on main Thoroughfare if they do not delay on road. Have given some this permission tho' they did not need permission written -

A vote taken & stood as follows

Ahtanam	no
Yakima	"
Sattas	- yes
Canyon	"
Topnish	"
Simco	"
Central	"

Agent

Now as we have decided to prohibit cattle & all stock from grazing on the Res.

I want to make arrangements to get pay from Snipes & Allen before they go - No one else has a great money - we are getting ready we want every body to help drive stock off & tell them their stock cant come again & if they do seize the stock or owner -

Some may complain ~~to~~ when we take some stock out side but you have as much right on outside public land as anyone.

We will go at this matter quietly & do not want to have trouble -

After we get them off I do not
think we will have much trouble -

It is your right - to keep these stock off
& this right - will be protected -

Agent

I have a matter for your consideration
which was referred to Gen Milroy who
failed to call a council to consider it -
It is a claim of Mrs. A. Billion of
Portland, Oregon -

I call your attention to it because
ordered to do in accordance with the
law in such cases. It is a claim
that a woman named Mrs. Bill
she makes a claim against Govt
for damage done her property in 1856
1856 - This was a long time ago
I am ordered to present the claim
& hear what you have got to say
about it -

The nature of the claim is
for cows & household furniture
alleged to have been destroyed in 1856
26 27 & 28 March - It all amount
to \$1138.⁵⁰ - This damage was claimed
to have been caused by Yakama &
Klickitat - before this woman can
get her claim from Govt

It is necessary to fill forms
of law - ^{and} ~~I~~ make this demand

Do not want to dictate or indicate
what you shall say & but want your
reply. Is there one present who
acknowledges knowing anything about it?
(No Indian remembered the circumstance ~~nor~~ knew
anything about it) - No one at the Council
had any knowledge of the damage claimed
to be sustained by E. A. Bellion at the time
mentioned ~~nor~~ at any other time - and denied
or refused the claim -

Council

Minutes of Council
held
June 6. 1887.