

Oregon Suptcy. Indian Affairs, Roll 15, microcopy 2

1857 No. 46

Agency Office, Dalles, Feb. 16th, 1857

Sir: Yours of the 5th Inst. was duly received. My salary is private property and I cannot consent to have it applied to the liquidation of government liabilities.

I am sorry that you were unable to satisfy the draft as it subjects me to repeated drains.

When I will be able to come down is a matter of uncertainty and while I am compelled to hold the office I cannot leave the district without permission of the superintendent. And in this day of strife for office it appears to me that some one would be glad to take my position.

I have at present some flour on hand but it will last but a short time. If you could send me some more it would be very acceptable as the Indians are very destitute As to the amount, will leave that with you and merely inform you that I have twelve hundred Indians to feed.

The news from the interior indicates renewed hostilities during the coming summer. An express just in from the Yakamah reports that the Indians have seized the Catholic Priest, bound and then flogged him and that he had come in to the military station at Simcoe for protection. With respect to the Indians of this vicinity, if hostilities are ~~renewed~~ renewed, a great many of those who returned last fall as well as many of those who remained friendly will undoubtedly join the war party.

I have done all that I could to keep them quiet and to assure those that remained friendly that the Government would not see them suffer and have to a great extent succeeded, but what can an agent do without means. Why the flour furnished me during the winter, twelve hundred Indians would consume in three days.

With a little means, supplies I should have said, I still hope to be able to control them and in this connection I will mention one thing, the result of experience that more good can be accomplished by the service

of agents whether local or general, so that they have constant communication with the Indians and attend to their many little grievances than would thrice pay their salary, or than thrice the amount of their salary expended otherwise.

Have you corresponded with General Wool in relation to troops for the Warm Springs Reservation is so please inform me by your next writing.

Respectfully etc.

R.R. Thompson, Indian Agent

A.F. Hedges, Esq.

Supt. Ind. Affairs, Oregon, Oregon City.



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Head Quarters Columbia River District  
July  
Fort Dalles O.T. ~~Dec 09~~ 7th, 1857

Colonel:

I have received your communication of the 17th ult. and after carefully perusing it I fully concur with you in our views. The treaty made by Cog. Stevens and Genl. Palmer is null and void, and our relations with the Indians are in status-quo. If the non-intercourse (?) laws were in force before those treaties were made they are now. The great misfortune was that the country was ... open to settlement before the treaties had been ratified. I inclose herewith a copy of an ad published by Genl. Clarke the commander of the Dept. Its execution will probably have a good effect in maintaining our peaceful relations with the Indians.

With etc.

G. Wright, Col. 9th Infy. comdy.

Col. J.W. Nesmith  
Supt of Indian Affairs,  
Salem, Oregon Territory.

(The enclosure mentioned in the following letter is believed to be that appearing as No. 159) This was the copy of Special Orders No. 87 previously typescripted under no. 143.

## Scanning Report

Oregon Superintendency of Indian Affairs, 1848-73, Letters Received,  
January 4, December 31, 1857 Roll No. 15, Microcopy 2.

[Includes material not in typescript]

1857, Document A of No. 1-Estimate for funds required for maintaining  
peace.

1857, No. 4-Abstract of Indians engaged in Indian War in Oregon, Miller,  
Grand Rond agency. Indians listed by name, men and women and children of  
each band, name of leader only, Shasta, Umpquas, 1 p.

1857-Letters 6 to 31 of little consequence, Umpqua, Grand Rond etc.

1857, No. 35-Monthly report of Grand Ronde Hospital, Jan, 1857 w/remarks.  
This hospital report carried throughout microfilm at periodic intervals.

1857 No. 36-Schedule of goods required for use of the Indians of  
Ore.Suptcy.

1857 No. 123-Request that ~~Sam's~~ Sam's Band be removed to the Siletz.

1857 No. 144-Appointment of J. Ross Browne.

1857, No. 148-Siletz funds estimated.

1857 No. 165-Record of Shore line "on the Waters of Washington  
Territory," June 19, 1857.

1857 No. 183-Withdrawal of land for Indian reservation on order of the  
President, townships 5 and 6, S.R. 8 west and parts of tps. 5 and 6 S of R,  
7 West.

1857 No. 189-Klamaths not on reservation, kept to selves in mts.  
during war, now bothering settlement of Winchester, Ore.

1857 No. 190-198 inc. Letters, Sheridan and others re- removal  
of Ind. to Coast Agency.

~~Feb 4 1857~~ 1857 No. 250-Grand Ronde hospital reports, Coquille affairs,  
beef accts. miscellaney of little consequence.

1857 No. 253-Letters and enclosures relating to traders and liquor in  
Colville country.

1857 No. 272- Statement of persons (employees) North East district  
of Oregon.



1857 No. 283-Medical report of broncho pneumonia epidemic at the Dalles.

1857 No. 289- Letter from Jacksonville, tells of miners exploring mountains back from Goose and Klamath lakes and finding there bands of Modocs and Selacks, the latter of 700 warriors. Friendly but have signed no treaties and do not wish whites in their extensive country.

1857- 290 to end of roll...estimates, letters of transmittal, medical reports, first letter showing "Seattle" on letter date so far observed.

File Microcopies of Records in the National Archives: No. 2, Roll 15

Records of the Oregon Superintendency of Indian Affairs, Letters Received,  
January 5--December 31, 1857. National Archives 1944.

#### Introductory

On this roll are microfilmed the unbound letters received by the Oregon Superintendency of Indian Affairs between January 4 and June 1, 1857 and by its successor the Oregon and Washington Superintendency of Indian Affairs between June 3 and December 31, 1857. The numbers provided for letters, on targets provided by the National Archives correspond to those under which the letters are entered in the register (reproduced on Roll 12) the numbers usually appear on the backs of the letters. The targets bear not only numbers but information relating to any irregularities or problems affecting the filing of particular letters.

The following is suggested as an appropriate method of citing a particular letter: Oregon Superintendency of Indian Affairs, letters received 1857, no. 1- or Oregon SIA, letters received, 1857. In strict accuracy all citations after June 2, 1857, should refer to the Oregon and Washington Superintendency of Indian Affairs; but, as explained in the introduction to Roll 12, good reason appears to exist for ignoring this distinction.



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1857 No. 31

Department of the Interior

Office Indian Affairs, December 17, 1856

Sir:

A letter from Joel Palmer, late Supt. Ind. Affairs dated 29th Oct., enclosing the accounts of Late Indian Agent Nathan Olney for the 2nd quarter of 1856 consisting of account current, abstracts etc vouchers with statements of persons employed and property return etc. for the same period has been received.

So soon as the accounts etc. are examined in this office, Mr. Olney will be notified of the result.

You will inform Mr. Palmer of the reception of the accounts etc.

Very Respectfully, your obt. servt  
Geo Manypenny, commissioner

A.F. Hedges, esq.

Supt. Ind. Affrs.

Oregon City, O.T.

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1857 No. 45

Agency Office, Dalles, Feb. 4th, 1857

Sir: The present winter in this section of country has been unusually ~~XXXX~~ severe . Great numbers (sic) of animals have died of starvation. Many of the Indians have not a hoof left alive. The Indians themselves have suffered for want of food, principally for the reason that the snow fell to such a depth that they were unable to reach this point.

I have at present but a limited amount of supplies on hand and wholly inadequate to the wants of these people.

The Tenino band and that portion of the Tiach Indians who remained friendly are exceedingly anxious to learn what disposition is to be made of them in the spring, they have been compelled to leave their houses and gardens and remained in this vicinity during the past summer and were thereby deprived of the benefits of their gardens which they feel is a very serious loss, they now hold themselves in readiness to go to the reservation and are exceedingly anxious that government carry out the stipulations of the treaty made with them. Something must be done for them or we may expect in case of continuation of hostilities the greater portion of those who have remained friendly to join the war party.

Will you please send an agent to relieve me at the earliest possible time you can. My private interests are such that it is not possible for me to serve the department much longer. I am now making up my accounts and so soon as they are completed I propose coming down with a view to settle up.

Respectfully etc. R.R. Thompson

Indian Agent

A.F. Hedges, Esq.

Supt. Ind. A. O.T.

I received two hundred and sixteen 2(delete mark ?) sacks of flour (200 ?] shipped Dec. 16, Your letter of Dec. 16 stated that you would forward ten tons. I have not sent receipts as I suppose the balance will be sent.



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1857 No. 56

Agency Office, Dalles, Feb. 23, 1857

Sir: The bills of lading by Str. Senorita for the delivery of 30,000 lbs, 400 sacks has been received. The flour is very acceptable and I have no doubt I will be able to accomplish much good therewith.

There is a large number of Indians who are now living in this vicinity and who have heretofore cultivated to some extent and who complain very much that they have no place to cultivate (they having been removed from their homes at the commencement of hostilities, and their farms subsequently taken by settlers.)

I have recommended to them the propriety of their at once removing to the reservation and promising such aid as I may be able to render them I have promised that I will furnish a quantity of flour some plows and write to you for a supply of garden seeds. If you can procure the last named articles please furnish me with a quantity at as early a day as possible.

We have just had a new arrival of Indians from the Nez Perces country. They belong to the lower band of DeShutes Indians. The report from the interior is that all is quiet.

Respectfully etc.

R.R. Thompson, Indian Agent

A.F. Hedges, Supt. Ind. Affairs

Oregon, Oregon City.

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1857 No. 59

Agency Office, Dallas March 5th, 1857

Sir: Your note by the hand of W.W. Raymond has been duly received and affords me much gratification to be relieved from the duties of this office.

Upon consultation with Mr. Raymond I have consented to retain the office untill he may go to the Willamette and return.

He will make known to you the urgent reasons for our giving assistance to the Indians who this day start for the reservation. Their head man is Kuck-Kup. They number 23 lodges and will probably reach 250 souls. I have issued to them a quantity of goods in consideration of their removing. I wrote you in reference to seeds for these Indians and would be glad if you could authorize the purchase of potatoes for seed or rather furnish funds for the purchase of the same.

One object I wish to attain by Mr. Raymond giving below is to get if possible a team and and (sic) man to drive the same to the reservation and there <sup>assist</sup> ~~assist~~ the Indians in breaking some land for spring crops. Please give all the assistance you can.

Respectfully etc

R.R. Thompson Indian Agent

A.F. Hedges, esq.

Supt. Ind. Affairs, Oregon.



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1857 No. 84

Fort Simcoe W.T. April 6th, 1857

Col:

Major Garnett the officer in command at this post furnished me a copy of a correspondence between himself and the Supt. of Ind. Affairs.

Allow me to say to the superintendent that so far as that correspondence relates to myself that I have acted in good faith and upon the authority of an acknowledged "special agent" of your Department. A copy of said authority as also the instructions for my date of action I have the honor of transmitting to you.

The object had in view at the time of my appointment was two fold, viz: 1st that I ~~had~~ might have some color of authority of ascertaining facts in reference to Ind. affairs in this section and reporting the same to the Ind. Department as per instructions.

2nd: Previous to Gen. Wool's orders in regard to settling upon the public domain being extended to this section I had invested the proceeds of two years labor in seed and farming implements and at an enormous expense had transported the same to this valley and had commenced farming operations.

I do not intend to enter upon any discussion as to the legality or illegality of the order above referred to. It is sufficient for me to know that Gen. Wool had the military force at his disposal in sufficient force to execute any order he ~~wxx~~ might see fit to issue.

Col ?? directed that the order should be enforced. The only course left for me to pursue was either to loose my little all or get employment in the Ind. Dept. I chose the latter alternative. Agent Robie said he had long wanted a man in the Yakama to keep him posted in reference to the movements of Inds. etc. in this section. He therefore gave me the temporary authority, a copy of which you will be pleased to find enclosed. It was distinctly understood by both of us that I was to perform the duties gratuitously as he (Mr. R) had no authority to pay me a dime.



The above is a brief statement of the facts in the case. I had to either take charge of the Indians entirely or I had to say that I had no authority to act in reference to them. In the latter case I would not be allowed to stop in the country.

Now if you are inclined to extend a helping hand to me in this extremity you will be ~~farx~~ conferring a greater favor than perhaps you can be aware of.

I am confident that I can get along with the Indians better than any stranger you could send among them. I have taken pains to become personally acquainted with all of them as also to acquire a knowledge of their language.

And I am extremely ~~xxxxxx~~ desirous of remaining in the Yakama for several years to come.

Hoping you will pardon me for troubling you at such length in an affair which cannot be of any interest to you personally.

I am respectfully

Your Most obdt.

J.C. ~~xxxxxx~~ Geer

to Col. J.W. Nesmith, Supt. Ind. Affairs

P.S. I omitted to state that I had addressed you before on this subject previous to my getting a copy of the correspondence alluded to.

Yours etc.

J.C. G.

[The letter and enclosure concern the official status of J.C. ~~xxx~~ Geer at Fort Simcoe in Washington Territory. The date (March 28, 1857) given on the endorsement and in the register is that of the enclosure rather than of the covering letter. The date of receipt is evidently erroneous. See No. 207 and Oregon SIA Letter Books F: 79



1857 No. 94(Enclosure to)

Office Special Ind. Agent W.T.

Dalles, O.T. March 28, 1857

J.C. Geer, esq, sir:

On your arrival at the Simcoe you are hereby authorized to temporarily take charge of the friendly Indians in that section.

You will examine into their condition as to whether any of them are actually suffering for want of food or clothing and report to this office at the earliest practicable period.

You will also ascertain as near as practicable the names of the chiefs of the different bands which have remained friendly the past winter, the number of persons belonging to each band; the location of each band etc. and report the same as early as convenient.

It will be your duty to keep me advised in reference to the general condition and the deportment of the Indians in the Yakama. And you are especially requested to communicate freely your views and suggestions in reference to the policy that in your judgment will best secure the peace of the country.

Very Respectfully

Your Most Obedt. (servant implied)

A.H. Robie,

Special Indian Agt. W.T.

Department of the Interior, Office Indian Affairs

March 18, 1857

Sir:

You have been appointed by the president, by and with the advise and consent of the Senate to be superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Territories of Washington and Oregon, and I herewith enclose your commission and the form of an official bond and oath.

The bond will be executed by yourself with three or more sureties in the presence of witnesses in the penal sum of seventy thousand dollars and the sufficiency of your sureties for the amount of the penalty of the bond must be certified to by an U.S. district judge or an U.S. Attorney.

The oath of office must be taken before a judge of a United States Court or a justice of Peace and if taken before a justice, his official character must be certified to under seal of the proper court or office.

The section of the act of March 3rd, 1857 by which the office to which you have been appointed was created in the following words:

"And be it further enacted that in lieu of the provisions ~~of~~ for the exercise of the duties of the superintendents of Indian Affairs in the Territories of Oregon, Washington, Utah and New Mexico as now provided by law, the president be and he is hereby authorized to appoint by and with the advice and consent of the senate, one superintendent of Indian (Affairs) for the Territories of Washington at Oregon at the annual salary of twenty five hundred dollars, one superintendent of Indian affairs for the territory of New Mexico and one for the territory of Utah, each at the annual salary two thousand dollars, and that and from and after such separation of the duties of said offices, the governor of Washington shall receive the same salary as that paid to the governor of Oregon and the Governors of Utah and New Mexico shall each receive the salary of twenty five hundred dollars. The superintendents of Indian affairs in the territories of Oregon, Washington Utah and New Mexico shall negotiate no treaties with any Indian tribes within



such territories unless instructed thereto by the President of the United States.....

..... Geo Manypenny, commissioner

to Jame W. Nesmith , esq. Dallas, Polk county, Oregon.

Indian Agency, Dalles, April 25, 1857

Sir:

Since my arrival at this place I have made myself acquainted with most of the chiefs and principal men belonging to the Deshutes, Wasco and Dalles tribes of Indians. The other tribes in my district I have not been able to learn much about. The tribes with whom I have become acquainted are all well disposed towards our people with the exception of Stockwhitley and a few of his people and I do not apprehend any difficulty with them.

The Dalles and ~~xxx~~ a large part of the Deshutes Indians are now upon the Warm Springs Reservation, numbering about five hundred. They are contented and well pleased with their location.

The Wascos are still in the vicinity of the Dalles. This tribe is cultivating about 15 acres of land and have very comfortable cabins ~~e~~ ? to live in. They are willing to go upon the reserve whenever requested ~~taxin~~ so to do. They understand however that the treaty guarantees to them the same or improvements upon the ~~reserve~~ and they do not expect to be required to remove until the government makes or commences to make such improvement. My opinion is that it would be impolitic to remove them until this fall, after harvest as they have all their planting and sowing done and in the meantime make the ~~improvements~~ improvements upon the ~~reserve~~ reserve. It will be greatly to the advantage of these Indians to be removed as soon as possible also to people living in the neighborhood of the Dalles.

Stockwhitley and a portion of his tribe are camped on Fifteen Mile creek. I believe they will be willing to go upon the reserve as soon as the season for catching salmon is over. They are very poor.

The Dog River Indians are camped on Dog River and are under the charge of Local Agent Benton. I am told they are decidedly opposed to going on the Warm Springs Reservation but are willing and anxious to go on the White Salmon Reserve which is directly opposite to where they now live. I believe it would be better both for the government and the Indians that



this change should be made

The Indians upon the reserve are very willing to labor and are making very laudible efforts to subsist themselves, but they will not be able to do much towards that this year. I shall do all in my power to encourage them. Yesterday I dispatched two waggon to the reserve loaded with seeds for planting, agricultural implements and ~~xxxx~~ provisions for the laborers. One of these teams I purchased (a wagon and four good oxen) to be used upon the reserve and the other I hired for the occasion.

I have at present six men employed upon the reserve. They are engaged ploughing and making rails. I have directed them as soon as done ploughing to commence the erection of an agency building. I have deemed these improvements actually necessary for the maintenance of peace. I also think it necessary that cabins should be built for the Indians before the winter season.

The Indians in my district are settled over so large a section of country and at so many different places and no sub agent provided by the government I have deemed it actually and absolutely necessary to appoint (sic) a local agent to live upon the reserve at the Warm Springs and have appointed Mr. J.W. Knight to act in that capacity subject to your approval. Mr. Knight was highly recommended by Mr. Thompson, Gates, Simms and Hamanson and from what I have seen of the man I believe he is well qualified for the place. I hope my action will meet ~~xxx~~ your approbation.

I shall leave here about the 1st of May for the Reserve. After my return I shall be prepared to make up my estimates for this and the ensuing quarters.

I desire you will instruct me as to what kind and to what extent improvements are to be made upon the reservation and the policy to be pursued towards the different tribes of Indians. This will enable me to make up correct estimates of expenses.

operations  
My ~~operations~~ are very much embarrassed for want of money. I trust therefore you will supply me as soon as possible. I want for immediate use at least thirty thousand dollars, a large of this (sic) to pay off present indebtedness. I shall be pleased at all times to



? instructions and suggestions in regard to my duty.

I am etc.

A.P. Dennison, Ind. Agent  
to J.W. Nesmith, esq. Supt. Ind. Affairs, Salem, O.T.

[1857 N . 77]

Dept. of the Interior, Office Indian Affairs  
February 10th, 1857

Sir:

Amie P. Dennison esq. has been appointed by the president , by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to e U.S. Agent for the Indians in Oregon in place of Nathan Olney, resigned. His commission has today been transmitted to his address at Portland , Oregon with a form for the o official bond and oath and instructions in all respects similar to those given to Rebert B. Metcalf and John F. Miller, as my letter of 25th August last addressed to you. You will carry out in regard to Mr. Dennison and his entry upon the duties the same instructions given in cases of Messrs Metcalf and Miller

Very respectfully etc.

Geo. Manypenny , commissioner

A.F. Hedges, esq. Supt. Ind. Affairs,  
Oregon City, Oregon.



Head Quarters Dept. of Pacific

Fort Dalles O.T. June 29th, 1857

Orders No. 87: 1st--Until orders to the contrary are received from the War Department no white person will be permitted to settle in the Indian country East of the White Salmon River or north of the Columbia in Washington Territory or East of the River Deschutes in Oregon.

All white persons now settled north and east of the line above indicated with the exception of those who settled under the Donation Law and the Agents of the Hudson Bay Company will be removed.

This prohibition does not extend to the Colville Miners.

2nd: Commanders of posts will notify the Indians in the limits above given that the treaties made with Gov. Stephens (sic) are not ratified and are not binding and be at pains to explain to the Indians that they have the same rights to their country now as they had before those treaties were made.

3rd: They will give the Indians clearly to understand that every act of hostility or violence will be punished and no peace will be made with any tribe until the guilty are surrendered.

4th: Commanding officers will encourage the chiefs, without exception, to visit them and will treat them with kindness and hospitality and assure them that all complaints will be patiently heard, investigated and injuries if practicable redressed.

5th: The introduction of spiritous liquor into the Indian country is prohibited. Violators of this prohibition will be removed from the country and the liquor will be destroyed.

By Command of Brig. Genl. Clarke

Signed: W.W. Mackall, ? ? General

official G. Wright, Col. 9th infy.

Office Indian Agent

Dalles, O.T. July 10th, 1857

Sir:

The bearer, Jim desires to remove from the Grand Round to the Warm Spring Reserve. He says the Dalles is his native place. Mark, chief of the Wascoes has been to see me and says if you are willing Jim should remove with his family to the Warm Springs Reserve, he should be very glad to have him do so. There has been some talk here lately about the Mole Allays moving here, the Indians here are apposed to it, and I hope they will not be pemmitted to remove.

Oh-Hi is at White Salmon. He has sent for me to come and see him. I think I shall go tomorrow.

There is not much said about the order issued to Genl. Clark. Nothing new of importance .

Respectfully etc.

A.P. Dennison, Ind. Agent  
to J.W. Nesmith, Esq. Supt. Indian Affairs, Salem O.T.

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[Ow-hi, Yakima chief and a sign r of the Treaty Council of "alla "alla, was killed late the following summer (1858) in the Palouse country. This is the m st dispat point to the southward of ~~xxxxx~~ Oh-Hi, presumed to be Oh-Hi, that documentary evidence has been found. He is the chief the Yakimas claimed at Ceded lands Hearing 161 was the signer for the "anapums]



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Office Indian Agent, Dalles, O.T. July 11, 1857

Sir:

The bearer, Thomas, desires to remove from the Grand Ronde to the Warm Spring Reservation, this is his native place and his relatives are anxious to have him return. I have told him if you were willing he should remove. I should be glad to have him come. I write this at his and his relatives request.

Respectfully etc.

A.P. Dennison, Ind. Agent

To J.W. Nesmith, esq.

Supt. Ind. Affairs, Salem, O.T.

P.S. There has been no effort yet to remove those persons living on the opposite side of the river. ..I saw Owhi (sic) yesterday at White Salmon. I will write you in a few days. A.P.D.

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Fort Vancouver, W.T. July 9th, 1857

General:

I have a friend, an old gentlman who has a shanty on the north bank of the Columbia River opposite the Dalles, for the purpose of trading with the employes of the Quartermasters Department engaged in transporting supplies to Fort Simcoe and to pick up what little Indian trade there may be on that side of the river.

He informs me that he expects to be ordered off and desired me to write you for your consent to let him remain.

Knowing him to be an honest man and a good citizen, I do not hesitate to comply with his request--hoping that you will not think me impertinent in doing so. If this privilege can not be granted and it is not inconsistent with your duties or inclinations he would be under great obligation as well as the subscriber if you would permit him to go to Walla Walla as an Indian trader.

I have the honor to be sir,

Very Respectfully

Your obt. servt.

J.R. Daniel

To Genl. J.W. Nesmith,

Superintendent of Indian Affairs

Oregon and Washington Territories, Salem, Oregon.



Oregon Suptcy. Ind. Affairs. Roll 15, Microcopy 2 No. 1857 No. 192

Head Quarters Dept. of the Pacific

San Francisco, Cal. July 28, 1857

Colonel: Brigadier General Clarke, commanding, has received your letter of July 15th.

You will have seen by the order enclosed you that your wishes in relation to an increased force at Umpqua are being carried out.

The enclosed copy of a letter to Major Garnett will evince to you the desire of the General to meet your views, as to the surrender of the guilty Indians, and explain why he cannot make the preemptory demand you think should be made.

He hopes that a surrender, so much desired by both you and himself, may be obtained.

Orders will be given to the officers east of the Cascades to furnish guards, on your request, when it can be done.

Owing to previous complications the general regrets that he has not been in all things able to meet your views.

I am sir very respectfully

Your obt. servant

W.W. Mackall

Col. J.W. Nesmith, Supt. Ind. Affairs, Oregon and Washington Territories,  
Salem, Oregon.

P.S. When reports are ~~next~~ received from Major Garnett and Lt. Col. Steptoe the general will again communicate with you and if he can then comply with your request he will do so cheerfully.

Respy.

W.W. Mackall.