

Oregon Suptcy. Indian Affairs, Roll 18, microcopy 2 No. 132.

J.P. Haley et. all June 13, 1860. Statement of a party of miners on Malheur river that they had lost 70 head horses by Indians and requesting superintendent to attempt their recovery should he discover any opportunity.

Camp Pine Spring

Mr. Geary, supt. Indian affairs

June 13, 1860

Dear Sir: Having just learned that you were on your way to Harney Lake to see the Indians in their country we thought that a few facts that have come under our observation might be interesting if not useful to you.

We (a company of 57 men) on a prospecting expedition were travelling toward the Malheur river we saw no Indians until on the 6th instant when ~~wax~~ in camp at a creek 10 miles past the lake valley.

About 3 o'clock p.m. the cry of Indians was heard and we saw three of them on horseback making for our horses yelling as usual on such occasions with all their might these with a number of others who passed along a hill a little further from camp managed to so frighten our horses that about 70 out of the 108 were run off in spite of all we could do there were several shots fired at them, one of which killed one of their horses but did not hit the Indians.

Next morning, being on foot with only horses enough to carry our provisions we deemed it best to turn back. On ascending the hill we found ourselves attacked by a band of Indians hid among the rocks and sage brush. We killed some 6 or 7 and wounded some others. We then turned to another hill and took the most level way we could find to the valley. On leaving camp next morning there were several Indians came on the hills and hollowed at us--the last we have seen.

Joseph Phipps was shot through the fleshy part of the right thigh--the only wound received by any of our company.

As this attack was entirely unprovoked on our part, if you should

make a treaty with them or have any other chance to recover some of our horses we hope you will remember this and do the best you can for us.

Our horses were all good except 4 or 5. There were 5 mules among them.

J.P. Haley, J.W. Swank, John Brown, W.B. Smith, John C. Templeton, N.J. Cochran, Samuel Bradford, John Bradford, A.L. Ferguson, N. Filmore, Jas. B. Roberts, Samuel Warfield, Henry Marlin.



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On this roll are microcopied the unbound letters received by the Oregon and Washington Superintendency of Indian Affairs, January 1-December 31, 1860. The letters are numbered, approximately in order of receipt from 1 to 293. The numbers correspond to those under which the letters are entered in the register microcopied on Roll 12...

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Oregon Suptcy. Indian Affairs, Roll 18, microcopy 2

Head Quarters Department of Oregon  
Fort Vancouver, W.T. August 10, 1859

Sir:

The General Commanding instructs you to withdraw your men from the Warm Spring Agency and not to send troops to that quarter for the future without orders from this head quarters.

I am etc.

A. Pleasonton,  
Capt. 2nd Dragoons  
AAA Genl

Commanding Officer  
Fort Dalles, Oregon

Head Quarters Fort Dalles Oregon  
January 24, 1860

Head Quarters Fort Dalles Ogn.  
January 24, 1860

Sir:

I am directed by the commanding officer of this district to herewith transmit a true copy of a letter received from the general commanding the dept. of Oregon in relation to sending troops to the Warm Spring Agency

The commanding officer has forwarded your letter to General Harney

I am etc.

J B(?) Alexander  
2nd Lt. 9th Infantry  
post adjutant

Mr. I (or J) H. Abbott

Sub Indian Agent,

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Warm Springs (Capt Black was the commanding officer)



Oregon Superintendency Ind. Affairs, Toll 18, Microcopy 2 letter 11

Warm Springs Reservation

January 24, 1860

Sir:....(concerning subsistence of employes)

...The Indians of this reservation except Stock Whitley's band and a few individuals of the Wascos and Tighs are on the Reservation to the number of about a thousand and are subsisting themselves principally by hunting.

The Snake Indians have committed no further depredations on the reserve Indians...

...It is my intention to keep half of the reserve Indians here and let half go to the fishery when the salmon begin to run; by which means I hope to be able to protect the crops provided I should not be relieved before that time.

J.H. Abbott, Sub Indian Agent

Hon E.R. Geary, superintendent of  
Indian Affairs, Oregon and N.T.

Oregon Suptcy. Indian Affairs, Roll 18, microcopy 2 Letter

Portland, Oregon, May 10th, 1861

[1860?]

Sir: In view of the fact that nearly or quite all of the Indians of Warm Springs (sic) Reservation are leaving the reserve and going to the numerous fisheries for the summer and the exposed and defenseless condition of that agency I deem it necessary to increase the number of employes on the reservation to such numbers as can defend the property in case of an attack by Snake Indians.

As the service of the Resident Physician at the Reservation in my opinion be unnecessary until the return of the Indians to the reserve I would suggest that he be discharged and the funds applied to his salary used to pay laborers for the present.

for the medical department during the absence  
Expenditures of the Indians from the reservation, can be easily dispensed with.

I am etc.

C.H. Abbott

Sub Indian Agent

Hon E.R. Geary, superintendent

Ind. Affairs.



Oregon Suptcy. Indian Affairs, Roll 18, microcopy 2, Letter 2101

Dalles Oregon, May 2d, 1860

Sir:

I have this day seen Maj. Stein and he informed me that he has received orders from Gen. Harney to start on the expedition to Harney Lake as soon as the necessary preparations are completed and that he will be ready about the 20th of the present month.

He will establish a depot at Harney Lake which will not be broken up until the latter part of the summer.

You can join him at the depot at your convenience.

If this change in the time of starting will make any corresponding change in your arrangements, please write me in detail.

I have seen Mr. Noble and he says that he can have the cattle ready at any time on two days notice. Maj. Stein (looks like Steen this time) takes a small band of cattle with him.

If you think best I will purchase the cattle and send them with the Major's herd.

The Indian Tab-a-booy is in the Nez Perce country and consequently out of reach at present.

I will see Mr. Olney tomorrow on my way to the reservation.

I will be in town again in about a week. If you have any further directions for me please to write in time for me to get your letter when I return from the reserve.

Very respectfully etc.

G.H. Abbott, sub Indian agent

to Hon E.R. Geary, superintendent Indian affairs,  
Oregon and W.T. Portland.

Oregon Suptcy. Indian Affairs, Roll 18, Microcopy 2, letter 112

Dalles Oregon, May 15, 1860

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 11th instant by Capt. G.H. Abbott <sup>came</sup> duly to hand.

In answer to that portion of your letter desiring that I would accompany you on your proposed visit to the Snake country I must say that my business is such that it will be impossible for me to leave home at this time without serious inconvenience and probable loss. I regret being compelled to disappoint you in this ~~matter~~ instance and hope at some future time it may be in my power to serve you.

On your arrival at this place if you will be so kind as to apprise me of the fact I shall be pleased to call on you.

Very respectfully etc.

Nathan Olney

Edward R. Geary, esq.

Supt. Indian Affairs, Portland, Oregon.



St. Helens Oregon, June 1, 1860

To the superintendent of Indian Affairs in Oregon and Washington Territory

"We the undersigned residents of St. Helens and vicinity do petition that the Clickatats and Yakima Indians now living among us may be removed from our midst to the lands reserved for them or wheresoever else you may deem expedient.

There residence here has long been a serious inconvenience and a nuisance, but it was borne as it was understood to be the intention of the department to remove them early in April, but that period has passed and they are still among us as noisy and as drunken as ever.

The existence here is of no benefit to any save those who deal in whisky and as we do not wish to promote that interest we would respectfully ask for their removal at as early a period as possible and with the belief that such will be the case we subscribe ourselves most respectfully

(Names signed)

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Charles E. Place, Yakima Reservation (no date) In regard to the conduct of the agent and employees there. Rec. June 30, 1960

To Mr. Geary:

I feel it my duty as one in the employment of the U.S. in letting you now (sic) how things are managed on the reservation which I think is some ones duty to put a stop to such management. The doctor is slack in thesethings; he is gone most of the time and he still keeps me at the post and says to me to take care of the things and so I do as he says to me I know what is right and do it ne never dictates me in nothing but when he is gone I still feel a moreand greater desire that everyth ng is taken the best of ware which I should be the duty of of each and all on the reserve and if this is done ~~maxw~~ all will go well as for myself I always feel justified when I contend for the right. When your honor said ~~for~~ to me I had better come to Timcoe as it was the doctors wish and when I come I come with that determination that what I done should be done should be done right (sic) in every respect and if we all do this it will be ~~max~~ an intrust (sic) to the government an honor to our employers and a credit to us.

I do more than I ought to to do ~~for~~ for there is none here that can do it but me. I rise in the morning at 4 a.m. I like 7 cows I then cook my breakfast I go to my days work at 7. I work till 7 o'clock then I get my supper. Sometime I get my cows at sundown some times ~~ixix~~ at dark and when I am done it is about 9 o'k. at night which is to men's work this I do to meet the good will of my employers still the doctor uses no controll over me. I can't say that he asks me to it still I am the only one that is left to do it.

Now let me say to your honor if it should not dispise you and if so I ask pardon, is ir right that individuals who have no employment on the reserve should come here and live month in and month out and use the government's horses day after day riging them at their lea ure is



this right. If you could see how the poor animals were made ...ind by the saddles got in corral at sunrise kept there untill some were to use for pleasure the young then say to me that are in the employ that they will ride ..when tha pleas or let others there. ust be as many as three allmost every day (sic).?? sode down in sporting (sic). Soon after your honor left here Mr. Dickinson took the pleasure in riding one to death he says to me he was sick I say he was~~de~~ rode to death a horse 8 years old a good horse I do not say all I can to prevent this distruction (?) I have never hacked <sup>none</sup> ? one of the department horses but twice that was last year. I hink if there is no use for the animals in the department and not for the interest o f it they should be let lone. I am not /... of find fault and if injustly by so doing I ask pardon.

The young man that doctor has left here says he has the charge of allthe things still he says he has nothing to do with me. He is about 19 years of age and been he says clerk must of the time. The doctor ought to now he has but little judgment and little experience and can can (sic) be easily persuaded by others to do to sute them. When the doctor left this time said I to him let me take care of the animals I will see that tha are taken good care of He says "illiam willsee to them. This is a brother of Thomas. I should think about 20 years old When the doctor left there was .. going apenty done and I have said and I have said a good dial in opposition to it So much so that tha (sic) will do all tha can to get me discharged. If tha (sic) do I shall go in a good course. It is not to be wondered at that congress complains in these matters.

N.B. The doctor is a good friend to me. I do not say things to injure him in the least way but that he might be more observing in these things and if done by your honor all is right he will now some one has said something to you in this matter I could say many things that

your honor would disapprove of, this morning the horses are in the correll at sun up and there remain till 8 o'clock nothing to eat per his head farmer Mr. Allen who like to sport his time there is three going to day I wish that your could be here and see how things are managed and by those whomever had nothing now but little how to do for the interest of others. Let <sup>no one</sup> @ know that I have said anything in this matter.

Your humble servant and friend

~~Chedoke~~ Charles E. Place



Head Quarters Department of Oregon

Fort Vancouver, W.T. May 5, 1860

Sir:

The general commanding instructs me to inform you the two military positions at Forts Bellingham and Townsend have been withdrawn and the buildings at both of these places are at the service of the Indian Department for agencies provided they are relinquished to the troops hereafter in case of any necessity arising requiring their occupation.

I am etc.

A. Pleasonton

Capt. 2nd Dragoons

Asst. Adjutant Genl.

Edward R. Geary, esq.

Superintendent of Indian Affairs Washington and Oregon

Portland, Oregon.

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Head Quarters Department of Oregon

Fort Vancouver, W.T. May 15, 1860

Sir:

The general commanding instructs me to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 14th instant and to state he will submit your proposition relative to the property at Fort Simcoe to the Quartermaster General for the consideration of the War Department.

In referenceto supplying transportation for Indian goods as far as Lake Harney I am directed to say the limited means of transportation at the disposition of the general will not allow any such arrangement without prejudice to the military service.

I am etc.

A. Pleasonton Capt. 2nd Dragoons  
Assst. Adj. Genl.

Edward R. Geary, Esq.  
Superintendent of Indian Affairs,  
for Oregon and Washington Territory.  
Portland, Oregon.



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Head Quarters Department of Oregon

Fort Vancouver, W.T. April 4, 1860

Sir:

Ordinance sergeant Achenbach at Fort Simcoe complains that Dr. Lansdale , Indian agent at that point has taken wood and lumber in his charge and threatens to use all other military property at that place for the benefit of the Indian Department stating further to the said sergeant that no person not on the Indian Department service will be allowed to reside at ~~Fort~~ Simcoe except by his sufferance.

The general commanding desires me to call your attention to these complaints being fully satisfied you will have them corrected.

I am etc.

A. Pleasanton , Capt. 2d Dragoons

Assst. Ad. Genl

Edward R. Geary, esq.

Superintendent of Indian Affairs,

Portland, Oregon.