

Yakima Indian (sic)

Ft. Simcoe, W.T. Sept 30, 1879

Hon E.A. Hayt, commissioner, sir:

I have the honor to submit a report in relation to the Indian police at this agency. The chief of the police, M.G. Royal left at the close of the quarter without making the needed report. During the quarter the Indians of the agency have been unusually industrious and orderly. Four persons (Indians) have been arrested for adultery, tried by the council of Indians and imprisoned four weeks--two men and two women.

In a letter written Oct. 8th I stated that 40 policemen were cumbersome, expensive and not worth as much as the ten reported approved, and paid the 2d quarter and recommended the last 30 approved to commence August 1st paid to Oct 1st and dismissed. In a letter more p 339

recently I wrote requesting a change in the captain of the police that Eneas be dismissed and John Linley appointed in his place. In the case of Moses and indeed others, I have found Eneas was unreliable.

I have appointed J.H. Fairchild chief of the police and from the close of the 3d quarter he will record and report the doings of the police.

Hoping this report under the circumstances will pass with your favor, I am sir,

Your obedient servant etc. James H. Wilbur, U.S.  
Indian Agent.

Hon E.A. Hayt, Nov. 29, 1879

Commissioner, Sir:

I have the honor to submit my report for the month of Nov, 1879  
The month has been favorable for plowing and putting in fall grain.  
The Indians of the agency have never manifested as much interest  
in farming as this fall They are constantly making improvements,  
fencing, plowing and teaming during the month 32 four horse teams  
have been sent to the Dalles on the Columbia river for freight  
purchased by your agent and discharged at the Dalles, 65 miles  
from the station. Owing to the snow on the mountains p 360 fifteen  
of the teams were obliged to travel at least one hundred miles from  
the Dalles to the agency. These teams with their wagons and harness  
belong to the Indians. Each man drove 4 horses and made as good  
time as any experienced white man.

The work in the shops is increasing as the Indians go on making  
improvements. The schools are doing well. The grist mill with  
double the capacity of former times is able to do the grinding for the  
agency.

The Piute Indians are behaving well and are increasingly  
industrious. They have grubbed 40 acres of land, have been  
cutting wood for the station, driving teams and assisting in ?  
The work of the month has been three or four times as much as is  
usual for this time of the year. Plowing and seeding, hauling lumber  
for fencing and shopwork, wood for the station and the transportation  
of about 46 p 361 tons of freight from the Dalles has kept the  
Department teams and many of the Indian teams constantly at work.  
Everything is running smooth with the employees and the Indians  
of the agency. I am etc.



Civ. Oregon R. 694.79

Hon. E.A. Hayt, commissioner

Dec. 29, 1879

Commissioner, sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your official letter of Nov. 18th 1879 enclosing a claim of Dillard Sterrit for \$1,834.50 dollars. I have had the Indians Bannock and Piute who are here who are charged with committing the alleged depredations but cannot get any evidence of their being the parties. In the council I took pains to impress upon them that no harm would come to them in telling the whole truth. They say they did not commit these depredations.

I am sir etc

James H. Wilbur.

report--piutes--Church

Dec. 31, 1879

Hon E.A. Hayt:

I have the honor to submit my report for the month of December. The first part of the month was pleasant for stock feed business, the last half of the month has been stormy and cold and has required a great deal of labor and vigilance in taking care of the cattle. Up to this time we have lost nothing.

The boarding school has been doing well. The Piute school six miles away under management of George Waters has done better and the children are more constant in attendance than we 372 could have reasonably expected and are making fair improvement. Our shops have been well supplied with material for work and the work in them has been thrifty.

Our grist mill is in first rate order and has been most of the month with grinding. We are not running the saw mill in the winter month.

Yakima, Pt. Mccoe, Wash. Ter, Feb. 20, 1880

L.D. White, esq. Salem, Oregon.

Sir:

Upon the recommendation of E.R. Miller esq. carpenter at this agency, I have this day nominated you to the commissioner of Indian Affairs as engineer and sawyer at this agency at a yearly compensation of \$1,000. Your services will be required (should you accept) April 1st and your pay begin as soon as you commence work. Transportation will be furnished you from the Dalles to the Agency by government teams. This appointment is of course subject to the approval of the Department of which I entertain no doubt. Please inform me immediately if you accept, that I may have time to make proper arrangements for your transportation to the agency and notify you of the same, or in case you decline, look elsewhere.

Very Truly Yours

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Indian Agent



learn rapidly, and having now acquired a tolerable knowledge ~~addition~~ of the English language, may reasonably be expected to make still greater progress in the future. It is hoped that funds may be provided to enable me to supply these children with clothing which is much needed.

Regular weekly issues of flour and beef have been made to the Putes with salt as often as required. In the distribution of annuity goods no distinction has been made between them and those who were perhaps more entitled to them.

As authorized by Department letter of Oct. 2, 1871, I have purchased 1,000 bushels of wheat and am pleased to say have had no occasion to go outside the reservation for it. If necessary I have no doubt but two or three times as much could readily be bought on the reservation, the surplus product of Indian labor. I take much pleasure  
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In recording the fact that the crop raised by these Indians last year has proved sufficient not only for their own support but that has afforded sufficient subsistence for about 500 from another nation.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant

James H. Mulbur, U.S. Indian agent.



Yakima Indian Agency, Ft. Simcoe, March 10, 1880

Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of circular No. 42 dated Feb. 17 directing me to forward a list of employees required at this agency for the year ending June 30th, 1881

In compliance with your instructions I forward the required list as also an estimate of funds required for irregular employees during the same period.

In connection with the enclosed list I desire to call your attention to letter of Honor R.A. Hayt the commissioner of Indian Affairs under date of April 1st, 1879 in reply to a communication from me notifying him that I had forwarded my resignation to the Missionary Board of the M.E. Church.

In his letter to me the Hon. Commissioner says; "Your retirement from the Indian Service at the present time will be a public misfortune." p 423 I am willing to grant you a leave of absence from your agency for sixty days and I also desire you to procure the services of a competent clerk or sub agent who may relieve you of a great deal of hard work at the agency."

I have not availed myself directly of the permission granted in the latter clause of the above quotation, but desire to do so for the year commencing July 1st, 1880.

The great amount of repairing to plows, wagons and other agricultural implements has necessitated <sup>the</sup> constant employment of the supt. of farming in the shop so that nearly all the immense amount of outside work has revolved on me.

It is impossible to procure a thoroughly competent wagon and plow maker, one capable of taking entire charge of the shop, for less than \$1,000 per annum, which is more than was authorized for the present fiscal year. I desire therefore that this agency be allowed

Hon Commissioner of Indian Affairs March 12, 1880

Upon examining my report for employees forwarded with my account for the 4th quarter 1879 I find the name of Dan Boone, gunsmith and laborer is omitted. This is an error and arose from the omission of his name in the report for the 2nd qr of 1879. Dan Boone has been regularly and steadily employed and his name should appear in the list of regular employees. I enclose a corrected report which I respectfully ask may be substituted for the one sent forward.

Etc.



~~to add~~ a wagon and plowmaker at a salary of \$1,000, which would release the superintendent of farming and allow him to attend to the duties which legitimately belong to him. This would 424 believe me from an immense amount of drudgery and enable me to look more closely to the wants of the Indians and instruct them in matters pertaining to their improvement.

It will be seen that the enclosed list but embraces all the regular employees of the agency, though many of the positions as indicated in the list filled by Indians. I have also included one ~~surveyor~~ <sup>surveyor</sup> at \$1,000. The person intended for this position is a good blacksmith and engineer and will be expected to serve in any capacity when required. very respectfully etc.

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List of employees required at Yakima Indian agency for year ending June 30, 1881

One agent	\$2,000 per annum
One physician surgeon	\$1,200
One <del>clerk</del> clerk	\$1,000
One supt. farming	\$1,000
One <del>inst. farming</del> <sup>supt instruction</sup>	\$1,000
One carpenter	\$1,000
One miller	\$1,000
One wagon plow maker	\$1,000
One <sup>Sawyer</sup> <del>surveyor</del> and engineer	\$1,000
One <del>engineer</del>	
One teacher	\$600
One ditto	600
Indian employees viz	
One blacksmith half breed	at \$800 per annum
One farmer	\$600
One ditto	600



One herder	\$360
One teacher (for Putes)	\$500
One cook for boarding school	\$200
One asst. blacksmith	\$360
One asst. wagon plowmaker	\$500
One head chief	\$500
One gunsmith and laborer	\$500
One interpreter for Yakima Nation	\$500
One ditto Putes	\$300

Estimated amount necessary to pay for labor of irregular employes,  
beside annuity goods and funds derived from miscellaneous  
sources as follows:

2d quarter 1880	\$500	
4th quarter	200	
1st quarter 1881	360	including logging
2d quarter 1881	200	
Total estimated amount \$1050		

Respect fully submitted

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Indian agent

Yakima, Ft. Simcoe, W.T. Aug 1st, 1880

Hon R.E. Trowbridge

Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Wash D.C.

Sir:

I regret to have to inform you that Oded on the 26th ultimo three of the buildings here used as dwellings for employes were destroyed by fire. The probable value is not more than \$2,000, and the inconvenience of the loss is of still more importance to us than the value, considerable as it is. It will probably be necessary to replace one and perhaps two of them before winter.

The fire originated in a defective pipe or flue and spread with a rapidity that defied all efforts to subdue it.

Very Respectfully etc.

Wilbur.



Ft. Simcoe, Wash. Ter. Aug 31st, 1880

Hon R.E. Trowbridge, Commissioner of  
Indian Affairs, Wash. D.C.

building. Hay ranch  
berrying.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit the following report of operations at this agency for the month of August. Our Indians have been generally busy harvesting and threshing their grain which yields considerably better than I at one time expected, so that I trust we may have sufficient to afford subsistence not only to the Indians properly belonging here, but also for the Piutes and pamoeks located here as prisoners.

This being the season of the year when our Indians are accustomed to make their annual trip to the mountains to gather roots and berries for their winter consumption many have finished harvesting and threshing are absent from the agency for that purpose as authorized by the treaty.

I have consequently for the present suspended the work on Indian houses and employed one force of white and Indian mechanics in building a dwelling house at the Agency to replace one of those destroyed by fire, while another party in charge of the carpenter are building a dwelling house barn, stables etc. at the hay ranch some 25 miles from the agency where our herds of cattle and horses range for the winter. During the present season the reapers and threshing machine and mowers, engaged in harvesting and threshing for the Indians, have been operated entirely by themselves, no white employees having been engaged in such work except in grain belonging to the Department. The school has been closed for the month to allow the children their annual vacation but it is my intention to open the Piute school early in Sept. and the boarding school as soon as the people return from the mountains. The health of the

reservation during the month has been satisfactory, more particular details of which will p 548 will be found in the report of the agency physician.

In addition to the work on buildings heretofore mentioned, we have this month finished harvesting and threshing our grain, which gave a much larger yield than expected, being about 2,600 bushels of wheat, 360 of oats and 750 of barley. I have also had not less than 750 tons of hay cut and put up for winter use which it is believed will be sufficient to carry all our stock through the winter. Of course this amount of work has involved considerable expense, but the greater part has been defrayed from issues of annuity goods.

I am glad to say that the Piutes manifest a much more satisfactory disposition than formerly, many of them being steadily at work, cheerful and apparently contented. Such would be the condition of all were it not for a few discontented ones who seek to influence the minds of the more quiet with their fancied grievances and even these are becoming much more reconciled to their condition than formerly.

Our interpreter, Stick Joe tells me that in p 549 a conversation with Leggins, who is the life and soul of the discontent, Leggins declared that if the authorities in Washington indicated their wish that the Piutes remain at Yakima, they would be contented to stay, but that it was their belief that the Department desired them to return to Malheur and they were consequently unwilling to remain here.



Wilbur at Wash.  
Conditions on Agency 598  
Oct. 1880

Yakima, Ft. Simcoe, Oct. 20, 1880

Rev. James H. Wilbur, U.S. Indian Agent,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear brother:

Presuming that before this reaches you, you will have left San Francisco, I address this letter to care of the commissioner of Indian Affairs. I wrote you in my last in reference to the loss of sugar in bringing in. I do not think so much was lost as I then thought. Not having received the vouchers from McFarland and French I do not yet know what articles were purchased. I enclose a list of purchases for which approval is needed. Invoices for some ten or fifteen tons of freight has reached us and we thought it better perhaps not to send teams till (P 599) more freight arrived and then Miller thought he could be spared to go out and load them. It seemed to me that this was the best plan.

The school promises well, 34 are there now and by the close of the week 000 we expect the number to be from 45 to 60 though not certain how many will come. Finished digging potatoes yesterday, there was in all about 1,800 bushels, though as they are not all hauled we do not know the exact number of bushels till they are got in.

Shusta

Squaster declines to act as policeman.

Saturday the Indians are going to consult and submit the names of 30 good men in place of Shusta and Hoptowit. I think Mr. Cox will improve on acquaintance. He seems to understand his business and everybody likes him. I am much afraid Sam Peddesa 100 Parish is going into consumption. He is still at (600) work but complains of pain in the side. Perhaps by not putting in any heavy work on him he will get along.

Bro. Rykendall is very busy in the shop as a number of wagons are

coming in for repairs. The Nez Perce man is at work in the blacksmith shop and pleases Alec ? very much. Everything is going on all right and all seem to strive to do the best possible in your absence.

Your letter in reference to the deposit a French and Co bank came to hand. We shall have to have some hardwood lumber and the doctor says there are a few articles he can not do without I suppose we can pay from miscellaneous fund as I am going to use these annuity supplies to carry on all the work this fall and winter and pay off what is now due and I think it can be done without touching a dollar of money.

Still I think it would be best to wait till we see what transportation bills we have (\$ 601) to pay before using any money to pay for other purposes. I mail today the accounts for the 3d quarter. I should have sent them a week ago but your absence throws a great many things on me and my time is to a considerable extent occupied with matters that you formerly attended to.

We all pray that you may have a safe and pleasant and profitable journey and that Sister Wilbur may have a happy time in visiting friends and acquaintances of her youth. My wife desires to be especially remembered to Sister Wilbur and wishes me to say that she will write soon. Everything is pleasant and all send love and best wishes. God bye. May God bless and keep you both.

Very respectfully

J.W.(?) Fairchild.



Joe Stwire      644  
Goldendale

Ft. Simcoe, Nov. 30, 1880

Thomas Johnson, Esq.

Goldendale, Wash.

Sir:

Joe Stwire, the head chief at the agency,  
desires me to ~~re~~ remit you \$15.30 on his account.

Enclosed please find the amount which please  
place to his credit and send receipt to this office.

Very respectfully

J.H. Fairchild

Clerk Yakima agency.

Fort Sincos, Dec. 4, 1880

J.B. Coyle, Esq.

Portland, Ore.

Sir:

"We find on looking over our harness material that we are short some articles necessary to our shop work.

Please send us by mail if they can be put up in strong packages of the required weight, 4 doz Cock eyes, 2 1-2 inch; 2 1-2 doz bridle Bits bits for harness bridles 4 doz line snaps. Please send bill and we will remit on its receipt. If the articles can be sent by mail we shall receive them more promptly and certainly.

Very respect. etc.

J.H. Fairchild, clerk.

(Secty. agent.

Please see that the articles are put up in strong pkgs and add postage to price.



Yakima Fort Simcoe, Dec. 4, 1880

Peter Nelson, Esq.

Agent Rockland Ferry Co.

The Dalles, Oregon

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find check on French & Co for \$55, the amount of your bill for ferriage in 4th quarter 1880.

I have delayed sending it, expecting to send out again, but the storm has rendered the roads so bad that I hardly think we will send this winter. Will you please look after those wagons left with Zan. If you will employ some one to put them under shelter or cover them with boards so that they will not be injured by the storm, we will gladly pay the bill.

Please sign the vouchers enclosed and mail in the addressed envelope, herewith.

Very res. etc.

J.H. Fairchild

Clerk in charge of agency.

School, George Waters

Yakima, Dec. 8th, Ft. Simcoe

Weather

Rev. James H. Walbur, U.S. Indian Agent, Wash D.C.

Dear Brother:

I enclose letter to the commissioner which explains  
itself... (no merit material)

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I received a short time ago a note from George Waters saying that their  
youngest child is dead.

We are getting the cattle to the ranch, though the indications now  
are that we shall have milder weather.

Saturday night at Yakima the thermometer stood at 20 below zero.  
This was at 12 m. <sup>Here</sup> ~~There~~ at 11 it was 1 above, but rapidly growing  
colder.

The Pautes are in good humor. We expect soon to set a party cutting  
wood in the timber. All desire to be affectionately remembers

JH Fairchild, etc.



Yakima Feb. 26, 1881

W.V. Rhinehart, esq. (could be Rhinehardt)

Farmer in charge of Malheur agency, Or.

Sir:

Your favor of the 4th inst. enclosing schedule of public property at Malheur agency and requesting information etc as to steps to be taken for the transfer of said property to this agency is received.

Agent Wilbur is in Washington and will probably not return before

March 15th. Still I have no doubt but he will be here in ample time to make all necessary arrangements for the transfer. Our instructions direct the employment of Indians as far as practicable and I judge it to be the intention of the agent to start out with a number of teams from this agency, as early in the season as the mountains can be crossed.

Very etc.

Fairchild.

Malheur French.

Dalles

Yakima (F<sup>rt</sup> Simcoe) March 29, 1881

Messrs French &amp; Co.

The Dalles, Ore. Gentlemen

I expect to send a number of teams to Malheur Indian Agency as soon as the state of the roads will admit to bring the I.D. foods that are there to this agency. As the transportation funds are limited, it has occurred to me that it might be adviseable to haul light loads of freight to Canyon City or other points on my road provided there was plenty of freight offering. Please inform me if there is likely to be a chance to load my teams at reasonably fair rates. We shall probably start the latter part of May or first of June.

Very Truly yours

(no signature)

U.S. Indian agent.