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Circular No. 42

Department of the Interior,
Office of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C. February 17, 1880

The U. S. Indian Agent
Yakama
W. T.

Sir:

You are hereby directed to forward to this Office, without delay, a list of white employees, with the salary of each, that you may require during the next fiscal year, commencing July 1, 1880. In submitting this list it is not expected that you will present the names of the employees whom you intend to employ - on the positions to be filled -

Strict economy, consistent with the best interests of the Service, in the administration of affairs at your Agency, is enjoined upon you, and you will exercise your best judgment and include in the required list, none but those whose services are actually necessary for properly carrying on the business of the Agency.

In addition to the number of employees, and rate of pay proposed to be paid them, it would be well to include in this statement, an estimate, as near as you can

make it; of the amount required for irregular or temporary service; thus showing approximately the entire amount ^{required} for the year.

The former rulings of this Office, that all able bodied male Indians shall labor for their own support, will be observed, and government is bound by such as will best assist them in their efforts. In addition to working for their own support, it is also intended that they shall be employed instead of white men for all Agency work, for which they are competent; such as teamsters, laborers, herders, assistant herders, &c. &c. and you will be governed by this rule in making selections for such service.

As the services of all employes at Indian Agencies terminate with the appropriations from which they are paid, you will understand the necessity for giving this matter prompt attention, in order to avoid being left without employes on and after the 1st of July next.

Respectfully,

E. J. Brooks
Acting Commissioner.

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