

Wilbur Gathers Indians 1865

Mr. Wilbur, the agent at the Yakima reservation, is now engaged in collecting the bands of Indians belonging to his agency which are scattered along the Columbia river from The Dalles to Bancouver with the intention of taking them out to Simcoe valley. There are about 200 of them in all, of whom the majority are in the vicinity of the Cascades and White Salmon creek. The women, children, old people and provisions will be brought up the river by steamer, and the stock belonging to them, of which they have considerable, will be driven by the arriors to Simcoe.

--Daily Mountaineer Nov. 8, 1865

Father Wilbur

Rev. J.H. Wilbur, Indian agent at Fort Simcoe, was in town yesterday and paid us a friendly visit at our sanctum. He is engaged in collecting the Indians that have been living about our town for some time, with the intention of sending them to ~~the~~ reservation. We are glad of this, as the amount of filth and disease that they are scattered around promiscuously is perfectly astonishing. It possible, these poor human beings should be kept away from the ~~the~~ haunts of civilization and should not be allowed to become contaminated by their more civilized brothers.

—The Dalles Mountaineer, May 30, 1868

Father Wilbur

Rev. J.H. Wilbur, Indian agent at Ft. Simcoe, arrived in town on Wednesday. He has entirely recovered from his late sickness, caused by accidentally being run over by a wagon when hauling logs. Mr. Wilbur has had a number of white men arrested in this city for selling whisky to the Indians, and from what we are able to learn the evidence is very strong against them.

— The Dalles Mountaineer, July 24, 1868

learn rapidly, and having now acquired a tolerable knowledge 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 it has afforded sufficient subsistence for about 500 from another nation.

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

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

Wilbur.

Office Yakima Ind. Agency

Ft. Simcoe W.T. May 9, 1878

Hon. E.A. Hoyt

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of circular 12 accounts directing me to forward to your office at the close of each month a descriptive statement showing all irregular employes at this agency during the month X X X. I shall begin such report for the month of May as the circular arrived too late to commence earlier.

Very Respectfully

J.W. Wilbur

U.S. Indian agent.

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Office Yakima Ind. Agency. Ft. Simcoe W.T. July 16, 1878

Hon. E.H. Hoyt

Commissioner

Sir:

I have the honor to request an extension of time in making up my quarterly papers for the close of the fiscal year. Your hon. is aware the whole country has been thrown into a feverish excitement in consequence of the outbreak of the Snake and Bannicks. To prevent any difficulty between the whites and Indians on the north side of the Columbia River I have been riding day and night among the least reliable bands of Indians and whites to keep order and quiet on the outside, and came home last evening and am going away again today. My clerk, G.C.(?) Nelson left with his wife on Thursday, the 10th and John Connell Farmers ??? and

family also left at the same time, leaving me without a clerk and
farrier in the most pressing time in the whole year, hay to cut
and grain to harvest. The reason assigned was fear of the hostile
bands of Indians on the south side of the Columbia River. There
as no justifiable action in their leaving and they cannot
enter the service again without my approval. Our employes, Dr.
Kuykendall, E.P. Headly and wife, G.C. Roe and Abe Lincoln — *went to money to wash.*
have remained at their posts of duty with their families. I
have to use the mechanics to secure the harvest and they are
now in the fields at work. The Indians of the agency have no
? element among them and will not give us trouble if we can keep
the whites from breaking out on the friendly Indians.

I am sir, your obedient servant

James H. Wilbur.

W. I Indi Agent.

Ft. Simcoe, W.T. July 25, 1878

Shuster, Levy, Willie, George, Wants, William, Alama, Big Frank and their people have been directed by me to stay at their respective places and attend to their harvest.

If they or any of their people are accused of doing wrong to the whites the matter is to be referred to this officer of the agency and settled in a lawful manner, not by mob violence or brute force. They are on the land, by virtue of the treaty with them and I shall take all lawful means to secure them quiet and promote their prosperity in good behavior while conforming to the law of the Treaty.

James H. Wilbur.

W.S. Ind. Agent.

Washington D.C. Aug. 31, 1878

Hon E.H. Hoyt, Commissioner

Sir:

I have the honor to request the approval of the following purchases made for the Yakima Indian Agency during 1st qr. 1878

Voucher 44	W.J. Waldron	garden seeds	\$12.30
" 45	H. Hansen	" "	22.64

There was no authority given to make the above purchase but the season for putting in said seeds had come and there was no time to send to Washington to obtain authority.

The seeds were purchased in open market.

I am sir,

your obedient servant

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Ind. Agent, W.T.

Washington D.C. Sept. 13, 1878

Hon E.H. Hoyt

Commissioner

Sir:

I have the honor to request authority to purchase the supplies for the Yakima Indian Agency, W.T. needed for the fall, winter and spring on open market. I can then select such goods as the agency requires , get them to the agency before the road is blocked with snow, save expense in transportation and storage-have the goods when we need them at less expense and better quality than when they are purchased for the agency under contract.

I am sir

Your obedient servant

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Ind. Agent W.T.

P.S. Please answer before I leave the city: JHWILBUR, Ind. Agent.

Washington D.C. Sept. 13, 1878

Hon E.H. Hoyt, commissioner

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that we receive at the Yakima Indian Agency, W.T. from time to time money for grazing cattle from stockmen around the agency and request authority to disburse said money for such purposes as would increase the labor of the Indians of the Agency and the better prepare the way for any additional bands or tribes that may be added to said agency.

Opening new farms, building fences and houses the purchase of harness, material, supplies for the shops, mills, schools, hospital .

I am sir, your obedient servant

James H. Wilbur

P.S. Please answer before I leave the city.

Washington D.C. Sept. 18, 1878

Hon E.H. Hoyt

Commissioner.

Sir :

I have the honor to inform you that for lack of funds we have not done what is desirable, indeed what is imperative in the instruction of the children of the Yakima Nation of Indians in our schools. I respectfully ask an appropriation of four thousand dollars to increase our facilities for instruction.

The hope of the Nation is inseparably identified with the education of their children.

I am sir, your obedient servant.

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Ind. Agent.

Office Yakima Ind. Agency, Ft. Simcoe, W.T. Oct. 16, 1878

Hon E.H. Hoyt, Commissioner.

Sir:

I have the honor to request the appointment of the following persons as labors during the 2nd qr, 1878:

Voucher 29	Thomas Cree	Trans. Ind. Supplies	\$50.00
30	Nehemiah	" " "	25.00
31	Edward	et	50
32	Homes James	2	123.50
33	Abraham		25
34	Joseph Eneas		25
35	John		25
36	James		36
37	John Lumly	" "	35
38	Peer		35
39	Yesmowit		35
40	Joe Stwire		35
41	Service stablehand		38
42	Tecumseh Yaktomit	plowing	12.50
43	Jim Wesley	labor ind.	5.50
44	Hampton Lumly	teaming	7.46
45	Joe Simcoe	labor	37.21
46	Welimpt	teaming	22
47	Joe Riddle	farm hand	29.50
48	Jim Swail	teaming	23.25
49	Lancaster Spencer		
50	screen turner	at saw mill	4.98
51	Billy McKay	labor	23.25
52	Miller	farm hand	29.50
53	Susan	laundress and boarding sch.	
54	Engineer and fireman	at saw mill	5.
55	Klickitat Peter	with logging teams	14.37
56	James Buchanan	cutting saw logs	34
57	Samuel	farm hand	33.13
58	Andrew Riddle	farm hand	12.25
59	Julia Miller	cook	15.64
	Jackson	assistant blacksmith	18.95

Referring to office letter of June 13, it will be seen that I was authorized to hire 22 laborers at the rate of \$1 per day. The engineer and screen turner could not be had for less than \$1.50 per day. The goods were purchased at San Francisco and shipped Jan 6th, 1878 and obtained here in April and May. Also, getting in the machinery and supplies purchased in June.

I am your ob. servant
James H. Wilbur
U.S. Ind. Agent.

Yakima Ind. Agency

Ft. Simcoe, W.T. N^v20, 1878

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Gentlemen:

Eneas the bearer, wants to purchase a wagon 3 1/2 spindle like the one I purchased of you this fall.

He will pay you seventy dollars down and he wants time to pay the fifty three. He has the money due him from John Polly and when he gets it he will pay. I consider him good for the engagement.

Yours truly

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Indian Agent.

Office Yakima Ind. Agency

Ft. Simcoe, Wash. Ter. N^o v. 29, 1878

Hon E.A. Hoyt, commissioner, sir:

I have the honor to request the appointment of Charles Olney as laborer in the carpentry and wagon shop at a salary of \$500 per annum.

Having had considerable experience at such labor, he would prove a profitable hand.

I am sir, your obedient servant

James H. Wilbur.

Office Yakima Indian Agency

Ft. Simcoe, W.T. Dec. 2d, 1878

William Bagley

U.S. Indian Agent.

Dear brother:

Rec. letter of 1st..... of George
of whom you speak I have no objections to his remaining
permanently with you and getting good and doing good.

I am pleased to know your agency is so bountifully supplied
with religious teachers. The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
with habits of industry will raise the fallen and bring them
to light and life everlasting. Praying you may have constant
prosperity.

I subscribe myself

yours

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Ind. Agent

Father Wilbur

An Indian came into Father Wilbur's house a few days ago and was ~~twi~~ twice requested to take off his hat. The third time he threw his hat on the floor and sprang at Father Wilbur, and a regular rough and tumble fight ensued in which the Indian ~~gmk~~ rather got the best of it. The noise of the scuffle was heard and assistance ~~xxxxxx~~ rendered.

-- Weekly Pac. Tribune, Nov. 28, 1878

The Indian who recently assaulted Father Wilbur was finally captured and placed in jail but during the night some of his friends on the outside cut a hole through the wall and after filing off his chains let him free. He belong to Moses' band.

-- Weekly Pac. Tribune, Dec. 5, 1878

Office Yakima Indian Agency

Ft. Simcoe Dec. 29, 1878

Messrs McFarland and French:

Gentlemen:

When ^{ne}neas returned with his wagon he purchased of you I was surprised with the wagon obtained and the price charged. I wrote he wanted a 3 1/2 spindle. You gave him 3 1/4 and then charged him more than you did me for the larger wagon. I send you a check on the 1st National Bank Portland to make the ? 61/100 dollars lacking in paying the Walden bill and fifty dollars on said wagon. Supposed you would trade with my Indians as you trade with me when I send on orders ~~Indians~~ I discover you do not.

Yours truly

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Indian agent.

Office Yakim Indian Agency.

Pt. Sincoc, W.T. January 24th, 1879

Hon. F.A. Hayt, Commissioner

Sir: I have the honor to request an increase of salary for my interpreter Stick Joe. He has for many years been lame, has always been a true friend of the whites and has rendered valuable service in time of difficulty..believes the whites and Indians. He is more extensively acquainted with the Indians through the whole country than any man of my acquaintance. "As we are getting on wild lands is time, strength and means are taxed more than formerly. Please let his salary be fixed at five hundred dollars per annum, beginning January 1st, 1879

I am sir

Your obedient servant

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Indian agent.

Office Yakima Indian Agency

Pt. Sincos, W.T. January 31st, 1879

Hon E.A. Hayt, commissioner:

Sir: I have the honor to submit my report of this agency for the month of January, 1879.

The work of the agency has greatly increased this month. The keeping of Moses and the Smohalla people numbering over 250 and the Indians from Rock Creek on the Columbia, about as many more require constant attention, personal attention of the agent to look after and supply their wants.

These have been moved to the agency with a very trifling expense and I hope with wise management they may be settled on farms and cultivate the soil--my prime object is to educate them to work. If this is done the foundation is laid for them to be self supporting.

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The carpenter, Mr. Miller is doing a good work instructing the ~~Orin~~ Indians in his department.

The schools are doing better this winter than last season.

H.S. Powell (?) the supt. is doing good service both in and out of school hours. The boys of the schools are very industrious and systematic in their work.

Miss Lewis, who is in charge of the primary class is apt to teach, patient and persevering in her efforts and the children have made marked improvement the past month.

Mrs. Miller who is in charge of the boarding house and who with the help of the girls is making the clothes for the children of the school is constant in her efforts to instruct the girls when out of school in those things that will make them efficient when they leave the school. This important department is well managed and the children ~~are~~ happy and healthy

The blacksmithing is done by Abe Lincoln and helpers, all

all native Indians and this department is worked satisfactorily.

Dan Boone, who has been educated here as a harness maker having an apprentice, mending and making harness and doing excellent work.

Smith is a practical saddler. Makes his saddles and covers them with raw hide and then with leather, he purchases, finishes them up equal to any saddler in the country.

The Indians now in our employe doing work outside of the shops are engaged in taking care of Department stock and getting work of butchering, all this outside work is done by the Indians under my personal supervision.

During the month there has been but little work for the Indian police. Every thing in connection with the Indians of the agency is moving along as quietly and prosperously as in the past. The health of the Indians I think has never been better than during the present month. Our medical supplies said to be purchased and sent have not arrived and not heard from.

Rumors says the Snake and Piute Indians are in route for this agency. I think there must be some mistake about it as not a word has been rec'd at this office of such a design from the government.

I am etc.

Office Yakima Ind. Agency

Ft. Simcoe, W.T. Feb. 3d 1879

Hon E.A. Hayt, commissioner: Sir.

543 Snake and Piute Indians arrived yesterday without official notice of their coming in a destitute condition, nearly naked. Something must be done immediately to ~~them~~ feed and clothe them. Answer by telegram.

James H. Walbur, U.S. Ind. Agent.

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Office Yakima Indian Agency, Ft. Simcoe, W.T. Feb. 6, 1879

Hon E.A. Hayt, commissioner:

Sir:

I have the honor to report the arrival of Captain W.W. Winters 1st cavalry with the Snake prisoners and the Piutes, five hundred and forty three. Seeing ~~to~~ they were on the road to this agency and having no instructions from the Department that it was the design to remove them here, I took my head chief, interpreter and one police man and went out 60 miles to meet them and then for the first time learning from the captain's papers the orders and destination of said Indians they arrived 30 miles below the station on the evening of the 2d. The captain desired to turn them over to me at once, but being wholly unprepared to receive and take care of them I agreed to receive them on the 10th at his camp. I immediately returned home, selecting a place for their temporary location, engaged eight Indian men with their teams to go the next day to the ~~2000~~ steam saw mill and get lumber to build a shelter. The lumber was drawn on the 4th and on the 5th I put men to work building their houses and they completed a house in one day of 150 feet long and 17 feet wide which will give them comfortable quarters during the winter. It affords me pleasure to say the Indians of the

important as keeping peace between the whites and the Indians.

I am sir, etc.

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Office Yakima Indian Agency

Ft. Simcoe, W.T. Feb. 24th 1879

Hon E.A. Hayt, commissioner:

Sir: I have the honor to inform you that with the addition of the Snake, Piute and Smohalla Indians that have recently been moved to this agency it became necessary for me to make a purchase of flour. I purchased three tons of sugarwith the privilege of three tons more at Six \$0 dollars per bbl. also fifty bbls of P.T. Gervis at the same place. The purchase was made in open market at the cash price and since the purchase was made, flour has advanced one dollar per bbl. I respectfully...

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Office Yakima Indian Agency, Ft. Simcoe W.T. Feb 26, 1879

Hon E.A. Hayt, commissioner

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that we are getting out of supplies for our schools, shops, mills and hospital. I am pleased to say we have funds on hand to make purchases to the amount of fifteen hundred dollars. I ask permission to purchase such things as we are under the necessity of having immediately, in open market,

I am sir, etc.

Office Yakima Indian Agency.
 Ft. Simcoe, W.T. March 5, 1879
 Gen. O.O. Howard,
 Brigadier Gen. Comdg. Dept.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your official letter of Feb. 26th relating to the dreamer leader Oites and the Indian prisoners claiming that a mistake had been made in selecting the selection of the bad Indians. I have no information in regard to the bad, and but little in reference to the good in the past. I have consulted Capt. Winters and he informs me that he sees no reason to change his mind from what he explained to you when at the Dalles when the prisoners were turned over to you.

I am sir, etc.

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Office Yakima Indian Agency
 Ft. Simcoe, W.T. March 7th 1879
 Capt. John Smith, U.S. Indian Agent.
 Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter with 200 one you recd from Gen. O.O. Howard. Gen request that Hey-ha-ny and Walsack may be permitted to return to the Warm Springs Agency. I have no objections and you may take your own course in getting them there.

I am sir,

Yours truly

James H. Wilbur, U.S. Ind. Agent.

Office Yakima Ind. Agency

Ft. Simcoe, Wash Ter. March 7, 1879

Hon E.A. Hayt, commissioner

I have the honor to ask the approval of Rufus Butler, temporarily employed in wagon shop at \$600 per annum from Jan. 1, 1879 also Thomas McKay temporarily employed in butchering and issuing to Plutes and Snakes, recently brought onto the reservation, salary \$600 from Feb. 10, 1879.

I am your obdt. servant

James H. Wilbur,

U.S. Ind. Agent.

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Office Yakima Indian Agency,

Ft. Simcoe, W.T. March 7, 1879

Hon E.A. Hayt, commissioner

Sir:

I have the honor to request permission to purchase from one to two hundred bushels of potatoes for Ind. The addition of Indians added to this agency makes our seed short for planting. The potatoes would cost about one dollar per bushel and if purchased in season for planting the purchase must be made in open market, I am etc.

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Office Yakima Indian Agency, Ft. Simcoe, W.T. March 8, 1879

Hon E.A. Hayt, commissioner:

Sir: I have the honor to call your attention to a letter I wrote Feb. 6th in which I stated that Sarah Winnemucca came in with the soldiers who brought the Snakes and Plute prisoners as interpreter receiving a salary of five hundred dollars per annum and that I must keep her for a time until I became acquainted with the Snakes. I request she may be appointed interpreter at a salary of five hundred dollars per annum, services beginning Feb. 10th 1879. Please

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Office, Yakima Indian Agency

Fort Simcoe, March 15, 1879.

Gen. O.O. Howard commander
Department of the ~~Ed~~ Columbia

(ft. vancouver)

Sir:

I sent out by Captain Winters one of the Snohola Indians to be taken to Vancouver. He has been all winter sewing seeds of discord among the Indians urging them not to remain on the reservation. I want him kept while Moses is gone to Washington. His name is Ha-ah-Saousin (Saousin not to^c/definite) and then we can determine what disposition is to be made of him.

I am sir, your obedient
servant

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Indian agent

Office Yakima Indian Agency

Fort Simcoe, W.T. March 15, 1879

Gen. O.O. Howard

Commandant of the Department of the Columbia

Sir:

I send out by Captain Winters one of the Smohala Indians to be taken to Vancouver--He has been all the winter sewing seeds of discord among the Indians urging them not to remain on the reservation. I want him kept while Moses is gone to Washington. His name is Hah-ah-Sawuni (?) and ~~there~~ then we can determine what disposition is to be made of him.

I am sir

Your obedient servant

James H. Wilbur.

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Office, Yakima Indian Agency,

Fort Simcoe, W.T., March 18, 1879.

Hon E.A. H---?(commissioner)

Commissioner:

I have the honor to call your attention to a letter I wrote Feb. 6 in which I stated that Sarah Winnemucca came in with the soldiers who brought the Snake Piute prisoners as interpreter, receiving a salary of \$500 per annum and that I must keep her a time until I become acquainted with the Snakes.

I request she may be appointed interpreter at a salary of \$500 per annum--services beginning February 10, 1879. Please do me the favor to inform me immediately.

I am, Your

Obedient Servant

James Wilbur

U.S. Indian agent

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Subject: Sarah Winnemucca,
Piutes

Office Yakima Indian Agency, Ft. Simcoe, W.T. March 24, 1879

Hon E.A. Hayt, commissioner, sir:

I have the honor herewith to submit an estimate for supplies for the Indians recently brought to this agency from the Malheur agency and turned over to me on the 10th day of February 1879. They were turned over in the most destitute condition of any Indians I have ever known in this or any other country. Some of them were literally naked. I have made up the estimate from the time they were turned over 10th of Feb. to the first day of July the things asked are ~~now~~ needed today to make them anyway comfortable and to wait to advertise, purchase, ship and transport said supplies to this agency would leave them in this destitute condition to the end of this fiscal year p 155

I ask permission to purchase said supplies in open market and request said permission may be given me at once by telegram.

I am sir

Your obedient servant

James H. Wilbur, U.S. Indian Agent.

Office Yakima Indian Agency .

Fort Simcoe, W.T. March 28, 1879

Captain John Smith, U.S. Indian Agent.

Sir:

Two of your Indians from Warm Springs Agency have just come here to the office and informed me there is trouble with High-ne-a^h and Skimiah. High-ne-ah had the choice of living upon this agency . It seems to me there is no need of trouble. When you requested him to come to your agency and I gave my consent and it was satisfactory to him and the agent. I had no objection.

I think he should be allowed to come here with his wife and family.

Yours truly, James H. Wilbur, U.S. Ind. Agent.

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Subject: Piutes

Office Yakima Agency

March 31, 1879

Gen. O.O. Howard

Commander, Dept of Columbia

Sir:

I have the honor on the 20th of Feb. to request you to order the two companies of cavalry then in camp on the Toppenish to remain on or about the reservation until the Snake and Piute Indians became permanently settled and until Chief Moses and his people were settled upon said agency.

The inclemency of the weather rendered the companies in camp very uncomfortable. The command has moved with my consent to the station and here remained during the inclement season.

The snow is gone, the weather is warm and the ground is becoming dry so the command need be quiet comfortable in camp as here at the station and if moved would especially accommodate our service as I want the places occupied by the soldiers for the employes of the agency. Will you please give us the room at your earliest convenience.

I am sir, your obedient
servant

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Indian Agent

Office Yakima Agency, Ft. Simcoe March 31, 1879

Hon E.A. Hayt, commissioner:

I have the honor to report that the amount of miscellaneous money received by me during the 1st qr. of 1879 is \$1,214.60.

respectfully etc.

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Office Yakima Agency, Ft. Simcoe, Wash. For April 1st 1879

Hon E.A. Hayt, commissioner:

I have the honor to ask the approval of the purchase of the following list of seeds for the season's use

2 5 oz. onion seed \$2.50

3 5/8 carrot seed \$6.35

2 pounds long dark blood beet \$2.50

2 pounds cabbage seed \$2.50

\$19.85

potato 1.68

\$21.53

Respectfully, your obedient servant etc.

Office Yakima Ind. Agency

Ft. Simcoe W.T.

April 11, 1879

Hon E.A. Hayt, Commissioner:

I have the honor to make requisition for
the following described envelopes to be used at this office under
the act abolishing the use of official postage stamps

250 number 9 x 4 in.

250 number 8 x 3 1-2

50 11 x 4 or 4 1-2 in .

respectfully etc.

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Office Yakima Agency

Ft. Simcoe W.T. April 10, 1879

James Steel, esq.

Cash' 1st Natl. Bank, Portland, Ore.

Sir:

Your statement of my disbursing account for March is at
hand and found to agree with the records at this office.

Respectfully

James H. Wilbur, etc.

Office Yakima Indian Agency, Ft. Simcoe, Wash. ¹or. April 17, 1879

Hon E.A. Hayt, Commissioner

In reply to circular E No. 29 dated Jan'y 1, 1879 referring to the medical supplies purchased of O.H. Jodum of New York I have to say that said supplies have not yet reached us.

We have not as yet learned anything of their whereabouts. The hospital is very near out of many of the most needed supplies and there is an absolute necessity for the goods in question.

etc.

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Wash. D.C. Sept. 18, 1878, Hon E.A. Hayt, Commissioner

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that in the fall of 1868 W.H. Shatsman(?) supt. of Indian affairs for Washington Territory gave no drafts on the assistant treasurer San Francisco Cal. for seven thousand two hundred and thirty-six dollars to pay employees for the support of shops and schools, repair of buildings, mills, support of hospital for beneficial objects and incidental expenses for Yakima agency. When said drafts were presented they were protested and returned to me. They have never been paid and the agency has had need of the money and after waiting ten years and calling attention of the Department to the subject from year to year I am anxious to know what is to be done with said unpaid claim.

I am etc.

Office Yakima Ind. Agency

Pt. Sincce, W.T. April 17, 1879

Captain John Smith, U.S.I. d. Agent Oregon.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that in a council of one hundred of our Indians on this day, they requested me to write their minds in reference to your retaining High-Ne and his family at your agency. They insist that the keeping him and his people there is to make increasing trouble with the ~~bands~~ Indians of your agency.

I am persuaded that as he ~~had~~ had his choice at Vancouver and chose this agency, and came here with an expectation of having the privilege of going to your agency and getting his family and returning here, it would have been decidedly better for him and for you had he been permitted to have returned according to the promise p 192

made him when he was sent back from Vancouver and now after the trouble you have had with him and his party, I am persuaded you can never make matters easy with them at your agency. Such is the universal expression given at the council.

I am sir

Your obedient servant

James H. Wilbur.

Office Yakima Indian Agency

Ft. Simcoe W.T. April 18, 1879

Hon E.A. . Hayt, commissioner

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to forward an account and complaint of Antonio Stein, a Negro man who has been among the Indians on the coast since 1849, living a good portion of the time with them and I think from time to time adding having an Indian woman living with him. I have no comments to make on the paper sent. I told him I would send it to you and when I got a reply he should have your answer.

I am sir, your obedient servant

James M. Wilbur.

Office Yalima Indian Agency

Fort Simcoe W.T. April 23, 1879

Hon E.A. Dayt, commissioner:

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that our grist mill has not capacity to do the work required for the agency. Our Sncett(?) machine is worn out and we must have a new one. The mill building is not large enough to furnish the needed room. I ask permission to put an addition and to purchase in open market a sett (sic) of burrs about 3 1-2 feet in diameter and a Smut machine with bolting, the burrs used at present could be placed in another part of the mill and the new one put in the place where the old one now stands and the elevators, bolt, and all the machinery for the flouring would be readily adjusted p 195 to the proposed arrangement and a belt ~~running~~ ~~from~~ ~~a~~ ~~pully~~ ~~on~~ ~~the~~ ~~main~~ ~~shaft~~ ~~to~~ ~~a~~ ~~pully~~ ~~where~~ ~~the~~ ~~old~~ ~~burs~~ ~~are~~ ~~sett~~, which burrs would grind our coarse graind would make up the expense.

The whole cost would not exceed one thousand dollars and could be paid (with your consent) out of the money now on hand rec'd from various sources and taken up as miscellaneous funds.

This improvement needs to be made immediately so we may be ready for the incoming harvest.

Please answer me by telegram that I may proceed immediately in making the improvement and purchase.

I am sir

Your obedient servant

James H. Wilbur, U.S. Ind. Agent.

Office Yakima Indian Agency

Ft. Simcoe W.T. April 30, 1879

Hon E.A. Hayt, commissioner:

Sir:

I have the honor to submit my report for April, 1879. My time has been spent among the Indians instructing them in grubbing, plowing, seeding, fencing and ditching their land. There has been more thrift manifested by the Indians of the agency in farming this spring than I have witnessed in their past history. Many that have never done anything in cultivating the soil have taken hold in good earnest to open farms and are settling down to steady work.

The Indians brought to us from Camp Harney--Putes and sometimes called Snake Indians who were on the war path last year have done themselves well in engaging in work. They had never beenand they moved slow in the beginning and with personal supervision they have done well and are remarkably well with in the field. I have been a portion of my working day during the months they have plowed grubbed out about 40 acres during the month this permitting worth four dollars per acre..they have also assisted in plowing and seeding.

The general work of the agency has been prosperous. The schools, shops and mills respectively have done well. I call to your attention the report of the Supt. of teaching, the opening of a day school about seven miles from this station and getting in some 60 or more children at that point is very encouraging. Everything is quiet with the Indians on and around the agency.

I am sir, etc.

Office Yakima Indian Agency

St. Simoes W.T. May 14, 1879

Hon E.A. Hayt, commissioner:

Sir:

I have the honor to request authority to purchase in open market the following goods

Six two horse wagons not to exceed one hundred and twenty dollars each, 3 1-2 inch spindle; twenty plows not to exceed twenty dollars, 1,000 lbs tanned leather to cost thirty five dollars per hundred; 4 dozen chopping axes handled at \$16.50 per doz. 200 lbs rope \$16.50 per hundred; two hundred burlap sacks; twenty five dollars per hundred; three tons of nails at \$3.75 per hundred; 2,000 lbs of iron not to exceed four dollars per hundred lbs. 50 bls. flour at six.50 per bl. There is an imperative necessity for having the above mentioned articles immediately--the addition of Indians to the agency makes a demand for the wagons, leather, plows, axes, nails, sacks etc. etc. There is now on hand funds at this agency beneficial and miscellaneous to more than pay the above amount. Please authorize the purchase by telegram so I can purchase before the close of the fiscal year.

I am sir etc. etc.

Office Yakima Indian Agency

Ft. Simcoe W.T. May 30th, 1879

Messrs Hawly Dodd & Co. Gentlemen

Your letter of May 23d stating you had finally failed to procure a 30 inch under runner mill and that you send a 30 inch Northdyke Marnon Mill which ~~could not~~ cannot be beat is received. I took extra pains as you know to go with you to see and knew Waymen's Mill of the same size and learned through you and the Miller, Seer, that , that said Waymen's mill would grind 72 bushels the hour and make good flour. Now if you can guarantee this Northdyke Marnon mill will do as much work and as well as the ones I purchased and paid for, I will receive it; otherwise I shall insist on the mill purchased. I shall wait to hear from you before receiving the mill sent.

Yours truly etc.

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Subject: Sarah Winnemucca

Office Yakima Indian Agent, Fort Simcoe, W.T.

June 5, 1879.

to: Hon E.H. Hoyt (?) (commissioner)

Sir:

I have the honor to call your attention to a letter from this office dated Feb. 6, 1879 announcing the arrival of the Piute and Bannock Indians and request permission to keep Sarah Winnemucca , an educated woman, as interpreter and if I could open a school for said Indians I could use her in the double capacity of interpreter and teacher and to pay her at the rate of \$500 per annum. The school has been opened(see report of superintendent of teaching) and Sarah is employed. I again request she may be approved as teacher and paid for from the fund apportioned for the support of the schools from the 10 day of Feb. 1879 . If not approved as teacher let her be approved as interpreter and inform me what fund I shall use in paying her. An answer is requested/ immediately that I may pay at the end of the quarter.

I am, your obedient servant.

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Indian agent.

July 9th, 1879

Hon E.A. Hayt, commissioner

Sir:

I have the honor to call your attention to a letter written to you on the 6th of March and your reply dated March 17th, 1879. You say the matter in regard to the employment of Sarah Winnemucca (sic) as interpreter and teacher will form the subject of an ~~another~~ communication, "that other communication has not been rec'd." She was employed on the 10 day of Feb at a salary of five hundred dollars per annum out of what fund is she to be paid? She has done a noble work in the school room, out at the school, instructing the Piute women and girls how to cut and make garments for the children of the Piute school and themselves and doing no essential service as interpreter.

Please approve her appointment or rather her employment at said salary and instruct me out of what fund I shall pay. I want the instruction. So she may be properly reported with my quarterly papers now being made up.

I am sir, etc.

Office Yakima Indian Agency

Pt. Simcoe W.T. June 11th 1879

H. Dustin, Esq. Sir:

Your letter of May 1st ~~66044d~~ relating to the keeping of High-ni and party and requesting information how his miller is to get his pay is rec'd.

~~Let-the~~ Indians were not coming to this agency by my order! Had it been so, I would have given them a paper to be kept with their horses!

I think the government will pay yet I am not in funds nor am I authorized to settle said bill. I ~~am~~ expect to be at Goldendale in a few days and will see you in relation to this matter.

Yours truly, etc.

Hon W.W. Upto
2nd Comptroller

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the recep't of your letter of Sept. 22d in reply to mine of Aug. 30th in which you say "The differences have been forwarded and ought to have been received before this time." The bill of differences has not come to hand, and I am unable to determine what is needed in the matter of the accounts under bond of Aug. 30, 1873 to close it finally. If your Hon. will send the differences, explaining fully what is required to close said bond and P 323 and settle my accounts up to the last papers you have examined, I will promptly give an explanation. I am anxious, exceedingly anxious to close the accounts finally.

I understand my accounts were not examined and settled beyond Dec. 31st when I was at Washington, but I did suppose then that all up to that date was fully and finally settled. I trust I shall have time to explain by letter or to come in person and explain before it goes out that James H. Wilbur is a defaulter!!

I am sir, your obedient servant

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Indian agent.

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Hon E.A. Hayt
Commissioner

Sir:

I have the honor to request (as a favor) that you would let one of your efficient clerks look after my accts. as they pass from your office to the final settlement with the 2d comptroller and give me a full exhibit of what is needed in an explanation of their final settlement. I know this is asking

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 Enos be dismissed and John Linley appointed in his place. In the case of Moses and indeed others, I have found Enos 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.

Yakima Ind. Ft. Simcoe. W.T. Oct 6, 79

Hon. E.A. Hayt, Commissioner

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge a statement of funds remitted to this agency for the 3rd and 4th quarters 1879

Amounting in all to \$7,750 dollars. Nothing for head chief, for support of schools, shops, mills, hospital and policemen. The Plutes are destitute and must have monies appropriated for their clothing and food. The winter is fast approaching and what is done must be done immediately or our roads will be blocked with snow. Please answer by telegram what is to be done. I am sir etc.

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Oct. 8th, 1879 (to Hayt)

I have the honor to inform you from my standpoint (illegible)

Our police force for the 40 men and themselves and family require 43,800 lbs of beef per annum worth 48 making \$1,752 dollars.

Flour per annum 36,500 pounds worth 3 1-2 amounting to \$1,277.50; money to pay police \$2,430 dollars. For sugar, coffee, syrup, beans, rice, salt and soap \$1,832 dollars. Total for police per annum \$7,337.50. The 40 members of the police are cumbersome and expensive and are not worth as much as the ten reported approved and paid the 2d quarter. I recommend the last 30 approved to commence service August 1 be paid to Oct 1st and discontinued.

The plutes and Bannocks and Snake Indians who have been receiving rations from Feb. 10th and who are still poor and must have rations require 37,592 lbs of beef per quarter or 150,368 lbs per annum worth at 4 cents \$6,014 dollars; flour per annum 125,120 lbs worth 3 1-2 cents \$4,378 making for said Indians for beef, flour per annum \$10,392.92 dollars making for the police and the above named Indians \$17,730.42 dollars. Then add to the above the

something outside the regular order of business but please do me this favor.

I am sir etc.

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Hon W.W. Upton, comptroller

Sir:

Oct 17th 1879

Your Hon. Says "if the original certificate for the \$3.70 has not been forwarded, to the secretary of the treasury, please forward it immediately." Do you mean the receipt I obtained of the Secretary of the Treasury for the \$3.70 as being the discrepancy in my accts. up to Dec. 31st, 1875. You have a copy of said receipt in your office. If it is necessary the original be sent, I will do it when informed. I am sir, etc.

Hon B.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 now 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.

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Hon. E.A. Hayt, commissioner

Dec. 29, 1879

Commissioner, sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your official letter of Nov. 13th 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.

agency did not revolt but took hold with a will to help locate and make them comfortable, hauling the lumber and wood without charge. On the 8th I go down to the camp on Topnish where the 2 companies of soldiers are with 18 or 20 Indian teams and waggons to receive the Indians and move them within six miles of the station where I can exercise a personal supervision over them and if possible open a school. I gave you a telegram sent two days ago some account of their destitute and immediate wants which I doubt not you will take immediate measure to relieve.

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Sarah Winnemucca came in with the soldiers as their interpreter receiving a salary of five hundred dollars per annum. I must keep her for a time at least as interpreter and if I can open a school may use her as a teacher and interpreter. I must feel my way along among the Snakes until I get to know them.

The teamsters and Indian teams that I employ in moving said Indians I shall have to pay about five dollars per team.

As soon as I get them settled my ~~present~~ plan is to put as many to work as possible, that they may have the double advantage of experience in work and pay for the same.

I am etc.

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Office, Yakima Indian agency

Pt. Sincoe, W.T. Feb. 20th 1879

Gen. O.O. Howard, Commander of the Department of the Columbia.

Sir:

I have the honor to request the two companies of cavalry now in camp on the Topnish upon the Yakima agency, W.T. may be ordered to remain on, or about the reservation until the Snakes and Piutes become permanently settled on the reservation and until Chief Moses and his people are settled on some agency.

I deem the presence of the soldiers at this particular time

Sarah Winnemuck who is interpreter for us to them and to use her in a two-fold capacity, interpreter and teacher. She is quite well educated and with George Waters in the school room with her I think we can make a success.

The farming interest among the Indians of the agency is above anything we have had in the past. The Indians of this agency have learned that land cultivated is a great deal more productive than digging roots and going on the chase or going to their fisheries. I am by every possible influence I can command endeavoring upon them putting them to cultivate the soil.

The school and shops are quite as thrifty as in the past p 162
The Indians from Rock Creek on the Columbia river who have recently moved to the agency are farming. Some of the Smohalla band are putting in a crop.

The mark to which I am working is to get all the Indians of the agency self supporting. I believe with a steady hand and a little help in giving them a start with seed, tools and stock that in three years they may be made to take care of themselves.

Woodward "there are no signs of war on the North side of the Columbia and if the whites can be kept from breaking out I think we shall have a summer of quite.

I am sir etc.

subsistence of from 80 to 100 school children, the beef and flour would amount to at least \$2,100 making a grand total of p 319 \$19,830.42 dollars. I want to know where the beef and flour is coming from, or rather, ~~where does the money go to~~ where the money is to meet said expenses! I confess it looks hopeless to me if your hon. is prepared to make the needed appropriations promptly and keep us from debt in the future as in the past, I am content, if not I want the expenses reduced or a new agent appointed.

It is ^{true} ~~to~~ the Piutes, Bamocks and Snakes herd raised 926 bushels of wheat; it takes as you will see 780 bushels per quarter--they raised some potatoes and corn, wheat, corn and potatoes raised will(I think) subsist them one third 320 of the year; to subsist them through the coming year will require \$6,932 dollars. It is to be remembered these Indians were taken from the war path and even brought here as prisoners, wild as the elk and no more accustomed to work; they have done quite ~~good~~ as well as we could have expected. A liberal appropriation must be made for their subsistence and clothing this coming season or they will suffer. \$6,932 dollars should be appropriated for their subsistence, and at least \$5,000 for their clothing. I understand supplies were taken last winter to the Malheur agency, both food and clothing-- 322 their supplies met them when they were on the way to this agency! What has become to these supplies? What are we to do about the emergency this winter. The winds of winter are beginning to blow and the road will soon be blocked with snow. I shall wait with deep solicitude for a response and to know the needed appropriation is made.

I am sir, etc.

Office Yakima Indian Agency, Ft. Simcoe W.T. June 30th, 1879

Hon E.A. Hayt, commissioner:

Sir: I have the honor to submit my report for the month of June. The work of the agency in mills, shops, farms and schools has been quite as prosperous as in the past. An addition has been made to the grist mill. A new run of stones and smutthe has been purchased and are now at the mill and will soon be adjusted. The Indians have manifested unusual zeal and industry in cutting and hauling saw logs to the steam saw mill.

The Piute Indians added to this agency last winter are working well. We are now in the very busy time of haying and harvesting. Our hay crop indeed our grain was never better nor at p. 235 abundant at this season(sic) The fore part of the month I was very sick for a week but when able to ride started for the Dalles and Portland, Oregon to make purchases for the agency.

I am pleased to say that the Indians of the agency are well disposed toward each other and toward the whites. The rumors of Indian wars has been lost sight of in the prospect of having rail roads through the country.

I am sir, your obedient servant

July 15th, 1879

Hon E.A. Hayt, commissioner, Sir:

I have the honor to report that Highney, an Indian chief that had been held as a prisoner by Gen. Howard at Vancouver, W.T. had the choice while a prisoner to return to Warm Springs agency or come with his people here. He chose this agency and in moving his horses and people incurred the expenses (sic) as seen in the enclosed bill. Shall I pay said bills, if so, out of what fund.

Yours very truly, James H. Wilbur.

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Hon E.A. Hayt, commissioner, sir:

I have the honor to send you a copy of ferry charges to Highney Indian Chief in moving 600 head from Warm Springs agency to this agency. Crossing the Columbia

river, crossing 388 horses at 25 cents	\$97.00
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60 packs with horses	18.00
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30 men and women 30 cents	9.00
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total	\$124.00
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Highney paid	\$8.75
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Due Jeff Miller	\$115.25
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Office Yakima Indian Agency

Ft. Simcoe W.T. July 21, 1879 Hon E.A. Hayt, Commissioner:

Sir: I have the honor to inform you that I have received from Agent Reinhart of the Malheur agency some copies of correspondence between his office and yours relating to the return of Sagent (?) and his band to that agency and requesting me to examine said papers and ..to your office ,

The expense of moving said Indians to this agency was about \$50,000 dollars. They have been put to work here and have done well are contented and happy and if kept steadily at work will soon become self supporting. It would be in my judgment at this time no e is better to move the remainder of the band now there or these that might here after be put there, to this agency and break up that agency rather than send them back. I think from all I know of these they have made more improvement duingd sinse (sic) they came here than in all the years previously spent in instructing and taking care of them. I think it would be a childish course then that, to return them. I will report more fully in my annualreport .

I am sir etc .

Capt. John Smith, U.S. Ind. Agent, Warm Springs, Sir:

A letter dated July 14th sent to H. Dustin, Esq. relating to Hihany's leaving the Warm Spring agency by reason of a "council held by Wilbur and his Indians," is rec'd. What you state in said ~~letter~~ letter is not true. Hihany was taken to Vancouver and held a prisoner by General Howard and by General Howard brought to this agency without my knowledge or consent and turned over to me to keep. He has so far as I know, up to this time complied with the conditions of the treaty here and is not, as you say "Liable to arrest as are many and request the people over here to treat him as such if he does not behave."

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Such a communication to those who are all the time complaining of the Indians tends to mark trouble between the whites and Indians.

You say "Wilbur's Indians brought word to Hihany and that was the reason why he left." Wilbur and Wilbur's ~~council~~ Indians hold no council in the case.

Yours truly etc.

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July 28, '79

Hack, An Indian boy whose father is at Vancouver, W.T. has permission to go to Vancouver in company with J.J. Lewis, interpreter, to visit his father and will be subject to the orders of General Howard in reference to his return to this agency

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Indian agent.

Sept. 14, 79

Hon. E.A. Hayt, Commissioner

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that notwithstanding the Piute Indians raised more than nine hundred bushels of wheat, it will be necessary for the Department for school, seed and the rations to the Piutes above what they have raised, for us to purchase at least one thousand bushels. The wheat may be obtained here of the Indians, costing sixty two and one-half cents per bushel. Please instruct me to purchase said amount at said price.

Yours very truly, etc.

Sept. 5, 1879

General O.O. Howard

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Sir:

I have written the Commissioner of Indian affairs objecting to the turning over of the prisoners now confined at your place. I voiced the feelings of the Indians of this treaty in relation to these, now here, who are being fed with beef and flour provided by this agency. The Indians of this agency would not be satisfied to have the prisoners brought here. To bring them here is giving a premium for their fighting last summer. Please keep them until I hear from the Department. I am etc.

Sept. 5th 1879 298

E.A. Hayt

Commissioner:

General Howard informs me he has an order from the War Department to turn over the prisoners now held by him at Ft. Vancouver to this agency. I object in toto. Have written you my objection. Advise me by telegram what is to be done.

(telegram)

James H. Wilbur. agent

Hon E.A. Hayt, commissioner:

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that the Piute, Dannaok and Snake Indians who were brought here last Feb. as prisoners, poor as poverty and crime could make them, have been supplied, wholly with beef and at least half of their flour, from beef and wheat, the product and property of the Indians of this agency. To take the property of the loyal and industrious and give to the disloyal and lazy is not just. The Indians of this agency look for and confidently expect the Department pg 300

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to appropriate money for their benefit equal to the value of the property thus furnished. I shall look (as their agent) for a favorable response to their claim. Hoping to hear soon from the Department in relation to this matter of justice.

I am sir, etc.

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General O.O. Howard

Sept. 16, 79

Dear Sir:

I wrote you Sept. 5th objecting to the receiving of the prisoners held by you and requested you to retain them until I could hear from the Interior Department. I have received the following telegram. Washington, D.C. Sept. 9, 1879

Wilbur

Howard has only eleven Indians to turn over. That is so insignificant to cause objection. E.A. Hayt, commissioner.

Hon. E. A. Hoyt, commissioner

Sir:

I have the honor to submit my report for the month of Sept. The grain crop of the agency has generally been thrashed and secured. The steam saw mill, planers and shingle machine has been running until about the close of the month - we are now through for the season. The work of making lumber, shingles and planing it is done by the Indians of the agency with but little instructions from the white employes. We never have about the mill and mill work more than two of our white employes. In all the work in and around the mill, the Indians are good workmen to do the work as they do it willingly and well. As the same number of white employes would do. Our grist mill is in excellent order, and now capable of doing the work of the agency. During the month our carpenter force have been building houses for the Indians of the agency.

The Piutes, Bannocks and Snake Indians have made marked improvements since they came to this agency. By study and constant effort is to keep the Indians at work. Whatever we may give them of material gifts, if we do not give them education in work and morals, all the gifts of the government only make them lazy and form a gambling fund.

I am sir, etc.

Hon B.A. Dayt

Commissioner, Sir:

Oct. 21st 1879

I have the honor to reply to your official letter
ma ked in the margin(C.W. Oregon 274-79 dated Aug. 12, 1879
r lating to a claim of Harvey Fields for \$805 for horses and
cattle taken and destroyed by the hostile Bannocks and other Indians
formerly at the Malheur agency.

In a council held this day with the Indians above named I find
the horses were seen by them with hostile Bannocks that sheep
and cattle were killed along the road.

The evidence by t o Indians and the proof furnished by Fields
satisfies me the horses, beef steers and sheep were so taken and
the charge made for them is reasonable and should be paid.

I am sir etc.

Hon E.A. Rayt,

Commissioner

Oct. 23, 1879

Sir:

I have the honor to request the approval of Martha Olney as cook at the Boarding School at a salary of \$200 and Lewis S. Witcomb, teach, at a salary of \$500. Also the list of irregular employes, the month of September. I am sir, etc.

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Oct. 27, 1879

To an unknown man who I understand is building a house on the Canyon road on the reservation.

You will immediately desist and leave the reservation.

Mine truly

Jared M. Wilbur

U.S. Indian agent.

Hon E.A. Hayt

Commissioner

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of invoices of goods purchased by your agents at San Francisco, Cal. and other places and shipped to us. I find in looking over the invoices a lack of some things needed which I respectfully ask permission to purchase in open market. The things required for the services are as follows:

50 prs blankets at 4.75 per pair \$237.50

6 doz pair shoes \$15 per doz \$90

6 doz hats at 7 per dozen \$42

Platform scales, small (do not know the price.)

20 lbs powder and 40 lbs shot p 242

15 lbs hanes thread 2 doz awl hafts

20 doz lbs copper rivets 6 doz awl blades

1 doz papers hanes needles 4 doz axes

6 doz axe handles 4 doz boxes concentrates?

six doz table spoons, large.

4 doz knives and forks 6 doz tin plates

6 sets tin pans. 1 larger box stove and drum.

The above articles when the prices is not carried out with all others will be purchased in open market at the lowest market price and paid out of miscellaneous receipts.

I am etc.

To Mr. Snobly esq.

Sheriff of Yakima county

Nov. 11th, 1879

Dear Sir:

A company of Indians of six, related to Mite, the prisoner condemned to be hung now in your custody, are here representing that a proposition has been made to release Mite if they would give a certain number of horses! I said to them I would write to you and that if that was the fact that horses were to be taken in exchange of said man I would know right from you. Please answer by the bearer. Yours truly etc.

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Mr. Wiley Esq.

Nov. 17, 1879

I am informed that you with other white settlers are cutting and hauling away timber from the reservation. I wish to inform you that I am instructed to prosecute any and all persons who may be trespassing upon the agency. I do not want to make you trouble and cost, but shall enforce the law against any and all persons who are found trespassing. Hoping the report is not true and believing that if it is true you will cease, I am,
etc.

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G.W. Cary, esq. Nov. 21st, 1879

Dear Sir:

You are hereby authorized to sell to Indians known to you to be friendly small quantities of ammunition for hunting purposes, no one man more than five dollars at a time and at suitable intervals between. Yours truly

James H. Wilbur, U.S. Indian Agent

Hon E.A. Hayt, commissioner

Nov. 24, 1879

Sir: I have the honor to communicate to you that Oitz the head man of the Piutes, Bannocks and Snakes who were upon the war path in the summer of 1878 is here for the purpose of taking some 29 of his people from here to the Warm Springs agency in Oregon. Having reported for the people when they were turned over to me last Feb. and knowing the ...it would produce with those left here, the hostile feeling existing toward the Indians who have been on the war path on the opposite side of the Columbia and the strong probability of their being caught in a snow storm on their way p 351 and lost, but not heart, their having no protection I decided that Oitz stay here with his wives and children until they could return (if that was your order) with a degree of comfort and safety. I consider it very injudicious to send him about the country alone. He is content to stay now with his people and I shall keep him unless I am differently ordered. I am etc.

General O.O. Howard:

Sir:

Your official letter of Aug. 25th is rec'd
I have the honor to inform you that I counted 26 men and 13 women
and children since I communicated two months since... (faded)...
in the war one year ago and ...then here so near the scene of
trouble would be to introduce...element of discord which, without
...would make unending trouble...own people are opposed to their
coming..

Yours truly etc.

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Hon B.A. Hayt, commissioner:

Sir: I have the honor to inform you that the mail of yesterday
brought a letter from Brigadier General Howard informing me
the orders from the War Department was to turn over the prisoners
now held at Vancouver to me at this agency on the 25th of this
month....had been given me by General Howard that it was in
contemplation to do so and I remonstrated then against its being
done. I have replied to him this morning that I should not receive
them. Their own people here, are opposed to them p 295
being brought here and the Indians of this treaty are opposed and
to bring them here, so near the scene of their fighting last
summer would be to introduce an element of trouble that would be
unending among the whites of this vicinity and the Indians of the
agency. I took the milder part of the prisoners, last winter,
without murthering o@o@o but the prisoners now held at Vancouver
whose hands are red with blood o@ and who had to be guarded by
the military and have been escaping notwithstanding such guard, to
bring them here I repeat would be to make this agency unending
trouble. I trust with your prudence and wisdom you will see this
command is committed. I am etc.

P.S. P@o@o Send them far away. J.H. Wilbur.

Office Yakima Indian Agency Ft. Simcoe, W.T. Dec. 4, 1879

Hon E.A. Hayt, commissioner

Sir: I have the honor to request authority to stock our steam saw mill this winter. This work can be done by the Indians at a time when they would be idle without this work, and at a time when it would not interfere with their plowing, and seeding in the spring, or their haying and harvesting in the summer. We need 300,000 feet of saw logs--the logs delivered at ~~0000~~ the mill would cost three dollars and twenty five cents per thousand. If your Hon. will grant authority and so instruct me that I can pay out of the "miscellaneous fund" I shall be able to employ Indians that otherwise would be grubbing and gambling. This arrangement would enable us to saw ~~000000~~ early in the spring and use the lumber in fencing and building houses to better advantage than in the past.

I am sir, etc. James F. Wilbur. U.S. Indian agent.

(please answer immediately)

Hon H.A. Hayt, commissioner

Dec. 29, 1879

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your official letter dated July 16th, 1878 with a copy of one from Franklin P. Olney dated March 27, 1878. These letters have just come to this office. ^{You} direct me to ascertain whether or not said Olney has any Indian blood in his veins, or any other just claim to be recognized as a member of the Yakima tribe of Indians. There is no doubt he has Indian blood. He has no other just claim. This Indian blood he claims does not entitle him to any privileges of this agency. He has claimed to be a citizen, paid taxes and voted, held land in common with other p 308 citizens. In years past I had him here and tried to make something of him but failed. He promised to reform and I let him ? again and found him worse than the first. I rejected him. He came again making a confession and promised to reform. I tried him again and in a short time after he broke into the room ~~and~~ where the Indian schoolgirls were sleeping and got into bed with them. From that scene I took him and p t him in irons and locked him again in jail and when he was out and required him to leave the agency. He has made me more trouble than any five or ten of the meanest Indians we have ever had in the agency. It is true that some of his relatives live here. It is not true that his mother and step father are living here or ever have lived on the reservation. When he was here he was not ..with his relatives and doing anything he could to creat dissatisfaction with the Indians. His step father is a white rannuch after the stamp of Franklin. Franklin P. Olney has become a citizen. I protest against his ever becoming an Indian upon the Yakima agency.....

Wilbur.

We have just completed a church 36 by 72 feet with a belfry and a good bell having capacity to seat completely six hundred and fifty. The church is finished entire and is a model building. The new church is located near the old one and enables us to use the old for a school room. p 373

There is a growing effort with the Indians of this agency to be manly, industrious and Christians. There is peace in all our borders and prosperity that attends our efforts to civilize and Christianize the Indians of the reservation.

I am sir, your obedient servant

James H. Wilbur.

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Yakima Indian (sic) Fort Simcoe W.T. January 18, 1880

Hon E.A. Hayt, commissioner:

Sir: I have the honor herewith to enclose gold value of currency from January 1st 1876 to June 30th 1878 which I trust will be satisfactory in the settlement of my accts. Also a letter from Messrs Ladd and Tilton Banker, Portland Oregon.

I am sir, your obedient servant James H. Wilbur.

U.S. Indian agent

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Yakima Indian Agency, Fort Simcoe, W.T. Jan. 19, 1880

Hon E.A. Hayt, commissioner: Sir:

I have the honor to make requisition for six hundred and eighteen dollars now due the policemen of this agency for the 3rd and 4th quarters 1879. Sometimes since you informed me the money would be forthcoming. Please send at your earliest convenience and oblige.

I am sir etc.

Yakima Indian Agency, Fort Simcoe, W.T. January 31st, 1880

Hon L.A. Hayt, Commissioner.

Sir: I have the honor to report the condition of this agency at the close of this month. On the afternoon of the 9th we had the most destructive wind ever known in this part of our country-- miles of post and board fence were blown down--when the posts were not broken off at the top of the ground the boards were blown off the posts and many broken. The damage done to our fences was great and I think about one thousand dollars.

Our new church edifice which was completed on the 9th and was to be dedicated on the 11th -strongly built and well finished outside and in was moved on its foundation 8 inches. No great damage done to the building except readjusting the foundations. p 379

This building is 36 by 72 feet 20 feet ceiling having a belfry and a good bell, a model church having capacity to seat 650 comfortably. Since the addition of the Piute and Bannock prisoners our old church would not accommodate more than two thirds of the people who came to church on the Sabbath and there was an necessity of using the old church for a school for said Piute and Bannocks. Our new church is constructed and was dedicated according to the original plan on the 11th and is well filled from Sabbath to Sabbath.

Companies of the Indian men with their teams are in the woods cutting and hauling logs for the steam saw mill to stock it with logs for the coming season.

The cattle and horses of the agency are wintering with comparatively little loss.

The boarding school at the agency has not been as full this winter as sometimes in the past. I am making a vigorous effort to fill up the school to its utmost capacity. The Piute and Bannock children are being instructed 7 miles from the station in the old church by George Waters with good results.

Yakima, Ft. Simcoe, 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 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

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 E.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 ^{the} 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 send~~ 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 druggery 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 ~~60000000~~ ^{surveyor.} 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 0000000000 clerk	\$1,000
One supt. farming	\$1,000
One inst. farming ^{supt instruction}	\$1,000
One carpenter	\$1,000
One miller	\$1,000
One wagon plow maker	\$1,000
One 00000000 ^{sawyer} and engineer	\$1,000
One 00000000000000000000	
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 wagt. 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,
 besides 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 Oled 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.

St. Simcoo, 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 panlocks 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 us that in p 549 a conversation with Leggins, who is the life and soul of the discontent, Leggins declared that if the authorities at 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.

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, 54 are there now and by the close of the week Oct 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

Squater declines to act as policeman.

Saturday the Indians are going to consult and submit the names of 2 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 Paddess 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. Kuykendall 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 father's letter in reference to the deposit at 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 cannot 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.

Port Simcoe, 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 rail if they can be put up in strong packages of the required weight, 4 doz Cuck eyes, 2 1-2 inch; 2 1-2 doz bridle 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. W.ibur, 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. ^{Here} ~~There~~ at 11 it was 1 above, but rapidly growing
colder.

The Piutes 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.

Yakima (Pt. Sincos) March 27th, 1881

Mr. Lynch

Antanum: Sir:

Mr. York of Yakima C. ty informs me that you have seed wheat which you proposed to sell at the rate of \$100 per bushel delivered at your place.

I am in need of 50 bushels and will take that amount at \$100 per bushel. I am not in funds just now, but will personally guarantee that payment shall be made within six weeks.

Very Respectfully

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Indian Agent.

Please let me know by the bearer if you can let me have the wheat on the terms named above and I will send over for the wheat.

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Indian Agent

Malheur French.

Dalles

Yakima (F^{rt} Simcoe) March 29, 1881

Messrs French & 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.

Powell..Cattle

Yakima Indian (copy)

Fort Simcoe March 30, 1881

Hon David Powell, Dear Sir:

I arrived here on Saturday last. Find the weather very fine, grass quite good. Hay at the ranch both on the hills doing well. ~~Those that~~ Those that have lived will all get through alright now. When you chose to come up and look for your live cattle the way is open. I think it would be better for you to delay about two weeks as the Department Cattle could at that time be gathered and counted and you could work in with us in the gathering.

The grass of the agency has never looked better. Hope the gathering ~~will show~~ and counting will show the loss that has been reported (copy) written in margin.

Yours Very truly

James H. Walbur Etc.

April 19, 1881

Flour Saunders Yakima City

Mr. Saunders,

Grist Mill, Yakima City

Sir:

Please send me 25 bbls flour at \$5.50 per bbl in addition to that purchased by me yesterday.

Very Truly yours

James H. Walbur

U.S. Indiana agent.

Hon H. Price

Yakima May 28, 1881

Commissioner of Indian Affairs

Sir: Approval is respectfully asked of the purchase of eleven hundred and fifty ~~dollars~~ (1150) bushels of charcoal at 15 cents per bushel making \$172.50 of which \$72.84 was paid in supplies, leaving \$100 ~~100~~.16 paid in cash from miscellaneous funds class 2 in my hands not otherwise required.

Very respectfully etc

(Wilbur)

Yakima Indian (copy)

Fort Simcoe W.T. May 31st, 1881

W. Rinehart, esq. Farmer at Malheur Agency, Oregon

Sir:

On the 12th instant I wrote A.R. Smith special agent that in about ten days I thought I could start our teams for the goods and supplies at Malheur agency. My plans was to start about 30 four horse teams and go in company with them--attend to the loading and then return with them. Yesterday all the teamsters were here and when I told them I had rec'd a letter from the commissioner, there was no money to pay transportation on said goods and the Indians could be paid out of said supplies, the Indians without an exception said they would not go for goods. If they could have the money they would start p 827

at once. Having no money here to pay transportation . . . and incidental expenses by the way I am compelled to defer until a telegram can be sent and an answer obtained from the commissioner. If ~~000000~~ funds for the transportation and other needed expenses for the work are placed at my disposal, there will not be a day's delay in starting teams.

I am etc.

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Yakima, May 20, Agent. Western Union Telegraph Co. The Dalles, Ore.

Sir: Please send the enclosed dispatch to the commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, payment to be made at that office.

(Wilbur)

Official-collect. Commissioner of Indian Affairs Washington.

Cannot transport supplies from the Malheur without funds. Distance three hundred miles. Tolls and ferriages must be cash. Have not near enough Department teams and Indian teams will not go without half money.

Will start at once on receipt of telegram that funds will be furnished.

Wilbur--Agent.

wheat. Bland
Grist Mill .

Yakima June 6, 1881

Mr. Bland, Antanum, sir:

Rev. Mr. Roe, the presiding elder of this district informs us that you have some wheat to sell. If you will deliver 50 bushels at the Reservation Grist Mill on Simcoe Creek at \$1.00 \$1 per bushel we will take it provided it is delivered immediately. We are about out of flour and must have it by Saturday at the latest.

If 40 or 50 bushels could be delivered this week the rest might remain till next week. The purchase has been authorized by the Department and requisition for funds for the payment made, but the money has not come yet, though expected every day. As soon as the funds arrive we shall be prepared to pay for the wheat. Please let us know if you can supply us on these terms, by Mr.

Hadley. We must have at p 854

least 40 or 50 bushels delivered this week in time to have it ground so that we can get the flour Saturday by noon.

Very respectfully etc.

James H. Wilbur etc.

by Fairchild

Clerk and ~~agent~~ act. agent.

Yakima June 11, 1881

Hon H. Price, commissioner of Indian Affairs, Wash. D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose receipt for circular no. 67 relative to the suppression of the traffic in intoxicating liquors. I regret to say that there is more drunkenness among these Indians than ever before, and desire to use every effort for its suppression and the punishment of offenders. It is difficult to secure evidence sufficient to convict of this offense, unless it is made the sole and particular business of some one of more than average intelligence and energy. I have recently organized a portion of the police force under an Indian in whom I have much ~~for~~ confidence, with special reference to suppression of this great evil, and if possible securing sufficient evidence to convict some of those engaged in the traffic.

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(Fairchild for Wilbur.)

Our shops with head men to work and plan are supplied with apprentice boys learning the different trades , 4 in the carpenters and wagon, 2 in the camp and two in the blacksmith shops.

Amid all the clamor of the people outside of the agency desiring to drive the Indians to parts unknown our Indians are settling into work and making permanent improvements.

I am sir

Your obedient servant etc.

A delegation of about 20 Indians, comprising Rev. Pearne, Chiefs Eneas, White Swan, Wesley, Yallup, Cree, Yamont, Silista, Cshnatups, Yombt-Pee and other prominent members of the tribe appeared before Commissioner Barge on Monday to urge the appointment of Rev. G.M. Booth as agent at Fort Simcoe .

They sent a telegram to Senator Wilson at Washington embodying their views. The Indians do not feel inclined to take any steps toward treating with the government relative to the opening of the reservation until the question of a new agent has been settled--
Yakima Herald, July 1, 1897.

Somebody mistake and put down and make representation the residence of the Indian agent. In 1859 , in May. Dr. Naleston was appointed agent and in June Rev. J.H. Wilbur was sent as a missionary and a superintendent of instruction, and in November he opened a school gathering for children.

I am one of them first scholars; it was 25 students in old log house. Father and mother Wilbur they cleaning and training and teach us in day time and in the evening.

In 1864 Father Wilbur was appointed agent from the government. He was a true and honest man, stand on the Indian side he done what is right amongst the Indians; he built up four Indian two churches and two Indian ordain ministers; he bought a bell a hundred dollars worth for Indian church before he leave this reservation. We miss him very much on earth. He is in heavy I know. I remain

George Waters.

Yakima Herald, March 24, 1898.