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Steilacoom, March 22d, 1854

Hon I.I. Stevens, Gov. of Washington Territory & Superintendent of Ind. Affr

Sir:

According to your instructions I herewith submit a detailed report of my operations in the Clallum country. I left Steilacoom on the 19th of February arriving at Port Townsend on the 25th. I called upon the Duke of York, Gen. Taylor and Gen. Scott, three of the principal men of the Clallum tribe and requested them to accompany ~~me~~ us in our search of the accused murderers of Jewell and Pettingill. Scott and Taylor became frightened and ran off into the woods.

We then arrested the Duke of ~~York~~ Clarence and put him aboard the schooner telling them if they would go to Dungeness we would release the Duke of Clarence. . They agreed to our terms and we released him and proceeded to Dungeness. The Duke of York reported himself with five others two hours after we arrived. The next day the Duke of York went into the woods and ~~from~~ found Sat-sum one of the accused and brought him into the village, we arrested him and put him on board the schooner. All the Indians at the village had ran off and hid in the woods. We were told that Sawinnim had gone up Hood's Canal. We got under way and proceeded as far as . . dedian Island but a gale of wind from the south east compelled us to return to Squims (?) bay for a harbor. The following day we learned that Tat-toosh was at False Dungeness and immediately proceeded to that place. Messrs McAlmond, Madison and Brownfield, citizens of Dungeness accompanied us, arriving on Friday March 3d. The following day the Indians at Eanis Village and Elyna River visited us, we told them what we had wanted. They replied that the persons we were after was not living at ~~Eithan~~ either village. But subsequently we were informed by an Indian

called Dick that Tat-toosh was secreted near the villate at Eanis (False Dungenness) and for compensation he would lead us to the spot wher he was. At midnight Dr. Sukely with ten men and Messrs McAlmond, Madison and Brownfield went to the village guided by Indian Dick but failed ~~in~~ in capturing Ta-toosh.

The following day an Indian ~~named~~ John Newman came to us and said that Tat-toosh was at his village, that his people had told lies. We immediately arrested him and put him on board of the schooner that night we got under way and proceeded to the village. I arrived at day light and ~~surrounded~~ surrounded the houses. A son of John Newman then told us he would show us where Tat-toosh was hid. Messrs McAlmond & Brownfield with a sergeant and five men proceeded by land to a creek distant four mile. I followed in a canoe with his Indians to intercept him if he attempted to escape by water. The party on shore captured the canoe and family, we returned them to the village and (two or ten) Indians to hold them as hostages until we got Tat-toosh, while executing this they attempted to escape and were fired upon, wounding five, ten mortally. We took twenty-eight of their largest canoes and ~~took~~ towed them over to our camp ~~and~~ telling them we would return the canoes when they delivered up Tatoosh. The following day we ascertained that the Indians we wanted had fled to New Dungenness and made arrangements to proceed to that place, but a strong breeze and ~~heavy~~ heavy sea prevented our moving that day. Dr. Sukely and myself with the Duke of York visited the village next day the Indians had left their houses and fled to the woods. I saw three but could not induce them to come into the village. The following day I sent a squaw belonging to the Duke of York to the village to inform the Indians to come over and get their canoes, ten of them came over and took but four which belonged to the Indians accused. We took these <sup>all</sup> to New Dungeness next day. Messrs McAlmond and Madison returned to Dungenness with a canoe in the night. The following day they captured Tattoosh accused of

murder and Sinawash and Snwink -ta-nuk accused of housebreaking. The two latter we flogged with cat and shaved their heads. We then proceeded to Sequim bay and arrested the Indian Dick who had told us he would take us to Lat-toosh's camp but deceived us. During the night I returned to New Dungeness with a sergeant and ten men. Mr McAlmond and an Indian to capture Sawinniss but the Indians remained in the woods and did not come into their village as we supposed, at daylight we scoured the woods for ten miles up the Dungeness river breaking up their temporary camps and compelling them to leave their provisions, we returned to Sequim Bay at dusk. ~~On~~ Next day we flogged and shaved the Indian Dick and proceeded to Port Townsend. I made arrangements with Mr. E.H. McAlmond to watch for Sawinniss when the Indians returned to the village and if they got him to bring him to Steilacoom.

The following day the Indians came into the village and Messrs McAlmond, Cline, Bradshaw, Moore and Thailing made a descent upon the village and capture Sawinniss. Mr. McAlmond immediately brought him to Port Townsend and put him on board of the schooner. The next day I chartered a canoe and visited Ohiss-a-cum creek, Ports Ludlow and Gamble at Port Ludlow I purchased several specimens of gold and a gold ring which I recognized as belonging to Mr. Madison of New Dungeness which I forwarded to him, they having been stolen by Indians.

I would recommend that the citizens of New Dungeness be paid for their services. Mr. Brownfield was employed by Lt. Jones, Messrs McAlmond and Madison ~~xxx~~ and Moore's services were indispensable. They captured four of the prisoners. Mr. McAlmond has in his possession two canoes, two muskets and a pistol taken from the prisoners which I told him to keep until he received orders from the Supt. of Ind. Affairs.

I arrived at Steilacoom Saturday the 18th leaving the prisoners in charge of Lt. Jones which were put in the guard house same day.

Enclosed is my account current for settlement--I would recommend that the Duke of York be made head chief of the Clallum tribe.

Your obdt. Servt.

Henry C. Wilson

Island County, W.T. Sat. the 29, 1854

(very badly scrawled:)

Dear sir I would have written to you before now had I not heard of the Indian Slahin escape that was ~~xxxxxxx~~ sentenced to be hanged on the 28th day of Dec. but I hear of a detachment of soldiers from fort Silacoom for their ~~xxx~~ recapture. Now I wish to inform you that I held his death warrant I want to know if you are going to send him down or not I think that it will be highly necessary to have the soldiers down at that time for the safety of the citizens in this part of the territory. So you will please inform me immediately so that I will know what to do

Your obt servant

Hugh Crockett

Sheriff of Island county

March 1854 Sheriff Hugh Crockett upon hanging an Indian.

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Bellingham Bay W.T. May 30, 1854

Hon C.H. Mason, Secty. and Act. Gov. of W.T.

Sir:

For the last week or two the settlement on this bay and in the neighborhood has been much disturbed by difficulties with Indians. Roaming bands from the north understood to belong to a tribe known as the Stick Indians have ransacked and rifled several houses the occupants having been driven by their superior numbers to the bush for concealment. Two men are missing from Pattle's place near Whatcom and there is but little doubt they have been murdered. These persons ~~appearing~~ apprehending a night attack and supposing it would come from the woods behind the house anchored out in the bay some distance from the shore in a canoe with the intention of so passing the night. This was two days after --the twenty eighth. About two or three hours after midnight several large canoes containing as nearly as could be estimated fifty or sixty Indians (Stick Ins) appeared off Pattle's house and opened upon it, but to no effect, with the small arms. They kept the fire up but a short time and left. What became of the two men in the canoes I spoke of is not known but their canoe was found the next day in the neighborhood beached and completely riddled with ball and buckshot and exhibiting marks of a great effusion of blood.

We are well satisfied these demonstrations are but the commencement of a series of similar if not more serious forays. We are informed by persons recently from Vancouver Island that the conduct of these marauders is ~~connived~~ connived at if not encouraged at Victoria.

It is stated they have been armed by George Douglass that they set out upon their expeditions from the island and return for refuge and harbor, a convenient place for which they need since they inhabit

a country some three hundred miles up the coast. Large parties we are informed are also hovering about San Juan or Belle Bue Island which was recently a source of dispute between our worthy Collector Eby and Governor Douglass and threats have reached us that constant descents will be made upon us. That the authorities of any dependency of so enlightened a government as the British should at this day resort to so barbarous and unchristian a means of annoyance as the incitement and turning loose of savages upon an unprotected settlement, we are both to believe. We submit to you, however what we hear upon the subject with a view to such inquiry as may be proper to be instituted and such actions as the facts may require.

The settlers here are but ill armed. There is not a gun to every fourth man; the houses are isolated and at considerable distance from each other and the community is consequently in an exposed and almost defenceless situation. You will therefore see the necessity of taking some steps towards giving us protection to which we address you this communication. A military force might be detached from Steilacoom where they are of no benefit to us, and established here with good effect.

It is important also that arms be sent us that we may at least have the means of protecting ourselves, and we trust you will have the kindness to dispatch to us, <sup>such</sup> ~~such~~ as you can command, as soon as possible. Indeed this last is the more important as at present we would be unable to quell a rising of the natives resident Indians should such occur--an event not unlikely if we judge by their demeanor <sup>they are</sup> for ~~the~~ ~~the~~ daily growing more and more insolent.

Trusting you will give this your early consideration, your obedient etc. C. Fitzhugh, Thos Hyim(?) Anthony Clayton, Basin(?) Nicholson, Wm Watson, Mo... O'Connor, Harls.... John Thomas, George Cook, James Jones, Meaysory E.. outn..; Koppenpoeple, Chas Wiuright(?) (Scrawls) H.C. Page, H. Raeden, Edward Eldridge, William Utter, Chancy P. Brookes, Aaron C. Smith, J. Fraser, Frank Mahoney(?) Charles Pachens, A?? Wilson, S. Niell Stuart, J. Lang, John Crow(?) J.C. Cornwell, Eli Hatheway, W.R. Pattie R.B. Holbrook Richard Williams, R.O. Fay.

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Shoal Water Bay, June 3, 1854

To his Excellency, Gov. Stevens:

Sir having returned to Shoal Water Bay for the purpose of permanently ~~residing~~ remaining I respectfully solicit from your excellency the appointment of sub agent for the Indian affairs in this vicinity.

I am led to make this request from the fact that I wish to continue the vocabulary of the Chehalis and Chinook languages (a copy of which so far completed I have already presented your excellency) and a situation of sub agent would give me a better opportunity to get correct information not only as regards the vocabulary but also in relation to the various land claims of the Indians and much other ~~info~~ information that may be valuable to the department in any future treaties to be made. Should I obtain the appointment it is my intention to devote my time to the ~~procuring~~ procuring of all such information from the most reliable sources and this can only be done by comparing the statements of different individuals and eliciting the truth from a careful examination of the reports.

As I have been requested to compile a history of the northwest tribes of Indians for publication, the appointment would undoubtedly be of benefit to me in my interviews with the tribes in this section of the territory.

I have the honor to be

Your excellency

obt. servant

James G. Swan



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Steilacoom, June 8th, 1854

Hon C.H. Mason

Supt. of Indian Affairs

Sir:

The bearer Seelip loaned a horse a few days since and the horse was brot to this place and sold. I have recovered the horse for him. He wants his pay for damages. I have referred him to you or Mr. Simmons. Seelip has been four days looking for his horse.

A son of the Rev. Mr. Roberts ~~at~~ at Olympia is the person who sold the horse.

Yours

Henry C. Wilson

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Olympia, Puget Sound

Washington Terr. Sept. 23, 1854

Sir:

Since the rendering of my report upon the Indian affairs of this territory, one or two points have occurred to me which were not properly brought to notice.

The first is the fact that a large part of the Clallam tribe inhabit the southern end of Vancouver Island and that a constant intercourse takes place between them and our ~~own~~<sup>is</sup> shore. The ~~xxxxxx~~ land thus becomes an alsatia (?) both for our own Clallams and the tribes with whom they are at peace and on the other hand the Clallams of the island can with impunity engage in any atrocities in the American side of the sound. The same remark is applicable to the Cowait-chen tribe inhabiting the Gulf of Georgia who are the greatest maurauders of the whole and who are allied more or less with the Shim-i-ah-moos and the Lummi. This subject should be considered by the Department in the instructions to the Commissioners appointed to treat with these Indians. It is difficult to suggest a remedy except in the constant presence of a steam cutter in the Sound and some understanding with the British authorities about the punishment of Indians committing outrages on either party. They are fairly entitled to claim the same protection from our government in case of the Makahs on Cape Flattery Indians who have more than once robbed the vessels and murdered their crews.

Another subject is the appointment of surveyors to attend each board of commissioners and locate the reserves agreed upon. I cannot too strongly urge that no steps whatever be taken towards forming treaties until Congress shall by law permit these reserves to be made

provisionally and ~~secured~~ secure from individual claim  
until the treaties can be acted upon.

Respectfully etc.

Signed George Gibbs

Capt. Geo B. McClellan

Comdy W. Div N.P.R.R. Exddn Survey

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Gov Stevens:

Sir: At a large meeting of inhabitants of Clarke county the following resolution was adopted--

"Whereas Gov. Stevens has notified the Hudson's Bay Company that their trade with the Indians will cease after July 1st, 1854, therefore

Resolved that he be requested to enforce the laws governing Indian intercourse.

Vancouver, Dec. 16th, 1854

Levi Douthit, chairman

M.R. Hathaway, secy.

The proceedings of said meeting will be forwarded to the Pioneer & Democrat where you will probably see them in full with the above exception.

Very respectfully

M.R. Hathaway

Gov. I.I. Stevens, Olympia W.T.

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Thurston county, W.T. Dec. 16, 54--To the Honorable Isaac I. Stevens, governor of Washington Territory. We the undersigned citizens of Thurston county pray that your honor, when making treaties with the Indians of this territory, that you will not allow the Indians to hold the tract of land between South Bay Nesqually River as a reserve.

H.K. Woodard, S.N. Woodruff, D.M. Mounty, T.T. Mounty, H. Haller(?)  
George Cook, Levi Knott, Wm. O. Bush, F.M. Rhoades, H.J. Cameron, H.A.  
South

Vancouver, Dec. 24, 1854

His Excellency, Isaac I. Stevens,  
Governor Washington. T and Superintendent of Indian Affairs.

Sir:

On my arrival in Vancouver I called upon Capt. Brent according to my instructions to ascertain the condition of the animals at the Dalles and the prospect of getting muls for the party that is about to proceed in to the Indian Country east of the Cascade mountains. He told me that the animals was in rather a bad condition for a winters campaign and that he could not promise to let any muls go at all but he thought that he could sell some horses but could not promise to sell any good ones and that they could not be furnished on any other terms than by sale but could not promise positive to sell even horses. but said if those animals that I have here was turned over to him that he could furnish the same amount at the Dalles.

I examined the goods in store in charge of Capt. Brent and found them in good condition with exception of the hard bread that to be re..... for the barrels are ~~not~~ broken to to pieces.

Fraight from Vancouver to the Dalles will cost about fifty dollars per ton.

I also called upon Bonaville and he informed me that commissary stores and camp equipage could be furnished at the Dalles at the actual cost of them at that post. He said that he had nothing to animals nor with the transportation of any kind.

I remain your obedient servant, A.J. Bolon, Sub Agent  
Central district, Washington Territory.



As a general rule it ~~cannot~~ is not desirable to interfere in the selection of the chiefs of the tribes as such a course would take away much of the added responsibility of the Indians and lead them to feel no accountability for the ~~conduct~~ conduct of the of the individuals thus selected. But in the present case the selection of a head chief among the Cayuses it will be important if possible to prevent the selection of Five Crows for that station who can be regarded in no other light than an enemy to the people and government of the United States. His conduct at the Wialatpu Massacre is recalled. It was he who after the bloody tragedy sent for and forced from the building occupied by the women and children one of the young girls and compelled her to reside at his lodge and submit to his brutal lust, retaining her till the captives were all ransomed by Governor Ogdon. (sic)

He was also one of the Indians who ... for the continuance of the war and opposed the surrender of the murders. During the war he was actively engaged and received a wound in the arm and has ever since manifest unfriendly feelings. It ~~was~~ is also notorious that he has always been a favorite of the persons in charge of Fort Walla Walla and decided in his preference for the Hudson's Bay Company and its interests above those of our government and people. These considerations constitute a strong and justifiable reason for your ~~own~~ interference to prevent the selection of ~~this~~ this notorious Indian as the principal chief of the Cayuses.

I learn that no little feeling has been manifested by the Indians in your district on account of the reported decisions of the courts in regard to the applicability of the Intercourse law. The written opinions of Judges Williams and Olney are in your ~~own~~ possession and although not full in all the details, yet they are sufficient to show the hopelessness of maintaining peace and order among the tribes of Middle Oregon if our citizens continue to form settlements in that region. If the judges have given a proper construction of the law,

nothing short of the purchase of the Indian title to the land in Middle Oregon can secure peace. I confidently expect that Congress will at the present session enact a law authorizing and providing for the purchase of those lands.

Persuasive measure alone is left us by which to control the Indians and preserve peace and without the means to conciliate them with presents we can accomplish little among those .... as haughty tribes. But as they have nothing to gain and everything to lose by hostilities, reasoning with them clearly and forcibly on the consequences may enable us to maintain order.

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yours etc.

Joel Palmer,

Supt. Indian Affairs

R.R. Thompson, esq. Indian Agent, Utiilla O.T.



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Walla Walla, Jan. 30, 1855

Honored Sir:

I should ere now have replied to your communication of Feby. 20, 1854, but feeling my inability for such a task as therein suggested and at the same time anxious to come up to your views I have deferred responding to your letter to the present moment.

I enclose an attempt at a description of ~~this~~<sup>V</sup> this Valley. You will I think find it impractical and as you individual y are the best judge in such matters I ~~xxxx~~ leave it to you to publish it or not as it may merit.

I also enclose a vocabulary of the Walla Walla words with a description of the habits, etc. for the Smithsonian Institute. I have done so partly because I do not know to whom to send it and partly in case you wish to see it

Mr. McDonald informs me that fine gold dust has lately been found at Colville and will likely prove ~~xxxx~~ rich. About the time of his writing one of his men brought some black sand but ignorant of its contents he gave it to another man who when he had blown off the sand found one dollar's worth of gold. There is of course quite an excitement in that district of country and will perhaps cause a great deal in the lower settlement the ensuing spring.

I am now disengaged with the company and should you require my services in any capacity I shall be most happy to serve you the ensuing summer. I should have applied ~~xxxxxx~~<sup>B</sup> according to Col. Bonneville's wishes for an Indian Agency but I presume those are all filled up.

I am honored sir

Your very humble servant. E.H. Pambrun

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Fort Vancouver, W.ty.

Feby. 7th, 1855

My dear governor:

Samuel Smith recently discharged as Qr. master sergeant of my regiment is anxious to join your expedition in the spring. He is a trustworthy intelligent person and one whom I know that you would be pleased with. Being a young man, an American and full of activity, I feel certain that he will ~~bring~~ do justice to any position that you may place him in.

Trusting that you family are restored in health, I am

Yours faithfully

H.D. Wallen

Gov. I. Stevens,

Washington Territory

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Whidby's Island ty. Feby. 15, 1855

Sir:

There is some indication of dissatisfaction among the Scadget Indians concerning which you perhaps would wish for information.

It is reported here among the whites that you have concluded a treaty with them by which they have ceded to the United States most of not all the land they claimed on this island. The Indians themselves deny that any such treaty has been made and it is evident that they either do not understand the promises of the treaty as reported or that they do not intend to abide by it. The whole tribe is at present congregated on a part of my claim which they mean to retain and where they propose to erect permanent buildings. They want to know how much I will give them for the privilege of remaining and say that you agreed to have me remain.

I am under no apprehension of immediate difficulty but the ~~consideration~~ conversation they have from time to time with the whites tends to increase the excitement and dissatisfaction already produced and unpleasant consequences may ensue. You may attach no importance to this information and I am not sure that it is worth attention. I have thought however it would not be amiss to give it and some of my neighbors have thought it important that I should do so.

Respectfully your , obt. servt.

J.S. Smith

I.I. Stevens, governor  
of Washington Tery. & superintendent of Indian Affairs.

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Cascades, Feby. 17, 1855

Gov. I.I. Stevens:

My dear sir:

I reached this place yesterday and shall leave here tomorrow morning early with all my party and freight for the Dalles, arriving there tomorrow night and remaining there one day only, pushing on into the Yakama country, leaving some men at the Dalles to forward the freight.

My freight has been taken through from Portland to the Dalles at \$40 per ton. You will save time and expense by shipping your freight to Mrs. Chenoweth & Seymour at this place who will carry it through to the Dalles at \$25 per ~~ton~~ ton from the lower Cascades landing. There in yo (sic) you know Mr. Seymour is a gentleman & this is the best route for freight undoubtedly.

My maps, pappers etc. have been sent from Vancouver. I shall write you fully from Walla Walla & the Dalles & meanwhile, am respectfully etc

James Doty