

Refer in reply to the following -----

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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Washington, D. C. July 10, 1884.

R. H. Milroy, Esq.,
U. S. Indian Agent,
Yakama Agency,
Fort Simcoe, Washington Territory.

Sir :-

I am in receipt of your communication, dated June 17, 1884, in which you ask for information as to the extent of your jurisdiction over Indians who belong on the Yakama Reservation, but who, to evade the rules established there, pretend to have taken homesteads outside the reservation and refuse to recognize the authority of the agent.

You state that several of the Indians belonging to the reservation claim to have located homesteads near Rockland, refuse to recognize the authority of the agent or the Indian police acting under your orders and that they are upheld in their refusal by some of the magistrates of Klickitat County.

In reply I have to inform you that your jurisdiction and that of your police does not extend beyond the reservation.

If any of the Indians have actually taken homesteads or

made locations with the bona fide intention of taking homesteads, they are properly subject to the civil authorities of the Territory. If, however, they only make a pretense of taking homesteads with no intention of locating on the same, you should take steps to secure their return to the reservation.

Very respectfully,

A. Price

COMMISSIONER.

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Com^r. Ind. Affs.
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Police have no
jurisdiction off
the Reservation
especially over
homesteaders. &
if any Indians are
off reservation they
have no homesteads
should bring them
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