

Shusterville
Satas District

Yakima Indian Reservation

This Jan 18th 1890

Capt Thomas Priestly

United States Indian Agent

Ft Simcoe Yakima Ind. Agency

Dear Sir.

Satas Shuster. Asks me to write this letter to you asking you to do something to get his Brothers Louis and George out of the hands of the Sheriff of Yakima County or out of Yakima County Jail where they now are. He tells me to say to you that when L.H. Wilbur was Indian Agent he never allowed the Sheriff to come on and take an Indian off of the Reservation and if they per chance came

and Stole one off without Agent Wilburs Knowledge or consent. He the Agent as soon as the fact was made known to Him went and taken the Indian and brought him home. and Shuster thinks you Had ought to do the Same thing now. And if you have lost the Power which He had then Shuster would be Pleased to know how and when. As this Reservation is not. now, nor never was, any Part of Yakima County.

Please See Organic Act Sec 1839 By this Section if you will take the pains to Read it you will Readily See that when the Sheriff Enters the Reservation He is out of his County & is violating Treaty

Law when He Interferes with the Indians who have commit no crime against the United States Laws nor Treaty Laws and if not in Wash Territory as the Organic Act Indicates then Territory Laws are not Laws here when they conflict with Treaty Laws.

Shuster Has not Lost a hoof of cattle nor Horses yet the Snow is Half leg deep Hay is getting Scarce we are all Sick but we drag to do the chores around.

P. S. I did not See the Sheriff but the Indians say he told them he was going to Jail George & Louis Shuster for two months.

Yours in all truth
Antoine Etienne

Shusterville Wash.
January 18. 1890

Antonio Etienne
Jr
Bates Shuster.

Asks to have steps taken
to get his brother out
of jail.