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James H. Wilbur U. S. Indian Agt-

Sir your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> is at hand & contents noted & in reply will say that Peer came to my tent & wanted to trade for the spotted horse & I would not trade. He followed us about 3 miles to our camp & we hopped that pony & two others & I saw them all about 15 minutes before they were taken. There was another Indian there at the same time & was quite intimate with Peer. I spoke to the boys & said we must tie the ponys up tonight or they will be stole & I had not more than got the words out of my mouth before the ponies started & we started for them at the same & found all of them but the one mentioned in my other letter. & the hopple was cut on one of the other ponies & the other was not touched at all. I will tell you now about the horse I got. It was Peer's horse & was brought to our camp after mine

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was stolen & this other Indian brought #87  
it & I was to take it as far as Ellensburg  
& they would bring me my horse  
the next day The fact is, Peter stole  
my pony & I know it & I have  
given orders to Peter Napoleon to  
get him for me  
Wm Watson