

We the undersigned respectfully
represent to the

Indian Department

That the present ruling
on the Yakama Indian Reserva-
tion should be changed so as not to
conflict with the interest of the
actual settlers along the Reservation
line, as it damages their stock,
horses and cattle, by gathering
them in the dead of winter
to an amount that cannot be
calculated, which is bound to lead
to trouble between the settlers
and the Indians.

And the present ruling per-
mits the Indians to gather stock
belonging to said settlers, whose
farms lay adjoining line of
said Reservation, taxing them
\$1.00 one dollar per head fee for
pasturing, running, carting

and starving, and otherwise damaging them. This educates the Indian to steal. They gather all they can that stray on the the Reservation and when the supply runs out they drive stock from home to a distance of 10 to 20 miles. We have no desire to invade the rights of the Indians. We insist that our rights shall be respected.

The Indians have a custom of driving thousands of horses every Spring over an our range all around our farms scattering our stock and frequently driving it off when they return to their ~~hams~~ camps or haues.

We suggest that we be allowed to gather our stock that stray on the Reservation without being compelled to pay for the same, and that the Indians be prohibited from gathering the

Getters Stock.

As your petitioners as in
duty bound will ever pray.

Name

D. L. Eby

David Story

G. W. Lymer

D. P. Shattuck

Will G. Faulkner

and Sixty-four others

Name

Myers H. Berney

Pinson Bolton

Joseph Black

Charles Skinner

W. A. McCredy

Respectfully referred to the Hon.
Commr. of Indian Affairs with the
hope that the grievances complained
of by the petitioners may be speedily
remedied and with a request that
I may be advised at an early
date of the views of the Department
in connection herewith.

(Signed) C. S. Hooshee.

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