

Wantoose

Rockland. Gilmore

Yak na, June 29th

S.M. Gilmore, Esq. Rockland, W.T.

Sir: Your favor by Thos. Simpson was delivered this morning. I am not ignorant of the services you have rendered this agency by acting so long in the practical capacity of a sub agent, and I assure you that Agent Wilbur appreciates your good offices. Your request would in every ordinary case be sufficient to procure the release of any Indian accused of wrong doing, but in this case, I think you have not been fully informed. Wantoose is much more severely injured than you think, being yet unable to stand alone and there seems real danger that he may die. On his examination this morning John giving his own version of the affair in his own way, said Wantoose said to him in reply to an p 7. an angry remark from John that he (Wantoose) did not know that he was making people crazy around Tumwater. John then said that Wantoose had robbed him and without further provocation struck him with the hatchet .

I could not learn from him that Wantoose said more than I have indicated. Wantoose discloses that he did not know that the money you paid him was for John. Probably this is untrue, but as he is unable to leave his bed, I have had no opportunity to talk with him myself.

I note what you say in reference to the propriety of trying the case before the civil tribunals, but as these Indians are at Tumwater in accordance with the provisions of treaty, it seems to me that the authority and jurisdiction of the agent extends to them there. I may be wrong in this view but I think not. Day after tomorrow the Indians assemble to try some other cases, and I will then bring this case before them. If there should be none of John's immediate friends present, I will see that the most favorable construction is put on his action that is possible...^Very respectfully , J.H. Fairchild

acting agent

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Mr. Snow , Coldendale , Wash. Tor

Sir :

On your recent visit to this agency you rode an Indian horse. Just after you left, several of the Piutes came to me and said the horse belonged to one of their people who is now at the Columbia fishing. They declared that to their positive knowledge the horse had never been sold or otherwise disposed of by the owner. Thinking it possible Mr. Fox might ~~have~~ know something of the horse, I inquired of him and he could find no information.

Of course if the horse belongs to the Indian he should have it, although it may be hard on the white man who, I have no doubt, bought the animal, probably from some thieving Indian. If citizens would more generally observe the law which prohibits p 31 the purchase of horses, cattle etc. from Indians without permission of the agent, it would save frequent annoyance and much trouble.

You are requested not to dispose of the horse till further notice.

Very respectfully yours

J .H. Fairchild

Acting agent.

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Lee Winnemucca

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Yakima Fort Simcoe, July 14, (1881)

Jos H. McMasters, Esq.

U.S. Indian Agent, Wadsworth, Nev.

Sir:

Your letter of the 5th inst. came to hand this morning. Lee Winnemucca started June 6 in company with Agent Wilbur of this agency for Malheur, Oregon, en route for his old home in Nevada.

Agent Wilbur wrote from Malheur June 20 at which time Lee and wife were well. I am not informed whether he continued on to Nevada, or is returning with Agent W.

Frank Winnemucca is at Warm Springs Agency, Oregon.

Sam Parrish, who I presume you refer to as Sam Barnes, is employed at the agency in charge of butchering and issuing. He preferred to remain here to going to Nevada with Lee, though~~x~~ the p 36 choice was offer d him.

Should Lee have continued his journey I presume he has reached his old home long 000 before this time and I sincerely trust he may conclude to return to this agency, as he is in every respect a man and had gained the love and esteem of every one here, white and Indian.

Very respectfully yours

J.H. Fairchild

Clerk and act. agent.

Meacham Road Toll Gate
Cattle

Miscellaneous-1881-82

July 19,

J.S. Foster, Esq.

Toll Gate, Meacham Road, Umatilla Co.

Sir: The morning after I passed the toll age, having camped about two miles this side, we failed to find three head of our cattle, all young. Should any cattle branded I.D. come to the toll gates or should you hear of them, will you please write me giving description of the cattle and I will notify you of the disposition I desire to make of them

Yours Truly

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Indian Agent.

On Reservation-

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York. Trading

Fort Sincove, W.T. July 18

Mr. York

Dear Sir:

I am informed you are bringing goods and supplies on to this agency and ~~st~~elling them to the Indians. In conversation with you some time ago I told you it was not in accordance with the law of the reservation.

Any man trading with the Indians on a reservation without having license is liable to a fine of five hundred dollars, and to have his property confiscated. I give you this information that you may save yourself trouble in the future.

Yours truly

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Indian Agent.

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Taylor. Piutes
Joe Stwire

Yakima, Fort Sincoe, Aug 16, 1881

Mr. Taylor, near Rockland, W.T.

Sir:

Joe Stwire on his return here from the Dalles informs me that you requested that one Piute man and one woman might remain in your employ. I regret that I cannot comply with your request. Under the circumstances in which the Piutes were located here, I think it highly important that all are collected on the reservation this winter.

Very Respectfully yours

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Indian agent.

By JHF

(James H. Fairchild)

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Huntington. Cattle

Yakima, Sept. 25, (1881)

Huntingdon

Thos. McKay, Esq.

Ranch

Sir:

You are directed to drive up and in the government field all cattle you may see on the range with the brand of J.B. Huntington, which you undoubtedly know.

These cattle you are directed to keep in the government field and permit no one to take out without orders from me.

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You will drive up all cattle with Jock Morgan's brand on them and turn them into the field. Mr. Morgan will help you keep them also in the field till you receive contrary orders from me.

Yours respectfully

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Indian Agent.

Piutes--Chapman

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~~Y881-82~~ Oct. 26

A. Chapman, Esq.

Sir

You are requested to explain the reason for your presence on this Reservation, the purpose for which you are come and the authority under which you are acting.

Respectfully

U.S. Indian agent

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A. Chapman Esq.

Sir: I am in receipt of your reply to my note of yesterday asking the reason of your presence on this Reservation in which you allege that you are acting under orders from Gen. McDowell, U.S.A., commanding Div of Pacific, directing you to ascertain the feelings of the Piutes located here relative to a return to Malheur Reservation and to escort such as wish to return to the Columbia river etc.

In reply I have to say that I have no instructions from the Hon. Commissioner of Affairs contemplating such return, but on the contrary my latest orders from the Hon Secretary of the Interior are to hold them here. Under these circumstances it is my duty to caution you in any communication you may have with them, to hold out no p 93

inducements not certain to be fulfilled.

As any communication which holds out a possible prospect of this early return will have a tendency to unsettle their minds, should the Department finally conclude to hold them here, you are

requested to hold out no positive prospect to them till the wishes of the Department are definitely known.

My only object in this is to take no steps not fully sanctioned by the Indian Department and not to place obstruction in the way of the execution of your orders.

Respectfully yours

U.S. Indian Agent.

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Yakima Agency, Oct 27, 1881

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Interpreter Chapman is here with orders from the commanding general of department to escort Piutes to Dalles on return to their country.

Under excitement nearly all will go. Instructions asked for immediately. Important.

Wilbur, Agent.

Smallpox

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1881-82
to Agents:

Indian Agent, Lapwai Agency, Idaho.

R.H. Fay, Esq. U.S. Indian agent, Umatilla, Oregon.

Hon John A. Simms, U.S. Indian Agent, Colville, Wash. Ter.

Capt. John Smith, U.S. Indian Agent, Warm Springs

Sir:

In view of the prevalence of small pox and reported great mortality among Indians off their reservations, I would suggest a concerted action among the Indian agents to prevent their Indians roaming off the reservations, and to this end would respectfully suggest that no Indian be permitted to leave their reservation.

Very respectfully

James H. Wilbur, U.S. Indian agent

November 19, 1881.

Letter book, miscellaneous
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Tommy hop-townie

*Fed Judge
Whitson*

Fort Simcoe, Dec. 5, 1881

William York, Esq.

Yakima City, W.T. Dear Sir:

An Indian, the brother of Tommy hop townie, now in jail at Yakima City condemned to death, has informed me that he has paid to Mr. Whitson 20 horses, Whitson promising for that number to procure the release of Tommy hoptownie. Also that another man was with Mr. Whitson at the time the horses were delivered, and that soon after Whitson received another man & this Indian as one who could help him very much, and p 116 that the other man then demanded one good horse, for which he proposed to do a great deal towards securing the release of Tommy hoptownie, etc. Will you please find how much of this is true, and let me know the facts of the case.

I would like to know if Whitson did actually get the horses, the name of the man who was with him when the horses were delivered, also the person who is now demanding a horse, as well as all the facts in the case. Any communication you may make me will be considered strictly confidential.

Respectfully yours

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Indian agent.

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Edward Whitson, Esq. Yakima City, W.T. Dec. 8th, Sir:

I have received information that an Indian, brother of Tommy hoptownie, has paid you twenty horses, for promised services in procuring the release of Tommy, now under sentence of death. If the transaction, is as has been reported to me, it will not be

permitted, and the horses must be returned .

For your own interest, if for nothing else, you are ~~must~~ required not to dispose of the horses in any way, till I have opportunity to investigate the matter, as I shall hold you responsible for them

Respectfully

U.S. Indian agent (no signature)

1881-82

Piutes

Capt. John Smith

U.S. Indian Agent, Warm Springs Agency

Sir:

In September last I received from the Hon Commissioner of Indian affairs a letter, the purport of which I communicated to you, informing me that you had been directed to return certain fugitive Piutes, who escaped from this agency something over a year ago, and took up their residence on your reservation. Subsequently I received another letter from the Honorable Commissioner enclosing a copy of a letter directed to you, both dated September 7th in which you were preemptorily instructed in regard to the above mentioned fugitives to "send them at one to Yakima agency in charge of a responsible and trustworthy employe, etc. As more than 3

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months have passed since the above orders were given, I desire to respectfully ask if it is your intention to comply with them?

I am now in receipt of a fresh communication from the Department which sets at rest, now and for all time, any question of a change of location for these Indians, and while I did not desire their location here in the first place, nor their permanent settlement here, yet as such is the determination of the Department, it is in my opinion important they should all be together, and I shall insist on compliance with the instructions of the Honorable Commissioner. I have no desire to communicate further with the Department on the subject and trust you will render any such communication unnecessary by informing me what steps you propose to take to carry out the instructions of the Commissioner, so that I may cooperate with you and the Piutes be gathered all together on the location I have selected for them as early in the spring as possible. Now

that the department has definitely and positively declared that the Piutes shall be permanently located on this Reservation, you will at once see the importance of gathering them all in one place as early as possible, in the spring, that their idle rambling habits and propensities may be discouraged as much as possible.

An early reply is solicited

Very respectfully yours

James H. Wilbur, U.S. Indian agent.

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Taylor

1881-1882

Tumwater Fishery

Yakima, Fort Simcoe, Dec. 15, 1881

Frank P. Taylor, Esq.

Rockland, W.T.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 9th ^{inst.} ~~inst.~~ came to hand lastmail
I have had considerable correspondence with the Department relative
to the Tumwater fishery and recommended the purchase of the
land claim on which it is situated.

Just before your letter reached me I received a letter from
the Department, a copy of which I enclose. From this you will
learn the present situation of affairs.

Respectfully

U.S. Indian agent

Letter from Commissioner

viz: 9635- 1881

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Snipes-Cattle

Ben Snipes, Esq.
The Dalles, Oregon
Dear Sir:

During the quarter ending December 31st 1881 we have killed eleven head of your cattle which we have credited on your grazing account at \$206 as per the enclosed invoice and vouchers. Please sign the bill and the 3 vouchers and return in the enclosed envelope and oblige.

We have waited till after the close of the quarter that we might include in this set of vouchers all that have been killed to the close of 1871.

Please sign an (copy) mail immediately that we may get them in time for this quarter's accounts.

Very respectfully

James H. Wilbur etc.

J.H. Fairchild, clerk.

Miscellaneous Letters: Aug 21, 1881, Oct 1, 1882, indexed.

Yakima Feb. 11th

Hon H. Price Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington D.C.

Sir:

Referring to circular No. 87 directing an inventory of all breech loading and magazine guns on this reservation, I have the honor to state, that for some time the police have been looking up the matter and to my surprise I find considerable feeling among the Indians in consequence.

Yesterday at a council called, partly on this very matter, the Indians declared, that in 1855 several bands who were peaceable, were required to give an account of their guns, which were afterwards all taken from them by US soldiers, and never returned.

There was so much excitement at the council that I promised to write and ask the object of the enumeration. This satisfied them, and I now have the honor to ask, if ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ consistent with the interest of the service, that the object of said enumeration may be stated so that I may satisfy my Indians.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Indian Agent

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Piutes -location

1881-82

J.B. Dickerson, Esq.

The Dalles, Oregon March 20(1882)

My Dear Brother:

Your letter to me and the letter to Mr. Wilbur came duly to hand. I gave the pattern of the chandelier to some men at the church that they might make up their minds what kind they would prefer.

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All well except the agent who is complaining, but who has nevertheless gone to superintend the location of the Piutes on the land assigned to them, excepting to be gone nearly the whole week and

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to camp out all the time.

He has selected a bend in the Topnish near the mouth of the Simcoe has taken a large force of men and teams and is going to start them on their own lands. I hope he may not break himself down entirely

Very truly yours

J.P. Fairchild.

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Fort Simcoe, April 3, 1882

Rev. H.S. Powell, East Portland, Oregon

My Dear Brother: Having removed the Piutes to a location some 6 miles below the church and built a good house and started a farm, I require some good man to take charge of them. Rations etc. will be furnished to them there. Mr. McDonald who with his family lives at, and has charge of the cattle ranch, will drive up and slaughter the cattle and assist in the issue. I propose to ~~turn~~ build a school house where a day school will be taught, not to exceed three hours

per day and want a teacher to live there, teach the children in school to read and write and above all to work. p 85

To spend the time out of school in instructing the Piutes to work and carry on a farm. I have asked the Department for permission to employ a man for that position at a salary of \$1,000 per annum. In reflecting on who would fill the position to the best advantage my mind has fixed on you, and the object of this letter is to ask if you would come provided I get permission to employ a teacher and instructor as above stated.

I shall receive a reply soon, and if the Department respond favorably to my request (as I feel confident they will) I shall need a man immediately. Please answer without delay. Would you like the Work? Would you come on short notice? I would furnish you transportation from Rockland without expense to you, and if you require funds, can advance what you may p 186 need for expenses in here, and deduct it from your first quarter salary.

Please answer by the next mail

Very truly yours

James H. W. Lbur

U.S. Indian agent

per J.H. Fairchild.

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Rev. H.L. Powell, Yakima, May 4

East Portland, Or. Dear Brother

Having been authorized to employ a teacher for the Piutes, who shall act in the double capacity as teacher and farmer at an annual salary of \$1,000 I am prepared to offer the place to you and the sooner you are ready to enter upon your duties the better. I should inform you that since you left the treaty with the Indians has expired, and some articles formerly furnished the employes they are now required to

to supply themselves, bedding, wood and blankets must now be furnished by the employes. Tables, bedsteads, wash tub, water buckets, cook stoves and furniture, parlor stove, and chairs, I will supply, also one or two cows a pig and a garden spot for yourself. I inclose check for \$60. I shall send out a team that will be at Rockland by Thursday, May 11, or Friday noon the 13th which I wish you to drive in. I intend to send a man with 4 horses and you can take two of them for your light wagon for your family and he will load with your goods.

Should there be more than you can well bring with you, leave such as will not be immediately required till our teams go out which will be soon. You can store them on this side the river.

Hoping you will be at the Dalles by Friday night (the 12th)
I remain

Very truly yours
James H. Wilbur
U.S. Indian Agent

per JHP

Miller-Stages

Status

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1881-82 (1882)

G.W. Miller, Esq.

Goldendale, W.T. Sir:

In compliance with your request, I^h informed Mr. Wilbur that you desired to move the lower Stage Station on the Sattas some 8 miles further up, and might possibly want to build a swing station about four miles this side the Summit on the Canyon Road. He directs me to inform you that he sees no objection to your doing as you propose, provided always that no person shall be placed in charge of said stations except men of good moral character, that no intoxicating liquor shall be allowed at either place, and nothing permitted which shall have a tendency to demoralize the Indians

Very respectfully etc.

J.H. Fairchild

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Piutes
Tumwater and The Dalles

18 1-82 (1882)

Fort Sincoe, July 24, 1882

J.S. Storrs, Esq.

Sheriff of Wasco Co. Oregon, The Dalles

Sir:

I am informed that one David, a Piute Indian from the Warm Springs is now at the Dalles engaged in persuading the Piutes now at the Tumwater Fishery to cross the river and strike out for their old homes.

By orders of the Department of Indian Affairs, all Piutes both here and at Warm Springs are placed under the jurisdiction of this agency. I therefore request that you arrest David (who will be pointed out to you by the bearer) and hold him till I can send for him.

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Piute Louis is also reported to be at the Dalles engaged in the same business. Should he be there, you are requested to arrest him also.

For any expenses, or charges, please send your bill to this agency and I will make immediate settlement.

Very respectfully

(Wilbur)

by JHF

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July 24, 1882- Capt. Johnson, Agent, Rockland Ferry

Sir: Information has been brought me that some nine or ten families of Piutes have crossed the Columbia River ferry on their way to Warm Springs. The orders of the Indian Department are positive to refuse permission for them to leave this agency. You are requested under no circumstances, to permit any Piutes to cross at your ferry. Orders have been sent them, all to return, so that they have no legal right off the reservation. (Wilbur) etc.

(From April report to Commissioner of
Indian Affairs Yakama, May 1st, Hon H. Price)

.....Early in the month notice was brought me that an affray had occurred at the stage station on the Sattas in which the proprietor had been compelled to fight for his life with drunken Indians.

I proceeded immediately to the spot and found, as I had anticipated, that the affair had been greatly exaggerated and that what trouble had occurred was, as usual, the result of liquor.

Mr. H. Lilly is the proprietor of two stage stations on the mail route from Dalles Or. to Yakima City, one at the Summit of the Canyon p 258 pass just beyond the line of the reserve, and the other 30 miles this side, on the Sattas, and on the reservation where at certain seasons of the year the stage stops over night. For the accommodation of the travelling public, Mr. Lilly has had a small stock of goods at the latter station, which I understand he has been accustomed to sell to Indians as well as whites. He has made application for a license to trade with the Indians, but I did not deem it advisable to recommend it, and have prohibited his trading with them on the reserve. Among the goods he has for sale were certain so called extracts, of lemon, vanilla etc. and on the evening in question several Indians purchased from two to fourteen vials of extract each, which they drank and became furiously intoxicated. One of them, a Umatilla Indian, had pawned his cantinas to Lilly and after becoming intoxicated demanded their return which Lilly refused unless the money was advanced on them should be paid. The Indian became abusive and a fight was the result in which pistols were drawn but no one seriously injured. pg 259

Before I arrived the Umatilla Indian (at the instigation of Lilly it was said) had left so that my information was derived from Lilly and other Indians who were present. I convinced myself that the so called extracts (which were said to be kept for flavoring pastry) were very

poorly disguised liquor, of the most atrocious quality, though Lilly declared his ignorance of their intoxicating ~~quantities~~ proprieties.

I closed his store and gave him a written notice to discontinue the sale of goods on the reservation. His previous character had been good and I reserved further action for future consideration...

Wilbur

Piutes,,pursuit

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Thos Simpson, Lieut of Police, Yakima, July 26

Sir:

You will organize a force of about ten Indians and go in pursuit of the Piutes who have crossed the Columbia. I have sent a letter to the sheriff at the Dalles telling him to raise a party of four white men to go with you. See the sheriff and work with him. I want Stick Joe to go with you. Go to Bro. Dickerson and get what provision you need. Show him this letter.

Yours truly

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Indian agent.

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Fort Simcoe, July 31, 1882

J.S. Storrs, Esq. Sheriff Wasco County, The Dalles, Oregon.

Sir: From Mr. D.B. Rowland of Rockland I learn that David and Lewis, two Piutes who have been living at Warm Springs, are now in custody at the Dalles. All the Piutes at Warm Springs are under my jurisdiction, and were ordered brought to Yakima agency by Department letter dated in September laast, but owing to the lateness of the season when the order was received, Capt. Smith was permitted to postpone bringing them till this season.

You need therefore have no apprehension but the arrest of these men will be approved by the Department. Please hold them in confinement till I come out myself when my health will permit, will be this week or till I send for them. Any expense p 264 that may have accrued I will settle. Very respectfully,

James H. Wilbur U.S. Indian agent.

This week or at the very latest the first of next week, I will either come or send for these prisoners. JHW .

Piutes Warm Springs

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Yakima Sept. 25, 1882

Capt. John Smith, U.S. Indian Agent, Warm Springs, Oregon.

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of 28
(twenty eight) Piutes brought from your agency by Policeman Joseph
Sitwalde.

I accidentally learned of their destitute condition and dispatched
such relief as we had to meet them. They do not appear to have
suffered much from hunger while on the way.

Very respectfully yours

W. L. Bur etc.

JHF

Miscellaneous letters book
1881-1882 (1882)

Gen. Miles. "Renegades"

Fishing rights

April 11

General Nelson A. Miles, Vancouver Barracks, W.T.

Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your communication dated 3d inst. enclosing official copy of telegram from Maj. McGregor relative to the cause of the late rumored hostilities of Indians living on the Columbia River I have the honor to state-Maj. McGregor has I think been misinformed relative to the visit of Yakima Chiefs to those Indians. No such visit has been authorized by me, nor can I learn of any who have made such a visit. Immediately on ^{learning} ~~learning~~ the state of affairs there, I dispatched two influential men among the Yakimas to learn the cause of the trouble and try to quiet it. I think however their visit occurred after Maj. McGregor's

At all events they stated to the Indians nothing of the kind reported to Maj. McGregor. I directed p 364 then to point out to the Indians the disadvantages of living off the reservation, where they are exposed to these constantly recurring disputes with the white settlers and to urge them to come here where their home should be. They reported on their return that the Indians were willing to come here and I am now taking steps looking to their removal at as early a day as practicable.

The treaty with the Indians contains one unfortunate article which practically gives them the option of living on or off the reservation. I allude to Article III which secures them the right to take and cure fish at all accustomed places, to dig roots, gather berries and hunt and to pasture their horses on open unclaimed land." This takes about the entire year, fishing, rootdigging, berrying and hunting seasons, so that the agency can use only moral suasion to induce them to come and live here they they belong. R.H. Milroy

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Renegades
Columbia Bands
Reservation opening

April 15, 1882

Col. C. Grover, Commanding, Fort Walla Walla, W.T.

Sir: Acknowledging the receipt of your communication by the hand of Capt. McGregor I reply; that while I have no specific instructions relative to the Columbia River Indians, yet the general policy of the Department, as indicated in numerous orders, is to gather all Indians on their reservation.

This policy has my hearty approbation.

Numerous complaints have been made to me by settlers along the Columbia River, of the annoyances they suffer from the Indians, and petitions have been sent me asking for their removal to the Reservation. Whether these complaints are true or not, my duty to the Indians requires me to use all efforts to remove them from these constantly recurring p 366 disputes and troubles, with white settlers, and I know of no more effective way of doing so, than to bring them where they belong and where there is room for them to live in peace and safety, and their children can have the advantages of schools to assist them to rise above the ignorance of their parents, and where their presence may have some effect in allaying the clamor among outside whites for opening this reservation for settlement.

Very respectfully

R.H. Milroy

U.S. Indian Agent.

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Cattle-Snipes
Grazing. Milroy

May 26, 1882

Bon R. H. Snipes, Esq.

The Dalles, Or. Sir:

Enclosed please find bill for pasturage for the year ending June 30th, 1883, also voucher and invoice for cattle killed during the current fiscal year. Please sign voucher and invoice and mail in the addressed envelope herewith.

The balance of \$917 please deposit to my credit with the First Nat. Bank of Yakima, or if that is inconvenient, with French & Co. at The Dalles.

I suppose you are aware that

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your contract with the agent at this agency expires June 30, 1882.

There is much opposition to the renewal of the contract, that is-- should you desire to do so. Any steps you may wish to take in the matter should be taken immediately.

Very respectfully

R. H. Milroy,

U.S. Indian agent.

Peter Klickitat

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May 31, (1881)

D.C. Guernsey, Esq.

Deputy Collector Internal Revenue

Dayton, Wash. Ter.

Sir: Peter Klickitat an Indian belonging to this reservation, desires me to write you in reply to notice received by him requiring a return for sale of manufactured tobacco.

Peter some time last winter purchased some one or two hundred dollars worth of goods which he sold to Indian neighbors and among the goods was a very small quantity of tobacco.

He has now sold out and does not propose to continue business further, nor sell any more tobacco. He is a cripple and unable to work.

Very respectfully

J. H. Fairchild clerk

per order of R.H. Milroy, agent.

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 1881-1882(1882)
 Sept. 1 (1882)

Dr. F.F. Whetzel,
 Agency Physician
 Sir:

You are hereby suspended[/]from your functions as agency
 physician at Yakima agency, such suspension to date from August
 31st, 1883.

You are directed to turn over to Dr. Will E. Everett all medical
 property, capital stores, or other government property in your
 hands.

This action is based on your incompetency, neglect of duty and
 intoxication

R.H. Milroy
 U.S. Indian agent.

Employes. Physician

Sept. 1st, 1881

Dr. Will E. Everett, Sir:

It having become necessary for me to suspend Dr. F.F. Whetzel, agency physician, you are hereby requested to take charge of the dispensary and all medical property and hospital stores at this agency, to attend to the sick and act as agency physician from this date till a competent physician shall be appointed.

Your compensation will commence from this date and will be at the rate of twelve hundred (\$1,200) dollars per annum.

R.H. Milroy

U.S. Indian agent.

Irrigation. Col. Prosser

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Yakima Nov. 1st, 1882

Col. Wm. F. Prosser, Yakima City

S_r:

I am in receipt of a letter from the Hon Commissioner of Indian Affairs declining to approve the contract for the ditch in its present form.

I enclos^e the letter that you may see for yourself the nature of the objections urged by the commissioner.

Please return me the letter and if the changes therein suggested are satisfactory, let me know and I will have a new contract drawn up embracing the suggested points.

Very respectfully

R.H. Milroy

U.S. Indian agent.

Peter Klickitat

Hides

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1881 -1882 (1882)

Fort Simcoe, W.T. Nov. 27, 1882

Z.F. Moody

Dear Sir: Peter Patah has this day paid me thirty-five dollars (\$35) which sum he desires you to credit on his account with you and this shall be your receipt for amount paid me on account of hides left with you for sale on my account.

Respectfully

R.H. Milroy

U.S. Indian agent

Peter Patah is known here as Peter Klickitat.

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Per JHF.

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Snipes and Allen

1881-1882(1882) ?? (Letter does not
agree with book label.

Cattle-Grazing

January 2, 190200018830 4

Snipes and Allen, Yakima City, gentlemen:

Your contract for grazing cattle on the Yakima Reservation
(copy)
expired December 31st, 1883. You are requested to call immediately
and renew said contract if you wish to graze your cattle longer on
the Reservation if you are requested to remove all your cattle
immediately. There is due this agency on grazing account from June
30th to Dec. 31st, 1883 the sum of four hundred and seventeen
dollars to wit from June 30th to Dec. 31 \$500
contract of beef cattle killed Nov. 1882 \$83

Balance due agency \$417

Very respectfully R.H. Milroy U.S. Indian Agent

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P.S. Please settle the balance due on grazing account as soon as
convenient that we may close up our accounts for the year 1883

Wantoose

Rockland. Gilmore

Yak ma, June 29th

S.M. Gilmore, Esq. Rockland, W.T.

Sir: Your favor by Thos. Simpson was delivered this morning. I am not ignorant of the services you have rendered this agency by acting so long in the practical capacity of a sub agent, and I assure you that Agent Wilbur appreciates your good offices. Your request would in every ordinary case be sufficient to procure the release of any Indiana accused of wrong doing, but in this case, I think you have not been fully informed. Wantoose is much more severely injured than you think, being yet unable to stand alone and there seems real danger that he may die. On his examination this morning John giving his own version of the affair in his own way, said Wantoose said to him in reply to an p 7. an angry remark from John that he (Wantoose) did not know that he was making people crazy around Tumwater. John then said that Wantoose had robbed him and without further provocation struck him with the hatchet.

I could not learn from him that Wantoose said more than I have indicated. Wantoose discloses that he did not know that the money you paid him was for John. Probably this is untrue, but as he is unable to leave his bed, I have had no opportunity to talk with him myself.

I note what you say in reference to the propriety of trying the case before the civil tribunals, but as these Indians are at Tumwater in accordance with the provisions of treaty, it seems to me that the authority and jurisdiction of the agent extends to them there. I may be wrong in this view but I think not. Day after tomorrow the Indians assemble to try some other cases, and I will then bring this case before them. If there should be none of John's immediate friends present, I will see that the most favorable construction is put on his action that is possible...^Very respectfully, J.H. Fairchild

acting agent

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Mr. Snow , Goldendale , Wash. Ter

Sir :

On your recent visit to this agency you rode an Indian horse. Just after you left, several of the Piutes came to me and said the horse belonged to one of their people who is now at the Columbia fishing. They declared that to their positive knowledge the horse had never been sold or otherwise disposed of by the owner. Thinking it possible Mr. Mox might ~~have~~ know something of the horse, I inquired of him and he could find no information.

Of course if the horse belongs to the Indian he should have it, although it may be hard on the white man who, I have no doubt, bought the animal, probably from some thieving Indian. If citizens would more generally observe the law which prohibits p 31 the purchase of horses, cattle etc. from Indians without permission of the agent, it would save frequent annoyance and much trouble.

You are requested not to dispose of the horse till further notice.

Very respectfully yours

J .H. Fairchild

Acting agent.

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Miscellaneous letter book 1881-82

Yakim Fort Simcoe, July 14, (1881)

Jos H. McLasters, Esq.

U.S. Indian Agent, Wadsworth, Nev.

Sir:

Your letter of the 5th inst. came to hand this morning. Lee Winnemucca started June 6 in company with Agent Wilbur of this agency for Malheur, Oregon, en route for his old home in Nevada.

Agent Wilbur wrote from Malheur June 20 at which time Lee and wife were well. I am not informed whether he continued on to Nevada, or is returning with Agent W.

Frank Winnemucca is at Warm Springs Agency, Oregon.

San Parrish, who I presume you refer to as San Barnes, is employed at the agency in charge of butchering and issuing. He preferred to remain here to going to Nevada with Lee, though the p 36 choice was offered him.

Should Lee have continued his journey I presume he has reached his old home long ago before this time and I sincerely trust he may conclude to return to this agency, as he is in every respect a man and had gained the love and esteem of every one here, white and Indian.

Very respectfully yours

J.H. Fairchild

Clerk and act. agent.

Meacham Road Toll Gate
Cattle

Miscellaneous-1881-82

July 19,

J.S. Foster, Esq.

Toll Gate, Meacham Road, Umatilla Co.

Sir: The morning after I passed the toll gate, having camped about two miles this side, we failed to find three head of our cattle, all young. Should any cattle branded I.D. come to the toll gates or should you hear of them, will you please write me giving description of the cattle and I will notify you of the disposition I desire to make of them

Yours Truly

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Indian Agent.

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York. Trading

Fort Sincce, W.T. July 18

Mr. York

Dear Sir:

I am informed you are bringing goods and supplies on to this agency and telling them to the Indians. In conversation with you some time ago I told you it was not in accordance with the law of the reservation.

Any man trading with the Indians on a reservation without having license is liable to a fine of five hundred dollars, and to have his property confiscated. I give you this information that you may save yourself trouble in the future.

Yours truly

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Indian Agent.

Miscellaneous letters book
1881-82

Taylor. Piutes
Joe Stwire

Yakima, Port Sincoe, Aug 16, 1881

Mr. Taylor, near Rockland, W.T.

Sir:

Joe Stwire on his return here from the Dalles informs me that you requested that one Piute man and one woman might remain in your employ. I regret that I cannot comply with your request. Under the circumstances in which the Piutes were located here, I think it highly important that all are collected on the reservation this winter.

Very Respectfully yours

James H. Walbur

U.S. Indian agent.

By JHF

(James F. Fairchild)

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On Reserve

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Huntington. Cattle

Yakima, Sept. 25, (1881)

Huntingdon

Thos. McKay, Esq.

Ranch

Sir:

You are directed to drive up and in the government field all cattle you may see on the range with the brand of J.B. Huntington, which you undoubtedly know.

These cattle you are directed to keep in the government field and permit no one to take out without orders from me.

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You will drive up all cattle with Jock Morgan's brand on them and turn them into the field. Mr. Morgan will help you keep them also in the field till you receive contrary orders from me.

Yours respectfully

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Indian Agent.

Plutes---Chapman

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Yabl=32 Oct. 26

A. Chapman, Esq.

Sir

You are requested to explain the reason for your presence on this Reservation, the purpose for which you are come and the authority under which you are acting.

Respectfully

U.S. Indian agent

Oct 26

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A. Chapman Esq.

Sir: I am in receipt of your reply to my note of yesterday asking the reason of your presence on this Reservation in which you allege that you are acting under orders from Gen. McDowell, U.S.A., commanding Div of Pacific, directing you to ascertain the feelings of the Plutes located here relative to a return to Malheur Reservation and to escort such as wish to return to the Columbia river etc.

In reply I have to say that I have no instructions from the Hon. Commissioner of Affairs contemplating such return, but on the contrary my latest orders from the Hon Secretary of the Interior are to hold them here. Under these circumstances it is my duty to caution you in any communication you may have with them, to hold out no p 93

inducements not certain to be fulfilled.

As any communication which holds out a possible prospect of this early return will have a tendency to unsettle their minds, should the Department finally conclude to hold them here, you are

requested to hold out no positive prospect to them till the wishes of the Department are definitely known.

My only object in this is to take no steps not fully sanctioned by the Indian Department and not to place obstruction in the way of the execution of your orders.

Respectfully yours

U.S. Indian Agent.

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Yakima Agency, Oct 27, 1881

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Interpreter Chapman is here with orders from the commanding general of department to escort Piutes to Dalles on return to their country.

Under excitement nearly all will go. Instructions asked for immediately. Important.

Wilbur, Agent.

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Smallpox

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1881-82
to Agents:

Indian Agent, Lapwai Agency, Idaho.

R.H. Pay, Esq. U.S. Indian agent, Umatilla, Oregon.

Hon John A. Sims, U.S. Indian Agent, Colville, Wash.Ter.

Capt. John Smith, U.S. Indian Agent, Warm Springs

Sir:

In view of the prevalence of small pox and reported great mortality among Indians off their reservations, I would suggest a concerted action among the Indian agents to prevent their Indians roaming off the reservations, and to this end would respectfully suggest that no Indian be permitted to leave their reservation.

Very respectfully

James H. Wilbur, U.S. Indian agent

November 19, 1881.

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Warm Springs

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Piutes

Capt. John Smith

U.S. Indian Agent, Warm Springs Agency

Sir:

In September last I received from the Hon Commissioner of Indian affairs a letter, the purport of which I communicated to you, informing me that you had been directed to return certain fugitive Piutes, who escaped from this agency something over a year ago, and took up their residence on your reservation. Subsequently I received another letter from the Honorable Commissioner enclosing a copy of a letter directed to you, both dated September 7th in which you were preceptorily instructed in regard to the above mentioned fugitives to "send them at once to Yakima agency in charge of a responsible and trustworthy employe, etc. As more than 3

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months have passed since the above orders were given, I desire to respectfully ask if it is your intention to comply with them?

I am now in receipt of a fresh communication from the Department which sets at rest, now and for all time, any question of a change of location for these Indians, and while I did not desire their location here in the first place, nor their permanent settlement here, yet as such is the determination of the Department, it is in my opinion important they should all be together, and I shall insist on compliance with the instructions of the Honorable Commissioner. I have no desire to communicate further with the Department on the subject and trust you will render any such communication unnecessary by informing me what steps you propose to take to carry out the instructions of the Commissioner, so that I may cooperate with you and the Piutes be gathered all together on the location I have selected for them as early in the spring as possible. Now

that the department has definitely and positively declared that the Piutes shall be permanently located on this Reservation, you will at once see the importance of gathering them all in one place as early as possible, in the spring, that their idle rambling habits and propensities may be discouraged as much as possible.

An early reply is solicited

Very respectfully yours

James H. Wilbur, U.S. Indian agent.

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Taylor

1881-1882

Timwater Fishery

Yakima, Port Sincoo, Dec. 15, 1881

Frank P. Taylor, Esq.

Rockland, W.T.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 9th ^{inst.} ~~just~~ came to hand lastmail
I have had considerable correspondence with the Department relative
to the Timwater fishery and recommended the purchase of the
land claim on which it is situated.

Just before your letter reached me I received a letter from
the Department, a copy of which I enclose. From this you will
learn the present situation of affairs.

Respectfully

U.S. Indian agent

Letter from Commissioner

viz: 9635- 1881

15320 Nov. 14, 1881.

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Piutes -location

J.B. Dickerson, Esq.

The Dalles, Oregon March 20(1882)

My Dear Brother:

Your letter to me and the letter to Mr. Wilbur came duly to hand. I gave the pattern of the chandelier to some men at the church that they might make up their minds what kind they would prefer.

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All well except the agent who is complaining, but who has nevertheless gone to superintend the location of the Piutes on the land assigned to them, expecting to be gone nearly the whole week and

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to camp out all the time.

He has selected a bend in the Topnish near the mouth of the Simcoe has taken a large force of men and teams and is going to start them on their own lands. I hope he may not break himself down entirely

Very truly yours

J.W. Fairchild.

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Fort Simcoe, April 3, 1882

Rev. H.S. Powell, East Portland, Oregon

My Dear Brother: Having removed the Piutes to a location some 6 miles below the church and built a good house and started a farm, I require some good man to take charge of them. Rations etc. will be furnished to them there. Mr. McDonald who with his family lives at, and has charge of the cattle ranch, will drive up and slaughter the cattle and assist in the issue. I propose to ~~turn~~ build a school house where a day school will be taught, not to exceed three hours

per day and want a teacher to live there, teach the children in school to read and write and above all to work. p 85

To spend the time out of school in instructing the Piute to work and carry on a farm. I have asked the Department for permission to employ a man for that position at a salary of \$1,000 per annum. In reflecting on who would fill the position to the best advantage my mind has fixed on you, and the object of this letter is to ask if you would come provided I get permission to employ a teacher and instructor as above stated.

I shall receive a reply soon, and if the Department respond favorably to my request (as I feel confident they will) I shall need a man immediately. Please answer without delay. Would you like the Work? Would you come on short notice? I would furnish you transportation from Rockland without expense to you, and if you require funds, can advance what you may p 186 need for expenses in here, and deduct it from your first quarter salary.

Please answer by the next mail

Very truly yours

James H. W. Thur

U.S. Indian agent

per J.H. Fairchild.

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Rev. H.L. Powell, Yakima, May 4

East Portland, Or. Dear Brother

Having been authorized to employ a teacher for the Piutes, who shall act in the double capacity as teacher and farmer at an annual salary of \$1,000 I am prepared to offer the place to you and the sooner you are ready to enter upon your duties the better. I should inform you that since you left the treaty with the Indians has expired, and some articles formerly furnished the employees they are now required to

to supply themselves, bedding, wood and blankets must now be furnished by the employes. Tables, bedsteads, wash tub, water buckets, cook stoves and furniture, parlor stove, and chairs, I will supply, also one or two cows a pig and a garden spot for yourself. I inclose check for \$60. I shall send out a team that will be at Rockland by Thursday, May 11, or Friday noon the 13th which I wish you to drive in. I intend to send a man with 4 horses and you can take two of them for your light wagon for your family and he will load with your goods.

Should there be more than you can well bring with you, leave such as will not be immediately required till our teams go out which will be soon. You can store them on this side the river.

Hoping you will be at the Dalles by Friday night (the 12th)

I remain

Very truly yours

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Indian Agent

per JH

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Piutes
Turwater and The Dalles

18 1-82 (1882)

Fort Sincce, July 24, 1882

J.S. Storrs, Esq.

Sheriff of Wasco Co. Oregon, The Dalles

Sir:

I am informed that one David, a Piute Indian from the Warm Springs is now at the Dalles engaged in persuading the Piutes now at the Turwater Fishery to cross the river and strike out for their old homes.

By orders of the Department of Indian Affairs, all Piutes both here and at Warm Springs are placed under the jurisdiction of this agency. I therefore request that you arrest David (who will be pointed out to you by the bearer) and hold him till I can send for him.

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Piute Louis is also reported to be at the Dalles engaged in the same business. Should he be there, you are requested to arrest him also.

For any expenses, or charges, please send your bill to this agency and I will make immediate settlement.

Very respectfully
(Wilbur)

by JHF
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July 24, 1882- Capt. Johnson, Agent, Rockland Ferry

Sir: Information has been brought me that some nine or ten families of Piutes have crossed the Columbia River ferry on their way to Warm Springs. The orders of the Indian Department are positive to refuse permission for them to leave this agency. You are requested under no circumstances, to permit any Piutes to cross at your ferry. Orders have been sent them, all to return, so that they have no legal right off the reservation. (Wilbur) etc. Orders have been sent

Piutes,,pursuit

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1881-1882 (1882)

Thos Simpson, Lieut of Police, Yakima, July 26

Sir:

You will organize a force of about ten Indians and go in pursuit of the Piutes who have crossed the Columbia. I have sent a letter to the sheriff at the Dalles tellingg him to raise a party of four white men to go with you. See the sheriff and work with him. I want Stick Joe to go with you. Go to Bro. Pickersen and get what provision you need. Show him this letter.

Yours truly

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Indian agent.

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Port Sincoe, July 31, 1882

J.S. Storrs, Esq. Sheriff Wasco County, The Dalles, Oregon.

Sir: From Mr. D.B. Rowland of Rockland I learn that David and Lewis, two Piutes who have been living at Warm Springs, are now in custody at the Dalles. All the Piutes at Warm Springs are under my jurisdiction, and were ordered brought to Yakima agency by Department letter dated in September laast, but owing to the lateness of the season when the order was received, Capt. Smith was permitted to postpone bringing them till this season.

You need therefore have no apprehension but the arrest of these men will be approved by the Department. Please hold them in confinement till I come out myself when my health will permit, will be this week or till I send for them. Any expense p 264 that may have accrued I will settle. Very respectfully,

James H. Wilbur U.S. Indian agent.

This week or at the very latest the first of next week, I will either come or send for these prisoners. JHW .

Plutes Warm Springs

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Yakima Sept. 25, 1882

Capt. John Smith, U.S. Indian Agent, Warm Springs, Oregon.

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of 28
(twenty eight) Plutes brought from your agency by Policeman Joseph
Sitwalde.

I accidentally learned of their destitute condition and dispatched
such relief as we had to meet them. They do not appear to have
suffered much from hunger while on the way.

Very respectfully yours

Wilbur etc.

JHF

Miscellaneous Letter book
1881-1882 (1882)

Renegades
Columbia Bands
Reservation opening

April 15, 1882

Col. C. Grover, Commanding, Fort Walla Walla, W.T.

Sir: Acknowledging the receipt of your communication by the hand of Capt. McGregor I reply; that while I have no specific instructions relative to the Columbia River Indians, yet the general policy of the Department, as indicated in numerous orders, is to gather all Indians on their reservation.

This policy has my hearty approbation.

Numerous complaints have been made to me by settlers along the Columbia River, of the annoyances they suffer from the Indians, and petitions have been sent me asking for their removal to the Reservation. Whether these complaints are true or not, my duty to the Indians requires me to use all efforts to remove them from these constantly occurring p 366 disputes and troubles, with white settlers, and I know of no more effective way of doing so, than to bring them where they belong and where there is room for them to live in peace and safety, and their children can have the advantages of schools to assist them to rise above the ignorance of their parents, and where their presence may have some effect in allaying the clamor among outside whites for opening this reservation for settlement.

Very respectfully

R.H. Milroy

U.S. Indian Agent.

Peter Klickitat

Miscellaneous Letters Book
1881-1882(1882)

May 31, (1881)

D.C. Guernsey, Esq.

Deputy Collector Internal Revenue

Dayton, Wash. Ter.

Sir: Peter Klickitat an Indian belonging to this reservation, desires me to write you in reply to notice received by him requiring a return for sale of manufactured tobacco.

Peter some time last winter purchased some one or two hundred dollars worth of goods which he sold to Indian neighbors and among the goods was a very small quantity of tobacco.

He has now sold out and does not propose to continue business further, or sell any more tobacco. He is a cripple and unable to work. ✓

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J. H. Fairchild clerk

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Agency Physician

Sir:

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You are directed to turn over to Dr. Will E. Everett all medical property, capital stores, or other government property in your hands.

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Hides

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1881 -1882 (1882)

Fort Simcoe, W.T. Nov. 27, 1882

Z.F. Moody

Dear Sir: Peter Patah has this day paid me thirty-five dollars (\$35) which sum he desires you to credit on his account with you and this shall be your receipt for amount paid me on account of hides left with you for sale on my account.

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Gentlemen: Acknowledging the receipt of your favor of the 15th proposing to furnish coal oil for this agency for six (\$6.00) per case of ten gallons, Gen. Milroy desires me to say that he will take 4 cases or forty gallons. We shall not probably call for it before the last of this month. Of course the oil must be of the best quality. Very respectfully J.H. Fairchild.