

1851 No. 63

Umatilla Station, Oct. 26th, 1851

My Dear Doctor:

The Mail carrier is just leaving. He can not wait. The Indians seemed quiet pleased to see me. He brought beef & ~~oxe~~ an other salmon in token of friendship. All will go well I trust.

Your humble servant

Elias Wampole

NP I arrived safely. Drove the ox team home myself. No person with me.

Letter Received Nov. 5th from Wampole to Anson Dart.

1851

No. 75

Department of the Interior, Office Ind. Affairs,
Feb. 14th, 1854

Sir: Your letter of the 6th Nov. last communicating the request of the
Cayuse Indians that a saw mill be built for them has been received.

You are aware that commissioners are now in Oregon for the purpose of
negotiating treaties with the Indian tribes living west of the Cascade
Mountains for a cession of the lands they occupy and for their removal to
the country east of that range. In the event of success and the Indians are
to be removed, the commissioners have been authorized to procure a home for
them on the lands claimed by the tribes east among whom it is presumed are
the Cayuses. It may therefore be necessary to treat with that tribe and
if so such objects of a beneficial character as they may require could then
be held out to them as inducements to their acquiescence and which
would facilitate negotiation with them, and could be provided for by treaty
stipulation or otherwise. I think the consideration of this subject
should be delayed until our Indian relations in Oregon are better understood
and it is seen in what manner they are affected by the operation of the
commissioners.

Very respect etc.

L. Lea, commissioner

Anson Dart, esq. supt.

Oregon City, O. Terr.

1851 No. 78

Department of the Interior

Office Indian Affairs, February 14, 1851

Sir: Your letter of the 14th November last has been received. I feel disposed to gratify you in your request for a copy of the laws of the United States but am unable to comply with it, not having the volumes at my disposal.

It has not been the practice to furnish the agents of this Department with all the laws--such only as relate to Indian Affairs and which are deemed necessary for their instruction and guidance being supplied to them. This office has it in contemplation to compile and arrange in a convenient form, as soon as practicable, the various laws etc. concerning Indian matters which will, it is believed, be of much use and greatly facilitate its officers in the proper understanding and discharge of their duties. When this is done you will be furnished with copies thereof.

The twenty copies of the act of June 30, 1834 which you ask for are herewith transmitted.

Very Resp etc.

L. Lea, commissioner

Anson Dart, Esq. Supt. etc.

Oregon City, O.T.

1852- No. 20

This chief, the Yellow Serpent wishes to see the S.I. A for Oregon, if any there be. He the Yellow Serpent, let A. Dart have a horse and a boat (boat?) for which, he promised to pay him when ever he, the said Yellow Serpent, should come to Oregon City

N. Olney

Dalles, 11, Feb. 1852

1852 No. 48

Dalles, June 17th 1852

Hon J.P. Gaines, Gov. of Oregon:

Sir: A number of Indians of this place have desired me to inform them if they would ever be paid for horses a cattle(sic) used by the whites during the Cayuse war, as some of them are going to the Willamette valley I have advised them to call and see you in reference to it.

Those reported to me as having due them for animals are Kashkilla's wife, one mare & colt, a boy 5 horses, Eamiuse, 7 horses, Esquean 2 horses and Yafainets brother sister and a girl ? horses, they say they had due bills for them but they have lost them. Mark one of the Indians going down will exhibit to you the papers given to his brother Homas, the former chief Teclie also 3 horses

Very respectfully etc

I.I. Woods, 1st Lt 1st arty.

Comdy post

P.S. I should be pleased to see you at my post at any time it might suit your convenience to favor us with a visit you shall find the latch string at though there may be but little within.

I.I.W.

1852 No. 50

Dalles 17th June 1852

Gov. Jno . P. Gaines:

Dear Sir: I intended comeing down to Oregon City to
see you (sic) and have a talk with you , but I have had a series spell of
sickness and am not able to trabel so I must defer my visit untill an other
time and content myself by writing you a letter by my brother.

My people have held a counsil and after talking the mater over they have
requested me , as thare lawful chief , to make the following request
of you.

Living as wee do , ^{on} and the high road between the Wallammette & the
States, we are liable to hae deseases of all kinds brought amongst us
by the emegrants & wee are also liable to the di seases incdent to the
country, besides that lothesom diseas brought amongst us by soaldiers &
salors valled vanerial.

We have no knowladge of medeson and tharefore have no means of stoping
the ravagies of the numerous diseases which are fast sweaping us unto
eternity-- Now to remedy this eavil and save us from entire extermination

(endorsement) Kaskillah 1852, Chief of the Dalles ~~Indians~~
Indians June 17 /52 Received June 25th Letter requesting ~~of~~ the
Gov. to send a doctoramong his people]

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immediately following and no explanation as usually attends in typed
explanatory note. ~~such as~~ such as "this copy not located, but 10020290
is copy of one found in such and such a place.

1852 No. 52 1/2

Circular

Department of the Interior Office Indian
Affairs, May 31, 1852

Sir: Enclosed are printed forms for a census and also for vocabularies and numerals of the several Indian tribes under your jurisdiction which you will please fill up and return to this office at the earliest practicable time.

I also forward to you copies of the historical inquiries which have been prepared under an act of Congress to obtain more complete information than is now possible respecting the various subjects embraced by them. Reliance is placed on your judgment and experience in forwarding such replies on the manners and customs, ideas and religious opinions and practices of the Indians together with their past and present condition and relations to each other, as it may be in your power to procure.

Whatever tends to illustrate their origin general history, prospects of success or decline will be received with interest, but you are requested to take particular care that any traditions transmitted may have the sanction of your best judgment that they have been deemed directly from the Indians. Facts vaguely reported by persons little acquainted with the Indians have led to serious misconceptions.

If there are tumuli or other works or remains of an antiquarian character in the area of country possessed by the Indian tribes which are ascribed to their ancestors, or to other tribes formerly living in the districts now occupied by them, I will thank you to furnish drawings and descriptions of such vestiges. Please to note in all such cases whether such works appear to conform or not with the customs etc with the present or former tribes.

In fine this office is desirous to obtain as full and complete accounts of the numbers languages etc. of each of the Indian tribes of the newly acquired territories of the United States as can now be given, and the subject is presented to your special attention.

It is recommended that the collection of information acquired be connected as much as possible with the ordinary exercise of the duties of your office. Special journies for the object to remote distances are not contemplated for this object alone, as they ~~would~~ would lead to expense which are not provided for by existing appropriations.

Very Respectfully etc.

L. Lea, commissioner

Anson Dart, esq.

Supt. Indian Affairs.

"Wilbur

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Wilbur

1852 No. 57

Clatsop, July 12, 1852

Father

Dear Sir: I have not yet learned whether your ~~letter~~ came in the last mail steamer or not. I went to Astoria on Tuesday the 6th instant in order to be there when the steamer came in but as she did not come in till next morning I failed of seeing her. If the doctor has already arrived I hope he will write to me in advance of the next mail

Rev. Jas. H. Wilbur of Portland will come down the first of next week and will come directly to Lexington so that a letter to me would come without delay if deposited with him. He lives at the Academy at Portland. I desire that you will write if your father has not returned and let me know if you have secured any certain information when he will be in and if he has returned. I hope he will write immediately and let me know what we may expect in reference to the treaties down here and how soon the annuities will be paid. I hope your father will be able to furnish me with a full copy of all laws relating to Indian affairs. The Indians are still able to get liquor and I do not know how I am to prevent it yet I am doing what I can to collect evidence against next court.

Yours truly

L.H. Judson, sub. agent, Clatsop

Putnam C. Dart, esq.

Acting Supt. Indian Affairs, A.D. Interim.

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1852 No. 58

Office of Sub Agent , Indian Affairs

Portland, 29th August, 1852

To

Dear A. Dart, Superintendent Indian Affairs, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

I understand that from the non acceptance of Mr. Walker of the appointment of agent at the Uvilla Station that that place is vacant. Please therefore do me the favor to recommend my appointment as agent on that station. Should the department see fit to give me that appointment you may expect that I will enter upon its duties at once as soo as they so signify. I am sir etc.

J L. Parrish , Sub Ind. Agent

1852 N . 68

Columbia Barracks, Oregon Aug. 31, 1852

My dear sir: Mr. George C. Bomford who ~~has~~ will hand you this is desirous to locate in the Indian country between the Cascade and Blue Mountains. If you deem proper Mr. Bomford would like you to afford your authority for trading purposes.

Mr. ^W has long been in the public service--is a gentleman highly esteemed by us all, is of most unexceptional character of good education et.

May I hop you will extend to Mr. ^B whatever assistance you can consistent with the interests of the service. He has been a member of my family for a long time and I feel great interest in his success.

I send by Mr. ^B the receipt you gaveme for tents etc. I am now turning over my property to my successor. It will be necessary that you return the tents to me soon or make an arrangement with my successor to retain them longer.

I am sir, respectfully yours etc.

Rufus Ingalls, Capt.

Dr. Anson Dart, supt. Indian Affairs Oregon Territory

1852 No. 69

Steilacoom, O.T. August 13, 1852

Dear Sir: Seeing your arrival announced in the papers I take an early opportunity of reporting some of my doings and asking instructions as to how I should proceed in other case. I enclose you a letter addressed to me by Mr. Brumfield of New Dungeness in the Strait of Fuca. I have received several other letters of similar import in regard to the difficulties between the ~~settlers~~ settlers and Indians of the vicinity and also as regards the Indians on Whitby Island. The difficulties seem to be principally with the Klallums, the branch Klallums, the fals Klallums and the Macaw or Flattery Indians, on the straits and the Skagits and Kickullis tribes on Whitby's island. I have been busy in this vicinity since my return from the valley, so much so that I could not until lately visit the country low down the sound where the Indians were represented as being troublesome. When I received Mr. Brumfield's letter I was preparing to visit that section of country and considering as was the case that exigencies might arise that would make it necessary to use prompt measures I applied to Capt. Hill commanding at this post for a small force to accompany me. He very readily detailed seven men under command of Lieut. Demerst (or Dement) I hired of Indians two canoes for our transportation and seven Indians and left Steilacoom on the 31st of July after stopping at Port Townsend for half day we arrived on the fourth day at New Dungeness. I remained there two days and succeeded in establishing good feeling between the settlers & Indians of which there was much need. The Indians complained of by Mr. Brumfield had intended while ... his house with the intention of stealing liquor. He had obtained liquor of a man by the name of Madison. There was no evidence that Brumfield had ever given or disposed of liquor to Indians. I didn't consider the offense of sufficient magnitude to apprehend him; and it would I judged have been impolitic to attempt to punish him. The chief of the tribe (Lord Jim) agreed to deliver him to me as a prisoner, which he

did, and liberated him with the agreement of all, that the promises of the whites should under no pretense be invaded against their wishes. I explained to them as I had done before to Lord Jim when he visited me at Steilacoom the relation in which I stood with them, and that their lands would certainly be bought of them at some time, when I couldn't tell. They seemed to be satisfied. I think the principal cause of the trouble is the liquor. They have it sometimes in large quantities but when and of whom they get it is in a measure mere conjecture as they are exceedingly cunning in evading information. My impression is that the greatest quantity of it is obtained from vessels trading in the sound. They touch on the shore when there are no whites, sell it and are off and the Indians there I think traffic it among themselves. While at New Dungeness I arrested Mr. Madison and destroyed all the liquor in his possession, some four or five gallons in the presence of the Indians and settlers. I also destroyed three barrels of whiskey I found on board the brig Daniel lying in Squim Bay on testimony hardly sufficient to indict him. As I intended visiting the Skagit and other tribes of Indians on my return and would therefore be necessarily detained some time I sent Madison to Steilacoom in charge of two soldiers by permission of Lieut Denant with letters to Capt. Hill requesting him to detain him at Steilacoom and dispatch another letter to the sheriff at Olympia. The sheriff delayed a long time for some cause and Capt. Hill doubting his authority to detain one under such circumstances any great length of time released him, consequently he was not at Steilacoom when I arrived. I will however have him apprehended and prosecuted. In returning I visited the Skagit, Kickuallim, Snohomish, Snoquamish and Duwamish tribes and the settlements; and settled many trifling misunderstandings and arrived at Steilacoom yesterday having been absent 13 days.

This is the fourth trip I have taken down the sound on account of the application of settlers for assistance but it is the only time I have applied to or been accompanied by a military or any other force, the other three

trips were during your absence. The difficulties were at the time trivial, but unless attended to would I think have been serious. The Indians in every case were perfectly willing to leave the settlement of the disputes to me and I have as yet had no serious difficulty in settling all such ill feelings and disputes without resorting to force, in an amicable manner. Unless however treaties are made with them or some method adopted to stop entirely the use of liquor among them and for which the present laws are inapplicable I apprehend considerable difficulty between ~~and~~ them and the settlers. The introduction of liquor in this part of Oregon ought to be prohibited entirely. But there is the same difficulties here to contend with as you have in the southern part of Oregon, the negotiations of American citizens. Will you please instruct me how to proceed with vessels bringing liquor into the country; they claim the right to trade it with American settlers; and of course deny trading it with the Indians, although there is circumstantial evidence that they do and can I seize the vessels as well as indict the captains. As these trips down the sound are very expensive I have to pay every Indian a dollar a day and half a dollar for canoe besides feeding them. Will you instruct me how far I am to regard these repeated calls from the settlers.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

E.A. Starling, Indian Agent

Hon Anson D. Dart, Dept of Indian Affairs for Oregon

Waukegan, O.T.

1852 No. 66

August 9th, 1852

Doct. Dart: Dear sir: The Spokane chief wishes to say to you the Cath preast are making trouble with his tribe the preast tells the indians the american religion is not good there is a great many indians here who was taught by Doct. Whitman. The american religion was good. the cathl priest are making the indians quarling all the while I want to you to say to the priest they must stop quarling with my people I wish you would say to the priest at Oregon city to attend to their own people and I will to mine.

There are 7 Spokans Indians who want to work for you or some one else to get them some cloths.

There are a great many Indians who come down to see you calls themselves Spokans Indians who are not. these 7 Indians are the first that has come down this seson they are all good indians if they stop about you have them go to church every Sunday.

Spokan Garry chief

August 9, 1852 received August 27, 1852

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Know all men by these presents that we William McBean and Rev. Father Casimere Cheroise ~~both~~ both of Williamstown O.T. are held and firmly bound unto the United States of America in the sum of one thousand dollars lawful money of the United States for the payment of which well and truly be made we bind ourselves and each of us, our heirs, executors and administrators ~~and~~ jointly and severally by these presents, sealed with our seals and stated this tenth day of June one thousand eight hundred and fifty two.

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas Elias Wampole Indian Agent for Upper Oregon Umatilla Agency hath granted to the said McBean a license dated the tenth day of June one thousand eight hundred and fifty two to trade for one year with the following named tribes, Walla Walla, Nez Perces, Spokanes, Pelouse, Chamnapums, Snakes and Cayuse at Williamstown, within the bounds of the country occupied by the Cayuse tribe of Indians.

Now if the said William McBean so licensed shall faithfully conform to and observe all the laws and regulations made or which shall be made for the government of trade and intercourse with the Indian Tribes and in no respects violate the same and shall trade at the foresaid place and no other and shall in all respects act conformably with the license granted to him, then this obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue. Signed and sealed in the presense of Celestine Voiney.

William McBean

I certify the above ... to be ample, your humble C. Chirouse
servant Elias Wampole. To the Hon L. Lea, commissioner Ind. Affairs.

Be it known that William McBean, having filed his application before me for a license to trade with the following tribes of Indians, viz: Cayuse, Walla Walla, Nez Perces, Spokan, Pelouse, Yakimas, ~~the~~ Chamnapum (or Chamnapuin) and Snake Indians at Williamstown within the

boundaries of country occupied by the said Cayuse tribe of Indians and having executed and filed with me a bond in the sum of one thousand dollars with the ^Rev. Father C. Cherouse as surety conditioned as required by law for the faithful observance of all the laws and regulations provided for the government of trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes and reposing special trust and confidence in the patriotism, humanity and correct business habits of the said applicant and being satisfied that he is a citizen~~x~~ of the United States as required by law he is hereby authorized to carry on the business of trading with the said above named tribes of Indians at the above named place for the term of one year from the date hereof and to keep in his employ thereat the following named persons or any of them in the following capacities , viz son John McBean as interpreter, Toupaint Morrisett, herdsman, boy (David) a cook, all of which persons I am satisfied from my own knowledge and certificates before me sustain a fine character and are fit persons to be in the Indian country. Given under my hand and seal this 10th day of June eighteen hundred & Fifty Two Elias Wampole Indian Agt. in Upper Oregon O.T. Umatilla Agency.

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1852 No. 82

Steilacoom Nov. 1st 1851 (sic)

Dear Sir: The last mail informed you of my arrival and location at this post. Since then I have had three tribes with their chiefs to call upon me to whom I did all the honors usual upon such occasions. They all seem to be very well disposed, but seem to think they have been much neglected, They all have an idea, how they got it, I can't account for, that the government intends to drive them from their possessions here, beyond the Cascade Mts. I have upon all occasions told them that, they would not be required to leave unless they desired it themselves, but would be permitted to make reservations. I also have told them that they would certainly be treated with next summer.

I think it would be advisable to send over more presents than I have with me contrary to my expectations they are very anxious to receive and set very high value on all kind of presents and as one of the Indians remarked to me, I think it would be better policy to give each individual of a tribe some present than to confine ourself exclusively to the chiefs. This Indian I allude to said that King George (A chief of the Klallam tribe) did not care for the blankets and calico I gave him because he had plenty, but they would have been of a great benefit to him because he was not poor. The tribes here in government are exceedingly domestic generally I am entirely out of tobacco "ould it not be best for me to buy some here ~~todesadOmedsoddd~~ if you think not I think it would be well to send me some three or four kegs of it. It is much valued by them. Probably I will not be able to go about much this winter on account of the boisterous weather on the Sound and the want of roads on land.

I would like to have your opinion ~~ex~~ as regards the following.

Whether a white killing an Indian would be liable in a perunary consideration to the tribe.

Whether I would be justified in selling an Indian, he being a notorious

rascal , in order to get him out of the country.

Whether I should report to you quarterly or annually or both;
and whether these reports should include accounts.

So far as I have seen the best point for a permanent agency
would be either at Olympia or this place on account of being most central.

I will write again soon. I see you have been catching a newspaper notoriety
from the pen of old Chapman. He is a great old ass. I would be glad to hear
from you often/

Very truly

Your obt. svt.

E.A. Starling

Anson Dart, esq.

Supt. of Ind. Affairs,

Oregon City , O.T.

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1851- No. 84

Department of the Interior

Office Indian Affairs, April 12, 1851

Sir:

A recent act of congress abrogated the offices of the Commissioners appointed to negotiate treaties with the Indians in Oregon and their functions in that capacity will determine on the delivery to them of the enclosed letter. The same act requires that hereafter all Indian treaties shall be negotiated by such officers and agents of the Indian Department as the President shall designate for that purpose.

The persons designated to negotiate with the Indians in Oregon are yourself and Agents Allen and Spalding. If when you receive this communication the condition of any business in which the commissioners are immediately engaged is such that their sudden disconnexion with it would result in mischievous consequences you will withhold the letter to them until such time as their services can be safely dispensed with. But it is expected that they will be relieved and the negotiations entirely assumed by the regular offices of the Department at the earliest moment compatible with the public interests and the business will be prosecuted by them under the instructions given to the commissioners, a copy of which is herewith transmitted.

The commissioners are directed to turn over to you all public funds, papers etc. in their possession taking your receipt for the same.

Very respectfully

AAG etc.

L. Lea, commissioner

Anson Dart, esq.

Supt. of Indian Affairs, Oregon City, Oregon Territory.