

TACOMA, WASH. Dec. 27th, 1890. 189

U. S. Indian Agent,
Fort Simcoe, Yakima Agency, Wash.

Dear Sir,-

Under date of August 22nd, 1889 Thomas Priestly, the Agent at Fort Simcoe, wrote to the Indian Department at Washington, B.C., relating to the draining of the Ithaman ^{River} for a considerable distance bordering on the Indian Reservation.

In the letter it is stated that White settlers have withdrawn all the water from the said river to irrigate their lands on the north side thereof leaving the indian residents on the reservation destitute of water for their stock and other purposes. Instructions were forwarded to the U.S. Attorney, during the year 1889, to the effect that if after investigation the attorney thought that the Indians were being imposed upon that he should institute suit to prevent injury to their rights.

Owing to complications arising from the change of our Territorial Government it appears that nothing has been done in this matter.

Will you kindly inform me as to the facts in the case and also as to whether the white settlers referred to are continuing to drain the water from the river to the detriment of the Indians.

Yours respectfully,

"Dictated."

P. C. Sullivan
Assistant U.S. Attorney.

Dec. 27/90.

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Wants information
about Atkinson
irrigation.

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