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To The Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

(unsigned)

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Office Supt. Ind. Affairs

Dayton O.T. Oct. 18, 1855

Dear Sir:

I ~~have~~ have but little time to write. We have an Indian war on our hands in the north, a war which in the results is likely to prove more disastrous to Oregon and Washington Territories than anything heretofore happening to us. Unlike a single act of aggression usual in southern Oregon, this is a movement of powerful , skillful and sagacious as well as well un... tribes, supplied with abundant means to wage war for several months. They have beaten our troops and flushed with victory are drawing to their support accessions of from friendly bands from mere fear of meeting the threatened fate of annihilation should they refuse to join them.

The Yakamas, Klickitats, ~~and~~ Piscoes and a part of the Palouses have confederated and it is more than probable other tribes may unite with them. As yet the difficulties have been confined to the north side of the Columbia, but Oregon has contributed her vagabond Indians to swell the number of the enemy. You will see by the paper a call for volunteers and the movement of matters generally. Try by all means to keep things quiet in your district but if it comes to war do not fail to have those who have caused so much trouble properly chastised.

I would suggest that you set a day for all Indians treated with to be upon the reservation after which any found ~~at~~ outside without a pass from you be declared an outlaw and treated as an enemy.

My messenger, Mr. Chamberlain, has crossed the plains this season expressly to aid in teaching and christianizing the Indians, it will be an uphill business but doubtless he will be a useful person among those inclined to do right. Others must have more powerful and effective remedies. The rope will doubtless be a better lesson and have the desired effect and it should not fail to be applied when needed. Great wrongs have unavoidably been done the Indians, but when war comes between the races, who can hesitate how to act? Let us strive to remedy the wrong and seek to remove the cause. Let us also fail not to punish our own people when it is requisite for those troubles mostly be at our own doors.

In haste, Yours

Joel Palmer, superintendent

George H. Ambrose esq.

Indian Agent,

Rogue River

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Dalles, Oct. 8th, 1855

Sir:

An express from Major Haller's camp arrived here this evening with news of a battle between the troops under his command and the Yakama Indians.

It took place on or near a stream called Top-in-ish on Sunday evening the 7 inst. The firing commenced about five o'clock and continued until dark. The loss on the part of the Indians is not known. On the part of the troops one man killed, one supposed to be mortally wounded and five or six

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The major was falling back towards this place with a view to dispose of his wounded as also to gain a reinforcement.

Lieut. Day with forty men will start for the scene of action on tomorrow morning. Lieut McFady and command have been ordered from the Cascades to this place and are expected here by noon of tomorrow.

Two men, citizens, Ferguson and Irish (?) left this place three days ago with three head of beef cattle for Major Waller's camp and have not since been heard from. It is greatly feared they have been cut off by the Indians.

Mr. Olney started this morning for the Walla Walla country.

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Respectfully etc.

Joel Palmer, esq.

R. R. Thompson, Indian Agent, Ore.

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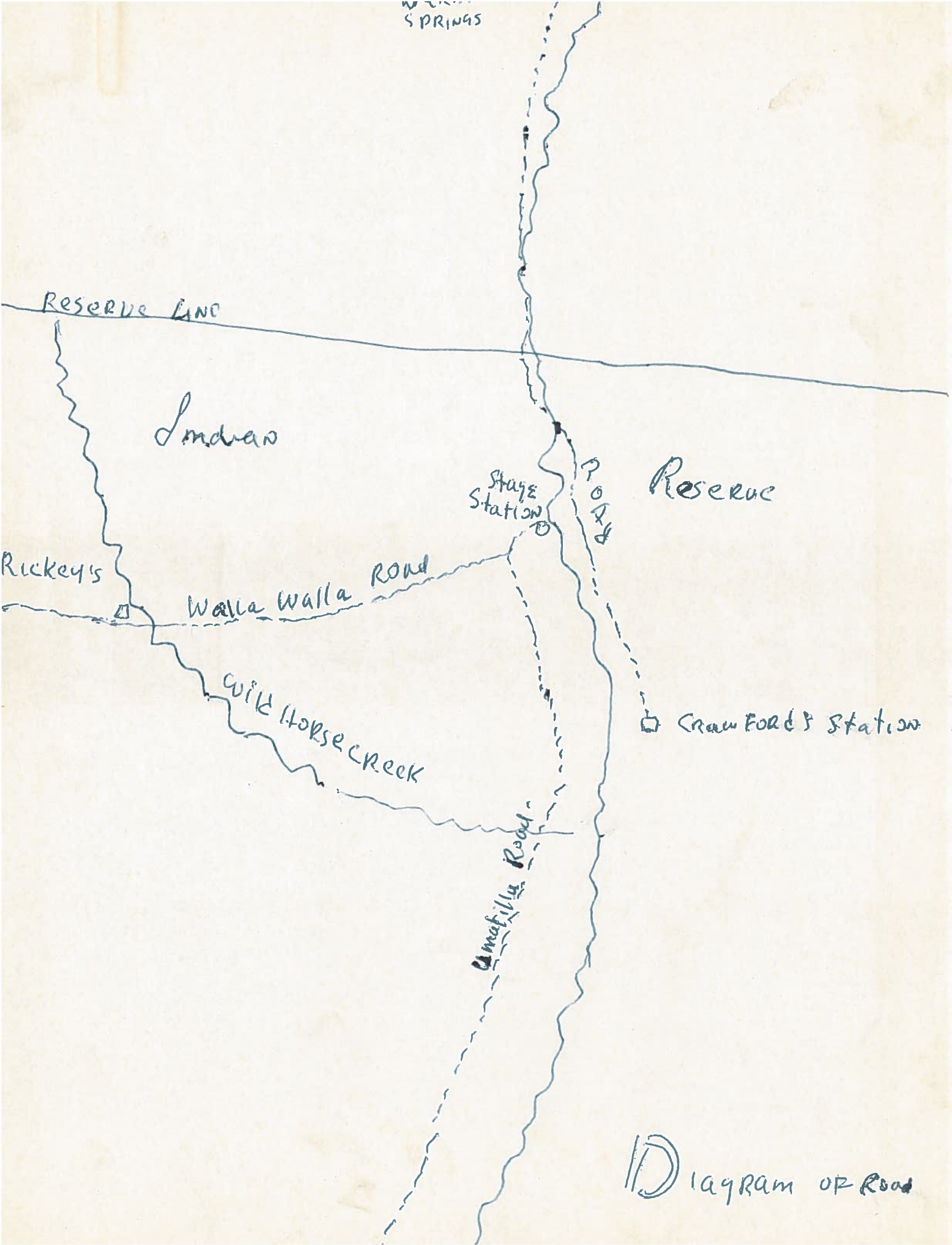
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