

Not covering typescript material and not a complete "Index" of the roll but the apparent principal references

Citations for Roll 13 apparently the same as Roll 12, year and No. of letter. There was no introductory to Roll 13, it being handled as a "continued continuation" of Roll 12.

1853 No. 1--Death of Skagit head chief Smeat-lam, ~~fixers~~ <sup>through</sup> taking to drink .

1853 No. 4-Receipt of Dart's annual report and that of Starling acknowledged. (Dart, superintendent of Indian Affairs, Starling at Steilacoom, "sub" agent.

1853 No. 7-Toston appointed chief of the Clatsops, wants money for land.

1853 No. 28-Annual report Port Orford, 11 bands in sub agency, locations, census, village sites with synopsis. [This would be good source information for that particular agency]

1853 No. 52-Special instructions asked because of difference of opinion between several tribes at Tansey Point [mouth of the Columbia River]

1853 No. 61-Report on condition Coos Bay Indians.

1853 No. 65- Census of Rogue River Ind., 334 men, 368 women, boys under 15, 151, girls under 15 148, total 1001.

1853 No. 66-Klamaths res. Rogue River.

1853 No. 70- Long letter from Agent Thompson reporting from Umatilla (in previous roll)

1854 No. 1-11- Rogue River troubles. Some previously filmed letters of minor consequence in the Northern Oregon and "ash. Areas.

1854 No. 17-21-Depredations affidavits.

1854 No. 26-Transmitted of treaties by Palmer with Rogue River and Cow Creek bands.

1854 No. 28-Receipt by Dart of W. Walker, mem. book, letters and journal incurred in quelling difficulties with R.R. Ind. in 1850.

1854 No. 68 8 p. letter re. <sup>R</sup>ogue R. difficulties.

1855--[includes many letters carried on previous rolls , the important ones being then transcribed.]

1855 No. 65-Letter Thompson at the Dalles relative to Wallachin and others on north bank who were not treaty signers.

1855 -Document D filed with No. 120 relative to Withdrawal of land and setting up Coast Reservation.

1855 Doc. B No. 133, list of names and the numbers of the Umpqua band of the Klamath tribe of Indians residing on the Umpqua res. Nov. 15, 1855, 30 total (1 p. list) ; Document 3, 133 Calapooan band, 3 pps.  
~~234x~~ 232 individuals.



1853- No. 5

Steilacoom, O.T. January 21, 1853

Dear Sir:

Some time in July or August last the entire potato crops of four of the chiefs of the Sklallum tribe of Indians were destroyed by the cattle of the settlers on "hitby's Island. The Indians had for a long time been in the habit of planting potatoes on Whitby's Island and like Indians, never enclosed the crops. Last year the settlers brought on to the island a considerable amount of stock which destroyed as above stated the crops of the Indians. The Indians were very angry and threatened to kill the stock of the settlers. At the time I received a letter from Col. Eby ~~requesting~~ requesting me to come down and settle the difficulty. It was out of my power to attend to the request at the time, but some six weeks afterwards I went down and was told by Col. Eby (sic) that the matter was in the course of settlement, that appraisers had been appointed to appraise the value of the crops destroyed and to make some arraignment to settle the matter with the Indians. I told him that I thought it was a good plan and that if the arrangements were made and the settlers would agree to pay the amount that I could use my influence with the tribe in making it satisfactory. Since with this conversation with Col. Eby I have not heard anything more of the difficulty but had concluded that it was being settled day before yesterday however the four Indians mentioned as being owners of the potatoes came to me with an agreement written by <sup>&</sup> Merris Alexander Crockett appraising (two settlers on the island) ~~appraised~~ the loss of the Indians at 410 bushels of potatoes worth seventy cents per bushel. The Indians told me that they were informed by Mr. ~~Alexander~~ <sup>ssrs.</sup> Alexander and Crockett that I would pay them for the potatoes. Of course I have no authority to make any such payments and can only conjecture that these gentlemen have misunderstood my conversation with Col. Eby and think I have money and authority to make the payment. I refused to pay the Indians but told



them that the settlers on the Island would probably pay them shortly. I immediately ~~wrote~~ wrote a letter to Messrs Alexander and Crockett informing them of the course I pursued and telling them the mistake they were laboring under. The Indians were not at all satisfied with the result of their mission, in fact this dissatisfaction was very marked.

I write this to inquire if there is any means in your power to make this payment for the settler. I informed them in my letter that if any authority existed for the government to assume the payment it was vested in you and that I would write immediately to you upon the subject. If you have any such authority I would respectfully recommend that this payment be assumed for the reason that the settlers of 'Whitbys' (sic) island are very poor and have had to labor under a great many difficulties in making a settlement where they are, and probably no settlement in Oregon will be of more ~~relaxant~~ ultimate advantage to our government than the one on Whitbys' Island. Also that the Sklallum tribe of Indians are the most powerful on the sound and could if so inclined be the most mischievous and if failure to pay them this loss should excite ill feeling and hostility in them it would cost government much more to pacify them or punish them than the amount of this damage and in the end would probably not be as beneficial. I write this in great haste wishing to send it off this mail which leaves early in the morning with this excuse I hope you will overlook any error that may be. Hoping to hear from you at your convenience I remain

Very Respectfully etc

Your obt. svt Etc. E.A. Starling

Hon Anson Dart, Supt. Indian Affairs O.T. Milwaukie , O.T.

P .S. I rec'd your communication of December 28th ult. yesterday. I am glad to hear that you received my letter. In recommending an additional interpreter for this agency would it be improper for me to desire that you would include the time I have been in office. I think it would be nothing more than just as I have had the number in my employ all the time, part of the time under full pay (indeed most of it) and part under partial payment.  
E.A.S.



1853- No. 6

To Hon Anson Dart Supt. of I. Affairs

Dear Sir: Your note of 25th of Jany was duly received. I feel myself much obliged for the favor done me. I had a few blanks but I was not at home when I made out the bill I sent up. I did not know of the opportunity to send up by Mr. Holden when I left home and therefore omitted to fill out a blank I had in due form and indeed at Astoria when I drew the bill I sent up. I had forgotten the precise form.

The Indians are dying off very fast the present winter. They have had a disease that some pronounce the "variola or small pox which has proved very fatal among them. I am informed that they have obtained plenty of liquor that drifted ashore from some of the vessels that ~~were~~ were wrecked about the bar and probably they get some from other sources this is however difficult to ascertain correctly. I send enclosed the bill receipted which you sent down. Yours etc.

L.H. Judson, sub Ind. Agent.



Indian Agency Utilla Feb. 1853

Dr. Dart:

Sir enclosed you will find the bill for taking care of the United States property and services as special agent at this station from August 1st, 1852 to Feb. 1st, 1853. You may think the bill is larger than it should be but I have to keep one man at the house all the time and his board and wages will amount to more than I have. Since the cold weather commenced we have had to keep a fire for Indians as the house is full of them all the time and it is nearly as much as one man can do to get wood for them to burn and this being a government station we have a great many visitors from the neighboring tribes and we have to feed them and the chiefs expect a present of some kind whenever they come.

We had to hire an interpreter for two months as you gave us permission to do so and we could not get along without. Enclosed you will find the duplicate of what I paid him. The Cayuses complain that you promised them poughs (sic) and farming ~~tools~~ tools when you were here and they have not come.

Everything is quiet here. The Snakes have come in and stole and killed a number of horses and cattle belonging to the Cayuses. We have had a very hard winter. It is very cold now but not much snow.

Respectfully etc.

~~James T. Jones~~  
Yours L. T. Edmonds

Dr. Dart Supt. of Indian Affairs Oregon Territory

*L. T. Jones*



Steilacoom, O.T. Feb. 26th, 1853

Dear Sir: I, this afternoon received your letter of the 12th instant and was much disappointed at your not having mentioned the reception of a letter I addressed to you dated the 16th of January four days previous to the one which your letter of the 12th instant is in answer to.

On the 16th day of January last I wrote messrs Geo. Abernethy & Co. enclosing to them receipts of my salary etc. up to December 31st, 1852 at the same time I wrote to you informing you of the fact; and also, desiring leave to visit the "allamette valley on business. I have received no intimation from Messrs A & Co nor from yourself as to whether or not my letters had been received. Consequently I fear they have been lost

I am very anxious to settle all my affairs so that I may be prepared for any changes, likely to take place. Will you be kind enough therefore to give me the required leave as early as is convenient. The matter of the Sklallum Indians, I think can be arranged with the goods you mention, if I should come over I could bring the blankets, tobacco etc. back with me.

I saw a notice in the Oregonian News paper of your resignation a few days prior to the reception of your letter. If I could arrange my little matters in time, I should like to return to the states with you.

Please writeme as soon as is convenient and oblige.

Very etc.

E.A. Starling

Hon Anson Dart

Supt. of Ind. Affairs for Oregon,

Milwaukie O. T.



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1853- No. 15

Department of the Interior

Office Indian Affairs, March 18, 1853

Sir:

You have been appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the tribes residing within the Territory of Oregon and I herewith enclose your commission.

I enclose also the form of a bond which you will execute in the penal sum of five thousand dollars with two or more sureties whose sufficiency must be certified by a United States Judge or District Attorney and transmit it to this office.

Your compensation will be at the rate of two thousand five hundred dollars per annum to commence on the day when you shall relieve the present incumbent.

You are directed to call upon Mr. Dart at Milwaukie for all moneys and other public property in his hands, who will be required to turn the same over to you upon your execution of a proper receipt therefor.

Instructions in detail for your government will be furnished you as early as practicable.

Very respectfully etc.

L. Lea, commissioner

Joel Palmer, esq.

Portland, Oregon.



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1853-No. 29

Steilacom, W.T.

June 15, 1853

Hon Joel Palmer, Supt. of Indian Affairs for Oregon Territory

Dear Sir:

Your communication of May 28 in answer to mine of the 16th has been rec. I am sorry to learn that you are not in receipt of funds so I have rec'd no salary either for myself or interpreters since the 1st of October last; nor have I been paid for any of the disbursements. I have made for stores sent, travelling, contingent expenses etc. since I have been agent excepting the sum of four hundred dollars I rec'd for expenses incurred for freight etc. in reaching my agency. All these expenses I have paid from my private funds. I am consequently hard now for money and incapacitated in a degree from the necessary attention to the duties of the office. I would therefore be much obliged to you if you would at your earliest convenience after you have received funds let me know that I may come over and have a settlement. There will be no difficulties about my accounts as I have had them long since made up to the 31st of March, 1853.

I rec'd a letter lately from Gov. Stevens in consequence of his being ordered to explore for a route ~~add~~ for a railroad across the plains. He will be unable he says to reach the territory before August. He hopes to be here in time to organize the government in that month.

The small pox as you were informed has been amongst the McCaw or Flatlattery tribes of Indians of this district. It has however ceased its ravages and has not spread to any of the other tribes. When I learned it was among them I immediately took measures to prevent the neighboring Indians from trading for blankets, shirts etc. or from having any intercourse with them. Mr. Hancock, a gentleman who has for some time been located in ~~td~~ their midst informed me that neither himself or three or

four whites who were with him were effected by the disease (sic) although much exposed to it. I had doubts therefore of its being the small pox. I am convinced however, now that it wa , but in a modified form There are many contaming )sic\* diseases among the Indians here that resembles small pox but is not contagious. Mr. H. informs me that at least half the tribe has been carried off. They were how ver the most and most )sic/ inaccessible tribe on the Sound , no cannot esteem it therefore a great misfortune.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I beg leave etc.

E.A. Starling, Ind. Agent for District  
of Puget Sound.



Dalles July 13, 1853

Hon Joel Palmer, Supt. of Indian Affairs

Dear Sir:

I arrived at Hamilton Island Sunday evening July 3 in company of the Pacific R. Road survey & on account of the large amount of stores they were transporting and the company having engaged all the means for transporting freight over portage I was unable to reach the Dalles till the 7th inst where I am still delayed on account of the means for conveyance the co. having bought all the pack animals to be had.

I found the Indians at the Cascades in a very drunken state and they continued in a beastly state of intoxication till I left. I wrote to Mr. Parish giving him the names of M. Martinoux & others as evidence against Cheneweth and others.

Mr. Bust complains of Wallace a chief on the opposite side of the river as being very quarrelsome on account of drunkenness. Major Alvord informed me that he had a confidential communication from a friend among the Yakamas stating that a part of that tribe had attempted to unite with the Cayuse, Walawalla and other tribes against the whites but were unsuccessful and the matter blew over without damage. He also showed me a letter from Mr. Craig who lives among the Nez Perces stating that the Yakamas had attempted an arrangement with the Nez Perces but failed and the major is satisfied that nothing will be done on the part of the Indians to ~~any~~ annoy the whites. He also showed me a notice which he caused to be issued which you no doubt have seen on account of rumors of the whites settling in the Indian territory no agent being here to act in such matters. He says as the department has sent an agent he shall leave it entirely in the hands of the department unless called upon to cooperate.

There was quite a number of drunken Indians at the Dalles last evening and it is supposed there is a white who resides among the Indians & supplies them with liquor but I ~~xxx~~ can gain nothing definite.

I find there is a disposition among some of the whites to assist in arresting the offenders. Mr. Thompkins at this point can be depended on also Mr. Simmons. I shall possibly get off Friday as Mr. Collins team is in.

<sup>n</sup>espectl . etcy.

Thos. K. Williams

Special Indian Agent.



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(no code number)

Uvilla Agency 5, Aug. 1853

Gen. Joel Palmer, Sup. of Indian Affairs, Dear Sir:

I arrived at the agency on the 27th July and took possession on arrival Mr. Collins delivered over Gov. property Aug. 1st for which he had my receipt. I stopped at John Ways river and found the Indians quiet and friendly. I took a trip to the Grand Ronde as per instructions but was unable to talk with the Indians from the fact of the chiefs being so much scattered gathering their roots and other winter provisions they will return to winter quarters in about six weeks then ~~wilddddd~~ I ~~will~~ shall be able to have some talk with them. I find it impossible to buy any article necessary for subsistence or hire an interpreter without funds are sent for the purpose. The horses I started with from the valley, three in number, were stolen and Mr. Stoley is now in pursuit of them. I would suggest the propriety of having 3 or 4 horses and a small band of cattle purchased for government use. On my arrival I found nothing to eat in the house and was compelled to buy a steer and butcher and jirk (sic) him borrowed one sack of flour which is our only living. I sent pack mules to the Dalles for our stores, I expect them in eight or ten days. Mr. Craig has promised to act as interpreter when I can find an opportunity to talk with the Indians for old acquaintance sake but will not take government ?? The immigrants are passing freely and generally give a good account of the Indians though there has been quite a number of horses stolen about Bear and Malheur rivers. They charge the thefts generally on whites. There is one Turner who is connected with those trading stands on whom on whom (sic) suspicion rests very strongly. Also one Heartly a lawyer formerly from California. He hired a horse of W. Olney and passed up in pursuit of Turner and was to have returned in ten days to the Dalles he left the Dalles on the 15th July and has not yet returned. If I had the means of persuing said Turner and gant I should do so and bring him in. There is quite a number of traders in the country they appear to deal fair and have but little liquor.



I have ordered Major Raines to stop all liquor that may come to & seize all in and about the Dalles. I learn tha some stragling whites are ~~mx~~ creating some disturbance among the Indians about "alla"alla by reporting that the Americans are going to take their lands without treaty or purchase. I have written to Mr. Rambrem (sic) to advise them to the contrary and to tell them if any whites are among or should come among them which they wish removed if they will let me know it I will have them removed forthwith. Very respectfully Philip F. Thompson sub Agent

Per Thos K. Williams.

August 6, 1853

Since writing the above I learn that a half breed has taken two horse thieves with seven horses they are some three days back and will be delivered over when they arrive at the agency should ~~mx~~ such be the case I will advise you immediately on receipt of same.

Your obt.

Philip F. Thompson

Sub Indian Agent

Per Thos K. Williams.



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1853 No. 42

Uvilla Aug 16, 1853

Hon Joel Palmer, Supt. of Indian Affairs,

Dear Sir: Upon my ~~arriv~~ first arrival at his place I found the Indians very quiet and submissive and thought there would be but little trouble with them, but within the last few days find a material change in their deportments.

Many are rich and consequently very haughty (thereby copying their white brothers in many particulars) They are passing economs ? on Dr. Dart, Wampole and Torrence tell of the promised presents by Dr. Dart and Wampool of blankets, ~~shaxes~~ hoes, shovels, plows of which they expected from me and when I told them I had nothing to give at phesent and should have but little to give and that the chiefs ~~had~~ that had been with them heretore promised without instructions from our great chief they became very angry and threatened that they would come on with their Indians and take the house for it is their house and does not belong to government all of which is very anoying but having had some experience with the Indians I mett them with their own weapons and when they found they could not frighten by threats they humbled themselves a little though there is a bad feeling among them which will be hard to expell. I shall however endeavor to overcome it though a small force would make a better effect than any other thing. While Torrence had charge of the agency he allowed the Indians to roam over the premises at will. Since I have been here I confine them to the council room.

They are very indignant when I send them out of the kitchen at the ti e we are cooking our meals, also when we send them out of our sleeping apartment which facts I thought it best to advise you of. They seem to think I came here expressly to feed them though I tell them I did not, but to preserve peace and good order between them and the whites( and not to feed and cloth them) though I have to furnish many means)

and to see the whites did not steal from they or they from the whites.

My health is on the decline and if it gets much worse I shall be compelled to return to the valley before I can have any talk with the Indians but I shall endeavor to have a talk with them before I return which will be in four or six weeks at most. Mr. Crait has promised me a few days as interpreter when the Indians come in. The immigration is coming in healthy but slow having lost a great amount of stock on Snake river, there has some 250 wagons passed. Some of the Indians are light fingered but are surpassed by the whites according to reports.

Respectfully etc.

Philip F. Thompson, sub India Agent per Thos Williams

Gen. Joel Palmer,

Supt. of Indian Affairs



Seillacoom, W.T. August 8th, 1853

Dear Sir: Some time last year there was a difficulty between the Sklalluk tribe of Indians and the settlers on "Nitbys" island, caused by the cattle of the settlers having destroyed the potato crop of the Indians. To dispense with a recapitulation here I beg to refer you to my letter to Dr. Dart of January 18th, 1853 in which the ~~fixt~~ facts relative to the matter are given. I recommended that the Indians should be paid by government for their loss. As the settlers ~~xxx~~ were not in a condition even if were just that they should pay it to do so. In reply to my letter Dr. Dart said that he had not funds in his hands which ~~xxxxxx~~ could be applied to such purposes but that he would send me over goods of different varieties with which I could pay the Indians. I replied to him that the goods mentioned would do as well as money to make the payment and he agreed to send them to me. Afterwards Dr. Dart became involved in a suit in which judgment having been rendered against him for some cause all the goods belonging to ~~xx~~ government were seized and were not ~~adl~~ released until after his resignation or probably not at all, as I've not heard from him since. My object in the statements of this matter is <sup>to learn</sup> .. whether Dr. Dart mentioned any thing concerning if, to you and if not would it be your pleasure that the goods mentioned in his reply to me should be devoted to that purpose. I represented to the settlers concerned in the difficulty the nature of the reply of the former superintendent. They are consequently in anticipation that the matter will be settled by your department. As the matter occurred before the separation of this from Oregon territory I presume jurisdiction of the matter would not be lost to you. especially as Gov. Stevens has not yet arrived.

In relation to the subject of my former commission to you I hope you will not deem me imp... if I again urge upon you the consideration of my affairs. I am totally out of money and I think when so large a sum is due me



for expenses incurred in discharge of my duties together with amount due me for salary, horse (house ?) rent etc. I should at least be reimbursed in part. If the appropriations have not yet reached you could you not manage to pay me in my salary accounts. I would be very much obliged to you if you would manage to settle, if not all at least a part of my accounts at a very early day. It would relieve me of a great deal of embarrassment. Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience I am

Etc.

E.A. Starling, Ind. Agt for Pugets S.

Hon Joel Palmer,

Supt. of Indian Affairs for Oregon, Milwaukie, O.T.



1853 No. 47

Steilacoom, W.T., Sept. 12, 1853

Mr. Jos. <sup>u</sup>arrison: Sir:

I today received a communication from you in which you state that you are here for the purpose of relieving me of the office of Ind. Agent and desiring me to turn over to you all the books, papers etc. belonging to the agency etc. In reply I beg leave to state that I have received from Mr. Palmer, supt. of Ind. Affairs for Oregon territory an order to the like effect. I decline however doing so, at least untill I can see or hear further from Mr. Palmer.

I am now acting under instructions from Gov. Stevens who is ex-officio supt. Ind. Affairs for the territory of Washington dated Washington City, April 18, 1853. I consider him superintendent for this territory. And as I have neither seen nor received any notice of my having been superceded and as Mr. Palmer has not stated to me in his order to turn over to you the property of this agency nor in any other of his communications to me that he has authority for giving such an order, I presume he has now or he would have stated the fact or sent me a copy of his instructions. My ~~visit~~ acting as Mr. Palmer has desired would be virtually acknowledging the jurisdiction of the superintendency of Oregon Territory over the ~~deposed~~ superintendency of Washington territory.

In so acting I am simply discharging a duty. I am sorry if it will be the means of putting you to any trouble or inconvenience.

I intend going over to Oregon territory in a short time to see Mr. Palmer when if I find that he has instructions from the Secretary of the Interior to take charge of this superintendency; and to designate one of the agents appointed for the territory of Oregon to supercede me in this territory I will immediately comply with his orders. Until then I am  
E.A. Starling, U.S. Ind. Agent District of Puget Sound W.T.