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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, Sept 10th, 1883.

R. H. Milroy, Esq.,

U. S. Indian Agent,

Yakama Agency,

Washington Territory,

Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication dated August 11, 1883, in which you recommend that a commission be appointed to appraise the improvements of the Palouse Indians, with the view of paying them for the same, and removing them to the Yakama Reservation.

In reply I have to state that there is no appropriation out of which the expenses of such a

commission can be paid.

In order that this Office may be thoroughly informed as to the advisability of asking Congress for an appropriation for the purpose, and also as to the policy of removing these Indians, you will report their number, present location, condition, and wishes in the matter.

You will also state the probable maximum value of their improvements and cost of removal.

In a report dated April 10, 1883, Inspector Gardner recommended the removal of various bands of Indians located on the Bare of Snake River and near the mouth of the Alnota River, to

their respective reservations, and gave the character and estimated value of their improvements, but the information does not relate particularly to the Palouses.

Very respectfully,

H. Price

Commissioner.

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of Palouse improve-
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