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Office Indian Agent

Dallas, Oregon Mch. 1st 1858

Sir:

Lieut. Allen, assistant quartermaster at Fort Simcoe visited me a few days since and requested me to write to you and give you the substance of a conversation between himself and Sklome. He says Sklome came to his office and told him that he was ready to give up the murderers of Matice, Boland and any others if he could be allowed to do so in his own way and time and that they were all in the country at present and by a little management he could succeed in getting them all, that if a formal demand was made upon the several chiefs by the military these murderers would hear of it and make their escape to the Blackfoot country where they could not be found, he stated also that it was the desire of Kamiahkin that these murderers should be given up. Sklome says that he and Kamahkin are both anxious to settle all matters of difference between them and the whites and to live on terms of friendship so that they can visit the whites without fear of being molested. Sklome wants to know if you desire him to get these murderers and what he shall do with them after he gets them, he is also desirous of seeing you or some agent.

If you have any instructions to give in reference to this matter please write me and I will see that they are carried out

Very Respty. etc.

Your obt. servt.

A.P. Dennison

J.W. Nesmith, esq. Supt. Ind. Affairs.

Oregon Suptcy. Ind. Affairs, Roll 16, Microcopy 2 Letter 123

Office Indian Agent

Dalles Oregon, April 24/58

Sir:

I hasten to inform you of the report in circulation in reference to the hostile intentions of the Palouse, Yakima and other tribes of Indians. It is reported that two Frenchmen were killed about the 8th inst. in the Palouse country by the Palouse Indians, these men were said to be on their way to the Colville mines, the particulars of the murder I have not been able to learn. Report also says there has been quite a number of cattle and horses stolen from the vicinity of "a la Walla by these Indians. Several persons who were at work on the north side of the Columbia River for government and individuals have become alarmed from appearance and have come into the place. Some of the friendly Indians opp site John Days River say the Palouse and other Indians are going to war and one of the friendly chiefs who lives about sixty miles ~~XXXXXX~~ NE of the Dalles named Boowie says that some of the war party have been in some trouble with the the Palouse and other tribes this summer. I will endeavor to keep you informed in reference to the movements of these Indians.

Very Respty.

Etc. A.P. ~~Denix~~ Denison,

Indian Agent

To J.W. Nesmith, esq.

Supt. Ind. Affairs, Salem, O.T.

Office Indian Agent

Valle s June 28th, 1858

Sir:

Official information was received by Col. Wright last evening that the party of miners who started for the mines by the way of Fort Simcoe had had a fight with the Indians near Priest Rapids, the result was two miners killed and nine wounded, two of them will probably die of their wounds. The mining party has returned to Fort Simcoe. They report having killed twelve Indians, one of them a Palouse chief supposed to be Quil-ti-ne-nock.

Respectfully yours

To J.W. Nesmith

A.P. Dennison, Indian Agent

Supt. Ind. Affairs, Salem

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Office Indian Agent,

Dalles, Oregon, May 24, 1858

Sir: Your circular of May 8th has been received, I will endeavor to comply with the requirements.

On the 22nd inst an express arrived from the officer in command at Fort Walla Walla to the commanding officer at Fort Dalles bringing the intelligence that Col. Steptoe had had an engagement with the Indians in the vicinity of Spokane River and on the 8th another express arrived bringing the following particulars of the engagement. Col. Steptoe and command had proceeded beyond Snake River to a point near the Spokane River when a large party ^{armed} ~~arrived~~ of Indians made their appearance and the two forces drew up opposite each other and for a few moments each ~~seemed~~ seemingly was waiting for the other to commence the attack when by accidental discharge of a pistol the fight commenced. Lieut Gaston and his company made a charge upon the Indians who stood their ground and returned the charge which resulted in the death of Lieut. Gaston. Sergt. Williams and several wounded. Lieut Gaston's body was carried off by the Indians and his men were compelled to retreat. Capt. Taylor who came to their relief was killed by the first fire of the Indians and the whole command was forced to retreat. Col. Steptoe says they were badly beaten and that the Indians fight like fiends but that his men fought bravely and behaved well. There are several statements as to the number killed and wounded. I think you will find the following correct, Killed, Capt. Taylor, Lieut. Gaston, Sergeant Williams and six privates one missing, wounded one officer and eighteen privates, Of the Indians there is supposed some 25 or 30 killed and as many more wounded. They pursued Col. Steptoe in his retreat eighty-five miles to the crossing of Snake River where he was obliged to abandon everything in order to make good his retreat, they there captured nearly all the pack animals belonging to the command, several riding

animals, a large amount of provisions and stores and two howitzers, the command has returned to Walla Walla.

The Indians engaged in this fight were the Palouse, Spokans, Yakimas, Isle-de-Pieres, Cor de-lanes and a few Flatheads. During the engagement one of the leaders supposed to be a chief was killed

I am of opinion we are to have a general Indian war in the upper country.

I will keep you informed of the movements both of the troops and Indians.

Respect. etc.

A.P. Dennison,

Indian Agent

To J.W. Newsmith, esq.

Supt. Ind. Affairs, Salem, O.T?

Abstract of material not included in typescript.

Oregon Suptcy. of Indian Affairs, 1848-73 Microcopy 2, Roll 16

Letters received January 1-December 30, 1858. No record made of obvious unproductive material.

Key to this roll is numeral written on document

1 and 2-Estimates of funds for Grand Ronde.

9-Regarding military post at Ft. Klamath, its location.

10-Requisition 3561 (1857) warrant \$2497.28 restoration and maintaining peace with Indians in Oregon and Washington and the Pacific.

17-Auditor's report, costs of maintaining peace, expenses of tribes and reservations, Oregon and Washington territories, \$16,000 in Washington territory, total \$54,000.

21-42- Vouchers, claims, etc.

43-Regarding claims of Nez Perce for horses etc. furnished during war and unpaid as of 1858.

46-47-Detailed medical report, kind of diseases. Reference to letter from physician covering details, but letter not included.

65- Regarding gun payment to Cowlitz Indians.

135-Regarding liquor sales at Cathlamet (low on Columbia River).

138-140-Annual estimates for various tribes and agencies.

163-John Mullan letter, regarding possible appointment of his brother as Indian physician.

167-Letter from settler protesting residence of Tillamook Indians and trouble with robbing of fish traps.

170-182-Abstracts, statements of employes, etc.

186-Annual report from Dalles for 1858, listed as missing from the register but printed in Cong. Series, serials 974-997

Enclosure to 256-Treaty of Peace with Nez Perce and U.S. (Indian chiefs or head men listed.

249-Relative to settlement of Walla Walla Valley before treaties are ratified Bvt. Maj.(?) Grier (?) to Nesmith, supt of Ind. affairs.

256-Letter of transmittal, Col. Wright to Nesmith of treaties with Nez Perce, Coeur d'Alenes and Spokanes (No treaty copies included)

274-280-Vouchers and estimates.

* 281-Sketch map of Klamath Lake (little detail) 1898.

282-Regarding health of Indians at Grand Ronde

*Possibly worth examination , despite lack of detail, contains possible road, names.

Oregon Suptcy. of Indian Affairs, Roll 16, , microcopy 2
1848-73, Letters received January 1-December 30, 1858

On this roll are microcopied the unbound letters received by the Oregon and Washington Superintendency of Indian Affairs, January 1-December 30, 1858. The letters are numbered approximately in order of receipt from 1 to 282. The numbers correspond to those under which the letters are entered in the register...

A particular registered letter may be most conveniently cited by year and number, as in the following form: National Archives, Records of the Oregon Superintendency of Indian Affairs, letters received 1858, no. 22. Unregistered letters may be cited by date as follows: National Archives, Records of the Oregon Superintendency of Indian Affairs, 1858, unnumbered letter received dated May 29. ...In strict accuracy all citations for 1858 should refer to the Oregon and Washington Superintendency of Indian Affairs.

Oregon Sup'ty. Ind. Affairs Roll 16, microcopy 2 Letter 13

Fort. Vancouver W.T., Dec. 30, 1858

Dear Sir:

I understand that the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions have in agitation the reestablishment of their mission in the Nez Perces country.

I have received letters making inquiry if the "officers of the army would favor it " if it now be safe to establish it and asking would the Nez Perces have a chance to chose their religious teachers. and if they desire some like their former missionaries will their request be granted."

In reference to these last inquiries I have referred them to you. If the treaties are confirmed they will be entitled to teachers. If employed it would be ? ? not ~~as religious teachers~~ as religious teachers. In that way I have known missionaries often employed under the treaties as in the Cherokees in ~~the~~ ?? countries. It is the more necessary as the compensation allowed under the treaties will not compensate ordinary teachers. So I was informed by Cass Miller agent at the Grand Ronde Reservation. Moreover it requires zeal and enthusiasm of the highest order to stimulate and sustain one in all privations and difficulties of such an undertaking. And no common capacity will suffice when the work properly requires the study and translation of the native languages.

I learned by my own observations in 1853 and since that date through others how the Nez Perces Indians have profited by the religious instruction they received previous to 1847. They must have for Indians remarkable docility in learning and tenacity in retaining what they learn. Officers who attended the treaty ground in May 1855 at Walla Walla when there was a very large gathering of this tribe say that every morning and evening they would attend prayers and on Sundays their native preachers preach to them. I know that in all the talks and councils

held with their chiefs they have always asked for the reestablishment of the mission, for grist mills, saw mills etc. Col. Steptoe told me that such has been the constant burden of their talk, constantly expressing a wish for the education of their children. And this wish is always the first sign of civilization

Their fidelity to the Bostons in 1847 and 48 and their adhe?? to use and own arms since through out all the wars deserve recognition and remembrance. The cause of it is to be traced first to the kind treatment they received from Lewis and Clark in 1805 when they entered the Nez Perce country, but it is mainly owing to the effect of the missionaries. I have assured my correspondents that the officers of the army will not fail to welcome any steps taken to gratify these Indians and advance their interests and improvement.

I understand that the Indians wish Mr. Spalding to return to them. He was with them from 1836 to '47. He translated a part of the Bible for them and other books and printed them. He is the only man who knows the language enough to translate books. He is the only man who could readily do the work required of such a mission and the only man who could readily prepare others to do the work.

I presume that in his controversy with the Catholics he may have been ?? and unjust, but you know that perfection cannot be expected in this world. His pupils the Nez Perces have .. and well enough towards our people and government for him to claim at least charity and consideration at our hands...

I am etc.

Ben Alvord Major U.S. Army

Col. J.W. Nesmith, supt. Indian Affairs, Salem, O.T.

Office Indian Agent

Dalles, Oregon, Dec. 21, 1857

Sir:

Enclosed you will please find two packages containing a full set of accounts for the third quarter, 1857 of the Eastern District of Oregon, also the report of Thos. Fitch, physician to the Indians in this vicinity and his letter to me explaining the nature of the disease which has been prevalent among them.

There has nothing of interest occurred among the several tribes of Indians under my charge during the quarter with the exception that large numbers have been sick, for particulars I beg to call your attention to the report of Dr. Fitch during their sickness but few of the Indians have died owing very much I believe to the untiring efforts of the physician who has devoted his whole time and attention to their wants.

Since the first of September large numbers of different tribes from the interior have visited this place to trade while they were here the majority of them were sick with the flux. Dr. Fitch attended to their wants and was very successful. I hope you will find my accounts correct/

Very Resptcy.

etc. A.P. Dennison, Agent Indian
agent

J.W. Nesmith,

Supt. Ind. Affairs, Salem O.T.

Portland, Jany 12, 1858

Sir:

While in charge of the Yakima district "ashington Territory I contracted a few debts and as I have been~~xxxx~~ relieved of that charge I would be glad if you could place money in my hands to pay those debts. They amount probably to about two hundred dollars If in your power to furnish me ~~xxxx~~ the above amount I can in a few days make a final settlement of my accounts in that district. Please inform me in reference to the above as soon as possible.

Respectfully etc.

A.P. Dennison, Indian Agent

J.W. Nesmith, esq.

Supt. Ind. Affairs, Salem, Oregon.

Portland, Jany 12, 1858

J.W. Nesmith, Esq. Salem, O.T.

Dear Sir:

The Senorita arrived today from the Cascades bringing a report from Walla Walla in substance as follows, that the Indians in the vicinity of Wall Walla had notified all the white settlers there to move out of the country within five days or they would be killed and their property destroyed and that Mr. Coombs the beef contractor at that post had been driven in to the fort. Also that Col. Steptoe had received an express from Lawyer the Nes Perce chief which informed him that the Mormons on Salmon River and at Salt Lake City had given out word to the Indians that they would furnish all who would join them in the war guns and ammunition, and that there had been an engagement between the U.S. troops under Col. Johnson and the Mormons, that the Mormons had repulsed the troops in the early part of the engagement but that the troops rallied and came off victorious. How much reliance can be placed in this report I am unable to say. I give it you as I have received it.

Yours in haste

A.P. Dennison

P.S. Show this to Mr. Bust (?) if you think it proper APD

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Office Indian Agent

Dalles Oregon, Feby 8, 58

Sir:

I have decided to move the Wasco tribe of Indians to the Warm Springs Reservation between the first and 15th of March next and have so informed the Indians at which time I will require 25 or 30 wagons and teams to assist those in moving who are not able to move themselves. Believing that it will be impossible for me to procure these teams from among the citizens in this vicinity I desire you will ask Genl Clark (sic) to direct the Quarter Master at Fort Dalles to furnish me with such number of teams to assist in the removal of these Indians as he may have at that time not immediately employed in the public service. These Indians are now located upon nearly all of the agricultural part of the military reservation at Fort Dalles and it will be greatly to the advantage of said post to have them removed. It will probably take eight days to make the trip from Fort Dalles to the Warm Spring Reservation and back and knowing that there are times when the teams at said post are not employed I have made this request. If I can be furnished with the teams referred to it will be of great advantage to the Department and the Indians. At a personal interview a few days since with Capt. Jordan Q M at Fort Dalles I inferred that if he was directed by the proper authorities he could furnish the transportation necessary to ~~hede~~ and move these Indians without interfering with the ordinary business of the post.

The reasons and urgent necessity for their removal I have given you in previous communications.

I would be pleased to have you give the matter your attention before leaving San Francisco. Very respct. etc. A.P. Dennison, Ind. Agent
J.W. Nesmith, Esq. Supt. Ind. Affairs, San Francisco, Calif.

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Hillsboro O.T. March 1, 1858

Gen. J. W. Nesmith

Sir:

Will you be kind enough to send me the proper form to make an application for annuity out of the Indian fund for one Charley Cowanah, his mother I suppose was a Chinook & his father had some Kanaka blood in him the balance Indian. He has some education and is quite a decent man he formerly lived about Oregon City. He wishes me to enquire of you what will be required to ~~make~~ entitle him to pay, the form etc.

Considering this a highly meritorious case I will esteem it a favor if you would write me as soon as may be convenient.

Yours truly

W.S. Caldwell

C.C. was born between Astoria and Vancouver on the River.

Oregon Suptcy. Indian Affairs, Roll 16, Microcopy 2 Letter 91

Head Quarters Dept. of the Pacific
San Francisco, March 18, 1858

Sir:

By direction of Brig. Gen'l Clarke I enclose you a letter from Capt. Russell, Comdy at Ft. Yamhill in relation to the reservation at that place.

Will you be so kind as to inform the general how the case stands; the post was ordered to be located on the Indian Reservation and it was supposed that this had been done.

The General will be obliged for your advice and views if the case is otherwise and on the best arrangement in any case.

You will oblige me by referring me to the laws under which the Indian reservations in Oregon were made.

I am sir, very respcty.

Your Obt. Servt.

W.W. Mackall

(scrawl)

Col J.W. Nesmith,
Supt. Ind. Affairs,
Salem, O.T.

Oregon Suptcy. Ind. Affairs, Roll 16, Microcopy 2 Letter 101

Office Indian Agent

Dalles, Oregon March 30th, 1858

Sir:

Your letter of the 24th ~~xxx~~ inst. has been received and the letter addressed to A.H. Robie and the duplicate bonds delivered. As I leave early tomorrow morning for the Reservation I do not think Mr. Robie will be able to execute the bonds before I leave.

Capt. Jordon turned over to me the number of teams I required to move the Wasco Indians. He says the I d. Dept. must pay the expenses of teamsters, the teams and Indians are all on their way to the reservation the last of the Indians left today, having but a small quantity of flour on hand I was obliged to purchase a few beef cattle for the subsistence of the Indians on the road from what I can learn I think Stockatly and his people will leave in a short time for the reserve. I shall be absent from two to three weeks.

There is no news of importance in regard to Ind. Affairs.

Respectfully yours etc.

A.P. Dennison, Ind. Agent

J.W. Nesmith, esq.

Supt. Ind. Affairs,

Salem, Oregon.

Office Indian Agent

Dalles Oregon, May 5, 1858

Sir:

I herewith transmit to your office my accounts in triplicate for the quarter ending March 31, 1858, my absence from the Dalles while moving the Wasco Indians to the Reservation prevented me from furnishing you with my accounts at an earlier day. I hope they will prove satisfactory and meet your approbation as I have endeavored to use the utmost economy in all my transactions and make the service of benefit to the Indians.

The Indians living within the Agency district so far as I have any knowledge at present are quiet with the exception of a part of the Cayuses and Walla Wallas but I apprehend no serious difficulty with them.

As it is probable that there will be a large emigration to the mines in the vicinity of Thompsons River I would recommend that some person be appointed agent for the Indians living in the Colville and Okanagan country it might prevent trouble between miners and Indians

I feel almost compelled under the circumstances to commence the erection of a saw mill upon the reservation, the Indians who by the treaty were to occupy the Warm Spring Reservation are at present nearly all located upon it, they are making the most commendable efforts to provide some things for themselves and fulfill their agreement with the govt. The great necessity which exists for a mill is to furnish lumber for fencing, at present we are compelled to haul poles from six to ten miles over a bad road and they make a poor fence after we get them, the only kind of ~~timber~~ timber growing upon the reserve which can be reached is pine, it will not make rails but will make good lumber, a mill can be put up at a small expense much less than the estimate made by Genl. Palmer and I believe it would be economy to build it immediately... I hope to hear of the ratification of the Treaty of

Fort Simcoe W.T. May 15, 1858

Sir:

I am informed that Mr. A.H. Morse who has been connected with the post for several months past is about to apply to you for the appointment of agent for the tribes of Indians in this vicinity.

As Mr. Morse's interests (?) here are identified with peace among and with the Indians I take the liberty of commending his case to your favorable consideration.

I am sir, very respectfully etc.

R.S. Garnett

Maj. U.S.A.

Col. J.W. Nesmith,
Supt. Ind. Affairs.

Fort Simcoe, "T. May 20, 1858

Dear Sir:

I take the liberty of addressing a few lines to you asking from you the appointment for special Indian agent at or in the vicinity of this place, should you think it proper to establish an agency here. I am acquainted with many of the Indians in this part of the country and on the ~~Click~~ Click-e-tat and think I can as a general thing find out their intentions. One thing you may rely upon is that your instructions shall be carried out to the best of my ability should you consider me worthy of an appointment. My occupation at present is trying to raise some grain to sell the government.

As I am a stranger to you I will refer you to Captain Thomas Jordan Dr. Lansdale, Indian agent, Dalles, O.T., Capt. Rufus Ingalls, Vancouver, W.T. or W.S. Ladd, Portland. I am etc.

A.H. Morse

Col. J.W. Nesmith,

Supt. Ind. Affairs, Salem, O.T.

Office Indian Agent

Dalles, Oregon, April 24, 58

Sir:

On the 29th day of March last I obtained from Capt. Thos. Jordan Quartermaster at Fort Dalles, sixteen govt. teams for the purpose of moving the Wasco tribe of Indians to the Reservation. They loaded and started the same day. I started myself with the Pack team, belonging to the Department, together with the Indians. On the 30th, we arrived at the reservation on the evening of the 3d of April without meeting any losses or serious difficulties. Immediately upon the arrival of the Indians I located them upon the land I had designed them to occupy and I deem it my duty in justice to those Indians to say that they behaved remarkably well upon the roads and as soon as they were shown the land they were to occupy they commenced in good earnest to clear it off and prepare for a crop. The larger part of their lands is thickly covered with brush and a small growth of timber requiring a deal of labor on it to prepare it for plowing.

These Indians being extremely poor I have been compelled to furnish them all the assistance in my power and regret that I was not able to do more for them as I know personally that many of them are suffering from want of something to eat. They seem well pleased with the efforts being made for them and as soon as the salmon commence running they will be more comfortable.

My expenses in moving these Indians have been small, I will report them in detail at the expiration of this quarter.

The Indians placed upon the reserve last year are improving rapidly in agricultural pursuits, they are willing and anxious to team and quite industrious. They have improved their condition very much since they have been upon the reserve.

Very etc. A.P. Dennison
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J.W. Newsmith, esq. Supt. Ind. Affairs.

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Dalles June 29th, 1858

Sir:

In reply to your note of the 8th inst. I have only to say that I will try and furnish you with the number of teams you want and at the price mentioned. I think I can have them ready to go over the mountains by the 1st of August and if there should be no great rush to the mines sooner.

Mr. Robie is now at "alla Walla. He is expected to return in a few days. How soon he expects to go to Salem I do not know.

Dr. Lansdale can give all the particulars in reference to the fight near Priest Rapids of which I wrote you a few days since.

The four grain cradles I receipted to you for last March I did not get at the time from the fact that the box which contained them was covered up with plows and I had not time to get them out. I sent for them a few days since and found that they had been all shipped to the Selitz. Please send me a receipt for them as I suppose I shall not be able to get them.

David McLoughlin and his party of about 135 in number left here last Saturday for the mines by way of "alla Walla. I have no doubt they will go through safe, there is no Indian news except the fight near Priest Rapids.

Respectfully etc.

A.P. Denison

(no other name)

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Fort Simcoe W.T., 8th Aug, 1858

Sir:

I have the honor of recommending Mr. E.F. Smith as a suitable person to act as Indian trader for Washington Territory and I have no doubt from my long acquaintance with him that if he receives the appointment he will give general satisfaction.

I have the honor to be

Your most obt. etc.

Jesse Allen

Lt. 9th Infy. U.S.A.

To Nexsmith

Superintendent of Indian Affairs W.T.

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Headquarters Dept. of the Pacific
Fort Vancouver, W.T. Aug. 22, 1858

Sir:

Your letter enclosing copies of the Indian treaties made by
Supts. Stevens and Palmer ~~dated~~ has been recd. for which and the
trouble you have been at, please accept my sincere thanks.

On Aug. 15 Major Garnett, ~~Superintendent~~ sent Lieut Allen to
attack a party of Indians on the upper Yakima, the surprise was complete,
21 men, 50 women and children, 70 horses and 15 hd of cattle were
taken. Unhappily Lt. Allen fell.

Nine Indians known to have been engaged against the miners were
shot.

I am very respcty.

W.W. Mackall

W. Nesmith, esq.

Supt. Ind. Wash and Oregon,

Salem, O.T.

Office Indian Agent, Dalles, Aug 21, 1858

Sir:

Enclosed please find memorandum of articles wanted at this agency. Many of the articles I have put down in sufficient quantities to last six months. In making this memorandum I have calculated upon making some presents of clothing and provisions to the Indians this fall which has been the custom heretofore. I hope you will be pleased to approve of the purchase so that I can make it in the course of two months.

The failure this season to procure the usual ~~amount~~ quantity of salmon owing to their scarcity in the Columbia ~~xx~~ river and its tributaries and the partial failure of the crops on the reserve will make it necessary to partially subsist the poor families upon the reservation the coming winter.

Respectfully etc.

A.P. Dennison, Indian Agent

to Genl. J.W. Nesmith
Supt. Ind. Affairs
Salem, Oregon.

Fort Dalles, W.T. Nov. 29-58

Dear Col:

I am informed that there is to be a local agent appointed for the Indians in and about Fort Simcoe and that said appointment will be made by you.

Quite a number of persons have spoken to me in favor of Henry Young, a gentleman that has been in the employ of the sutler at Fort Simcoe for the past fifteen months and have asked me to recommend Mr. Young, and address you on the subject.

I can ~~say~~ and must state that ~~I have known~~ I have known Mr. Young for a ~~long time~~ some time. I always found him ready, willing and efficient and I do not know any one on whom you could bestow the appointment more worthy than Mr. Young and believe you would have no occasion to regret your ?? in his favor. Capt. Jordan is a warm personal friend of Young's and has spoken ~~with~~ with me on the subject and is desirous that young should have the appointment.

I would further state that he is well acquainted with the Indians in that part of the country.

Col. I seldom or ever undertake to recommend anyone or ask a friend any favor, but for my self, but as so many of my friends have asked me to aid Mr. Young and I knowing him competent and worthy, to refuse is impossible

Should you be ~~inclined~~ inclined to favor him...

Yours ? Jno F. Noble

Col. Nesmit, Supt. Ind. Affairs, ter Oregon and Wash Ter.

Salem