

Malheur City

August 31. 1882

U.S. Indian Agent
Yakama Agency
Washington Ter.

Sir

I have a horse in my possession
received for to W. V. Ruchant, Farmer in Charge,
(late) at Malheur Agency by Agent Wilbur in the
transfer of public property in 1881.

The reasons for which the horse was not
delivered etc at the time is known to Mr
Wilbur.

Since that time the horse has been
foundered incurably by Mr Ruchant and
has been left at the Agency, and for now
I have given a memorandum receipt.

The horse is a light color and is
called 'Bird'.

The only way so far as I can see
is for you to give me directions to have this
property for which you are responsible —
condemned, and killed or sold as I may think
best. The animal is in a wretched condi-
tion; his fore hoof appear to be coming off

and he is worthless. I have had his
shoes taken off and he is turned out.

As the property in the Agency is
all sold and I shall leave very shortly,
you will do me the favor to attend to
this at your earliest convenience.

I have addressed this to the
US Indian Agent at Yakama, not knowing
who now is in charge - Gen Wilcox or Mr
Wilbur

Very respectfully
Eden R Smith
Special US Indian Agent

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about house