

Minutes of Council held
at Ft. Dincer April 2nd 1881
James H. Wilbur US Indian
Agent presiding

Council opened with prayer
by the Agent

After which Agent Wilbur
addressed the Indians

Said he should not talk long

- Had been away 5 months and
could not see all that was going
on at the Agency - Had been,
that is, said it was a very cold
winter and the Indians had lost
many cattle - Had told the Pres-
ident who was sorry to hear of it
- Had received letters from Mr
Dallack - now wanted to know
what was in their hearts

President was glad to know that
the Yakimas were doing well
Many Indians East of the Mts
were not doing so well - many
of them have to be fed by the
President - Somebody told me
that Inspector Dallack told you
that you were not to work for
things - If he said so it was ac-
cording to law - Have the law

These articles I will read to you
I want you all to hear and
understand the law - Read
Act of Mar 3^d 1875 - twice

If the Indians get major
horses, or plow they must perform
service equal in value to the articles
- this applies to all between 18
45 - If old men or blind the
Agent may give them things, but
not to those who are able to work

- If I should give the things
without the Indians working for
them, the President would see
that I had broken his law

- Don't know whether any-
body has been saying that you
need not pay for these things

Will now sit down and let
the people talk - If all are
of one mind I will talk about
something else

Wachoukice - says he don't
know just what to say -
I commit

I am going to tell what I
heard from Mr Pollock

We felt somewhat bad when he

Inspector told us what the
President said

He Pollock said that that

Mr Wilson holds the cattle
in his hands - and they belong
to the Indians - He said the
President did not send these
things for Mr Wilson to sell to
the Indians - The President
gives these things to Indians and
sends a large box of money
to give to the Indians who work
- Pollock said the President
did not intend to give ~~us~~ them
to those who were lazy ==

Pollock also told us if we
wanted we could send a paper
containing all things we wanted
him to know

Wachonkie

I am nearly blind
we saw each other long ago - you
see me now - Yes I was surprised when
I heard what Pollock said I ~~felt~~
a little afraid of you - I told him
I have no harness - have nothing
probably Pollock told us stories
- we talked to him according to
what he said -

Spirit - Did not Wachonkie
receive from Mr Wilson a harness
a plow, a harrow - a house - did
not Wachonkie have some
wheat put in for him.

Here is what I will read to you

Wachonkie - Yes I got those things - long ago, but now they are many more -
Gneiss - I did not think I should have any thing to say.
We were all happy - You went to Washington - We did not call this Ballack here - I am getting old and have had some good news come to me, long time ago the treaty said we were to live here and become civilized - this we are doing and are getting along well when this Ezek from Washington came here - We did not call him - He came of his own accord - He asked us - How are you living on the Res - One man after another would get up and say how we were getting along - I thought to myself. it is really so that Mr. Melton is not taking care of us - I thought this man will make all things right - I gave an account of a Council some years ago - would like you Mr W to write to the Ins to come and talk to us in

Your presence - did the Inspector think he could give us sick hearts -

Agent - Let the Indians all understand - when the treaty was made the law of Mar 3 had not been passed

The President has a good heart to these Indians - I talked with him and he will hold these lands against the whites who are clamoring after them -

Excuse - Pollock told us that he would be away 5 months and he would come back again and I am looking for him now

Luzillo - I think Mr Pollock caused a great deal of trouble

for Storie - I don't resist when I am ordered to do anything - When Pollock talked to us about the cattle and said the mind of the Great Father was to give the cattle to us it made us happy - He said also the horses would be given to us - perhaps the Aft would keep a team or two but all the rest will be given out, and the Indians were all happy & here and there though I know it was a

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Storie

Lewis

Willie's

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right plan I fell in with
I told the Indians not to look
to Sturte for any thing about
the drive ~~any more~~

Ag't. Did any one lose horses on
account of the cattle drive?

Ans - Kussens lost his horse in the
drive. —

Shurtab,

I heard Pollock order the cattle driven
I went home in the night in obedience to
Pollock - got home mid night. Horses worried
but started next day. Hunted 3 days &
then order was countermanded. I don't feel
well towards Pollock on account of this -
He ordered us to work against our interests
We lost our riding horses on acct of
it also a good many cattle. I feel
indignant because Pollock came on
with sugar in his mouth and got us to
work against our interest. Then Mr Kay
reported to Pollock the loss of Shurtab
horses & asked who should pay. Pollock
said Shurtab was a God damned son
of a bitch, why should he pay for this
loss of the cattle & horses - they were Ind-
ian property.

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Pollock said if any of the people
owe the government any thing \$100. or
\$80. or more. They are not to pay it

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The goods were sent here to give the
Indians - and not to sell - I am
surprised to hear of their being sold
All debts the ~~govern~~ Indians owe the
government are not to be paid for
Eneas says ~~that Mr Wilbur~~ ^{that} good words came from your
mouth - I am glad. I was sorry ~~that~~
when Pollock was here - One word you
spoke made me happy - that Indians
should have land deded to them.

About letting ^{Piutes} Indians have land

Eneas - When Pollock came I asked
him why government sent Piutes here -
I am working feeding Piutes. I feel
troubled about it. The Indians never
refuse a stranger food - always divide -

Pollock said the President does not know
anything about this. He thinks for
Indians want the Piutes. We heard that
Pollock said that when the Indians
all got land the ~~last~~ land remain-
ing was to go back to the U. S.

Pollock did this thing about the Ind-
ian goods against you Mr Wilbur.

Thos Pearm - Pollock said if you
Indians decide to give the Piutes land
then the government is to pay for
that land. - In relation to wagon

Pollock said you are not to buy
with money the wagons. Congress said
Indians seemed to be lazy not dis-
posed to work - They ought to be helped
a little to start them, in farming
You will not work for the agent &
not improve your own land.

Pollock said Indians were to be paid
for working themselves. Pollock said
hereafter no Indian shall hereafter
work for the government but must
go to work for themselves. Sell your pro-
duce to government. That father don't
know how you are doing. It will be
best for this store to stop - and there
be a sutlers store - have a good man
keep it. A good many said if we
can't put up ~~our~~ store for ourselves then
we will say.

For Storie

You have always been advising us
to live together as peace. Some of us are
trying to live up to this &c &c.

You have heard that the Putes have
eat us out. I am of poor ancestry
I feel myself as if I were eating out
the these people (who were originally here)
We - having been brought in here from
the outside - are as aliens ourselves -
Those who lived here before if they decide
to admit the Putes - we shall acquiesce

Pollock came in - trying to break
up ~~Pollock's~~ your arrangements.
Eneas & I had some words last
winter but not owing to anything Pollock
said - It was a matter between us,
I have however got over it and feel
friendly to Eneas,

Stick Joe.

It is my mind to keep a kind
heart. I should listen to anything reason-
able I should hear from a little
boy. I don't consider myself good
but desire to see my friends helped.
I am glad you help Indians spiritually.
Some men have two faces & speak
two ways - I believe it right to stand
and act according to his faith or
words. No one here would say
drive out the Putes. I regard them
as friends - I don't report to agents that
Putes are eating me out. I regarded
Mr Pollock as a stranger - I did not
like his talk - he talked proud &
so I could not put confidence in
him. Pollock made cross statements
and I was perplexed & confused.