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Respectfully etc.

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Tumwater fishery

arrests

*jurisdiction*

September 17, 1884

Hon J.B. Allen, U.S. District attorney, Walla Walla W.T.

Sir: Your favor of the 13th is received. In reply I would say, the parties against whom suit is instituted (complaint etc. forwarded you the 8th inst.) are members of the Indian police of this agency. Klickitat Peter, is the only one one whom service has been had. Numerous complaints had been made to the Agent, that Indians were deprived of their right to fish at Tumwater Fishery, and one day word was brought him that the Indians at Tumwater, instigated by Frank Taylor had (blured 1 word) and held prisoner a Yakima Indian named (blured , 1 word) because Styhux (?) had caught a fish. The p.. (1 or 2 words blurred) went there, found the report correct and that William Speetas, a Tumwater Indian, was the man who had arrested and tied up Stylux (apparently eq, clear this time) ; as p 597 directed by the agent, the police then arrested ~~UDDU~~ Wm. Speetas, using no violence further/ than was required to bring him, brought him before the agent, who on his promise to do better in future released him-The police acted under definite (and written I think) orders from the agent, who in sending them, only exercised the authority always assumed by the agent at Yakima, of having jurisdiction over the Tumwater Indians who are parties to this treaty; which authority has never before been questioned. Stylux had been released by Speetas before the police reached there. I believe these are the main facts. The Department has written us that you would be instructed to defend the Indian (police) and commence a ~~old old~~ suit on behalf of the Stylux, against them for false imprisonment.

Very respectfully

R.H. M lroy, act U.S. Ind. Agent.



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Z.F. Mody, Esq. The Dalles, Sept. 25, 1884.

Dear Sir:

Can you stop our freight at the Dalles? The bills of lading all call for delivery at the nearest point on the Cascade Division NPRR and a letter just received from the assistant engineer (H.S. Huson Esq. Ass. Engineer NPRRR End of Track) informs us that the Construction Department has entire charge of that branch and that separate charges must be paid on freight this side of Ainsworth. I think it would be well to telegraph Stone to ship to Dalles all freight purchased in San Francisco. p 607

Please do so and charge bill to us. Please mention that frt. on NPRR is not billed beyond Ainsworth though they expect it will soon be done.

Very respectfully

R.H. Milroy etc.

U.S. Indian agent.

Railroad. Right of way  
Nelson Bennett. Trading.

Miscellaneous Letters book  
Fort Simcoe, W.T. Oct. 9, 1884.  
Nelson Bennett, Esq.

Sir: Your letter of 6 inst. received requesting authority to move your stock of general merchandise such as is used in constructing Yakima Branch of NPRR and also requesting authority to trade with the Indians.

This office has received no advice as yet that the NPRR Co has obtained right of way through this reservation and therefore I cannot give you authority to move on the reservation, but if you should move on the reservation I will take no action in the matter till hearing from Washington.

As to your purchasing hay, ~~togeth~~ vegetables etc. from the Indians I can make no objections provided p 614. you always pay cash. If you desire to open a store on the reservation for the purpose of trading with the Indians you will have to obtain license as an Indian trader and give bond, etc.

Respectfully

R.H. Milroy,

Act. U.S. Indian Agent.

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Nelson Bennett, Esq. Contractor NPRR End of Track Yakima County.  
Oct. 13th, 1884.

Sir: On a visit to Yakima yesterday I saw Mr. Mitchell of the NPRR who advised me to write and request Mr. ~~Don~~ Huson, engineer in charge to visit this agency and confer with me relative to continuing work through the Reservation. We have not yet received any notice that the contract with the NPRR has been concluded. The



last from the Department on the Subject states that no arrangement had been made, that negotiations were in progress  
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and that notice would be sent the agent as soon as any arrangements were completed and that till that time, matters must remain as they were.

In view of the positive character of the instructions governing Indian agents, I should be glad to see and consult with Mr. Huson.

Will you please therefore ask him to visit the Agency as soon as he can make it convenient.

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R.H. Milroy, acting U.S. Indian agent.

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November 17, 1884.

F.G. Wheeler, Esq. North Pacific R.R. Co. Agent, End of Track, Wash. Ter.

Sir: Your favor per teamsters was received. I have been unavoidably delayed in preparing your return receipt, which I enclose herewith. You will see that there were nine(9) packages more than you had, and the total weight 5413 lbs instead of 4790 lbs as you had it. There should be considerable freight now at Hinsworth. Please notify me when one or more loads have accumulated, and when you will have it at end of track for delivery. Give me about a week prior notice, and I will try and have teams there to receive it. It takes about a week for letters from you to reach me and I should have one or two days to get teams ready and two days to reach the end  
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of the track, so that to be reasonably certain of being there, notice should be sent me about ten days before you will bring on the supplies

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## Purchases

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Nov. 28, 1884

G.W. Carey, Esq. Merchant

Yakima City, W.T.

Dear Sir:

Gen Milroy wishes to get a ~~couple~~ couple of drum heads  
for our school band.

I send enclosed dimensions as furnished by Mr. Price, viz:

Two heads for big drum, inner diameter 2 feet 7 1-2 inches, also  
two heads for small drum, inside diameter 15-1-2 inches.

Please order them for as as soon as  
practicable, by order of agent,

Very respectfully

J.H. Fairchild, clerk.

(Charge to Agency Account)



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December 3rd, 1884.

Ben E. Snipes, Esq., The Dalles, Or. Dear Sir:

Some months since you informed Mr. Fairchild (J.H. Fairchild, clerk) that you were ready to deposit the first half of your grazing tax for the fiscal year ending next June. As the money was not needed then, we did not ask for it. You are aware that the condition on which the Indians agreed to permit grazing this year, was that the funds should be used to move the Grist Mill.

The Department has now authorized that work, and I wish to commence it as soon as possible and purchase the needed machinery in time to start the mill as early next season as I can.

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H.S. Huson, Esq. Engineer in Charge, Cascade Division, NPRR.

Sir:

My farmer in charge of the Department herd at Topnish Bridge informs me that on the 11th inst. the train ran over and killed a cow worth at least forty (\$40), said cow being the property of the Indian Department and branded I.D. Please inform me who I am to look to for redress, the Construction Department, or the Company, also the proper steps to be taken to secure payment for the property. Very respectfully, R.H. Milroy, U.S. Indian Agent.



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R.H. Milroy .

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Sept 15, 1884.

Railroad Transportation  
Ainsworth, Kinney's Station

Agent North Pacific R.R. Ainsworth, Wash. Ter

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Tumwater fishery

1882-84

arrests

Fishery

September 17, 1884

Hon J.B. Allen, U.S. District attorney, Walla Walla W.T.

Sir: Your favor of the 13th is received. In reply I would say the parties against whom suit is instituted (complaint etc. forwarded you the 8th inst.) are members of the Indian police of this agency. Klickitat Peter, is the only one on whom service has been had. Numerous complaints had been made to the Agent, that Indians were deprived of their right to fish at Tumwater Fishery, and one day word was brought him that the Indians at Tumwater, instigated by Frank Taylor had (blured 1 word) and held prisoner a Yakima Indian named (blured , 1 word) because Stylux (?) had caught a fish. The p.. (1 or 2 words blurred) went there, found the report correct and that William Speetas, a Tumwater Indian, was the man who had arrested and tied up Stylux (apparently eq, clear this time) ; as p 597 directed by the agent, the police then arrested ~~William~~ Mr. Speetas, using no violence further/ than was required to bring him, brought him before the agent, who on his promise to do better in future released him. The police acted under definite (and written I think) orders from the agent, who in sending them, only exercised the authority always assumed by the agent at Yakima, of having jurisdiction over the Tumwater Indians who are parties to this treaty; which authority has never before been questioned. Stylux had been released by Speetas before the police reached there. I believe these are the main facts. The Department has written us that you would be instructed to defend the Indian (police) and commence ~~accidental~~ suit on behalf of the Stylux, against them for false imprisonment.

Very respectfully

R.H. M. Troy, act U.S. Ind. Agent.

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Z.F. Nody, Esq. The Dalles, Sept. 25, 1884.

Dear Sir:

Can you stop our freight at the Dalles? The bills of lading all call for delivery at the nearest point on the Cascade Division NPRR and a letter just received from the assistant engineer (H.S. Huson Esq. Ass. Engineer NPRR End of Track) informs us that the Construction Department has entire charge of that branch and that separate charges must be paid on freight this side of Ainsworth. I think it would be well to telegraph Stone to ship to Dalles all freight purchased in San Francisco. p 607

Please do so and charge bill to us. Please mention that frt. on NPRR is not billed beyond Ainsworth though they expect it will soon be done.

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Railroad. Right of way

Nelson Bennett, Trading.

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Fort Simcoe, W.T. Oct. 9, 1884.

Nelson Bennett, Esq.

Sir: Your letter of 6 inst. received requesting authority to move your stock of general merchandise such as is used in constructing Yakim Branch of NPRR and also requesting authority to trade with the Indians.

This office has received no advice as yet that the NPRR Co has obtained right of way through this reservation and therefore I cannot give you authority to move on the reservation, but if you should move on the reservation I will take no action in the matter till hearing from Washington.

As to your purchasing hay, tooth vegetables etc. from the Indians I can make no objections provided p 614. you always pay cash. If you desire to open a store on the reservation for the purpose of trading with the Indians you will have to obtain license as an Indian trader and give bond, etc.

Respectfully

R.M. Milroy,

Act. U.S. Indian Agent.

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Nelson Bennett, Esq. Contractor NPRR End of 2<sup>nd</sup> track Yakima County.  
Oct. 13th, 1884.

Sir: On a visit to Yakima yesterday I saw Mr. Mitchell of the NPRR who advised me to write and request Mr. John Huson, engineer in charge to visit this agency and confer with me relative to continuing work through the Reservation. We have not yet received any notice that the contract with the NPRR has been concluded. The



last from the Department on the Subject states that no arrangement had been made, that negotiations were in progress  
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and that notice would be sent the agent as soon as any arrangements were completed and that till that time, matters must remain as they were.

In view of the positive character of the instructions governing Indian agents, I should be glad to see and consult with Mr. Huson.

Will you please therefore ask him to visit the Agency as soon as he can make it convenient.

Very respectfully

R.H. Milroy, acting U.S. Indian agent.

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November 17, 1884.

F.C. Wheeler, Esq. North Pacific R.R. Co. Agent, End of Track, Wash. Ter.

Sir: Your favor for teamsters was received. I have been unavoidably delayed in preparing your return receipt, which I enclose herewith. You will see that there were nine(9) packages more than you had, and the total weight 5413 lbs instead of 4790 lbs as you had it. There should be considerable freight now at Winsworth. Please notify me when one or more loads have accumulated, and when you will have it at end of track for delivery. Give me about a week prior notice, and I will try and have teams there to receive it. It takes about a week for letters from you to reach me and I should have one or two days to get teams ready and two days to reach the end  
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of the track, so that to be reasonably certain of being there, notice should be sent me about ten days before you will bring on the supplies

Respectfully

R.H. Milroy, U.S. Indian agent.

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Nov. 28, 1884

G.W. Carey, Esq. Merchant

Yakima City, W.T.

Dear Sir:

Gen Milroy wishes to get a couple of drum heads  
for our school band.

I send enclosed dimensions as furnished by Mr. Price, viz:

Two heads for big drum, inner diameter 2 feet 7 1-2 inches, also  
two heads for small drum, inside diameter 15-1-2 inches.

Please order them for as as soon as  
practicable, By order of agent,

Very respectfully

J.H. Fairchild, clerk.

(Charge to Agency Account)



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December 15, 1884.

H.S. Huson, Esq. Engineer in Charge, Cascade Division, N.P.R.R.

Sir:

My farmer in charge of the Department herd at Hopnish Bridge informs me that on the 11th inst. the train ran over and killed a cow worth at least forty (\$40), said cow being the property of the Indian Department and branded I.D. Please inform me who I am to look to for redress, the Construction Department, or the Company, also the proper steps to be taken to secure payment for the property. Very respectfully, R.H. Milroy, U.S. Indian Agent.