

Buckboard.Milroy

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Wm. Lewis Esq. March 11 4
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Snipes and Allen

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Yakima March 29 4

Messrs Snipes and Allen, Yakima City

Gentlemen:

The grazing tax on your cattle is made by Department regulations payable in advance. Consequently the amount due for grazing your cattle from January 1st to June 30th as per the contract as extended is now due.

I should not have troubled you at this time were it not that the Department insists on the literal and exact fulfillment of all contracts made by its agents.

Please deposit five hundred (\$500) dollars therefore--the amount due to June 30th next either in Yakima or the Dalles as best suits your convenience, though I should prefer Yakima.

(Milroy)

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May 26 4

Messrs Snipes and Allen

Yakima City, Wash. Ter. Gentlemen

At a council held on the 17th instant the Indians agreed to a renewal of your contract for another year, on condition that the money

derived from the said grazing should be paid promptly quarterly, or semi annually, in advance and strictly devoted to the erection of Mill etc. In this connection I ask indulgence for again alluding to the amount now due for the current quarter. I should not do so were it not that I am embarrassed for want of the funds. The department has this year required me to carry on our Steam Saw Mill from miscellaneous receipts, Cla ss

class 2. The expenses of the mill will p 520
range from \$300 to \$380 per month. For the month of April I
had sufficient of this class of funds without depending on the amount
due from you, but for May and June I relied upon your \$500. The
last of May will soon be here and my men will be calling for their
money which I cannot pay unless you can help me out with the amount
due for this grazing tax.

I have explained the situation that you may understand the reason f
for my again calling for this tax. Of course I have funds in my hands
for other purposes but unless you can deposit the amount due from
you, I shall have none applicable to the expenses for the saw mill.
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Fort Sincove, W.T. June 2--4

J.B. Allen, Esq. U.S. Attorney W.T.

-Dear Sir:

Word has just been brought to me that Frank Taylor has effectually barred and obstructed by strong wire fences and otherwise all Indians from their two old fisheries on the Columbia River, secured to them by the 90th article of their treaty in the following words: viz: "as also the right of taking fish at all usual and accustomed places in common with citizens of the territory and erecting buildings for curing them." Said two fisheries are named by the Indians Sweecupusa and Wishum. The first named is about 5 1-2 miles above Rockland and the other a half mile further up. I wish you to take immediate steps to secure to the Indians of this agency their right to free access and use of said fisheries. p 523 as said right is of vital importance to a large portion of them who ... now and have from time immemorial have depended on fish as the principal means of subsistence. The white man wants fish to make money of.

The following are names of Ind witnesses to said obstruction: viz Lonie Simpson, Joe Talchun, Kathlamuck, Wm. Spedes, Stwire, Sam Squiah, Kitty Neachan, Wyneah, Watowash, Whisky Sam, Binson, Prockway and others.

The upper fishery, Wishum has been farmed out to a few Indians by Taylor for 1,000 bls of salmon 1-2 to last year and the other 1-2 this year. Said four Indians charge all other Indians each \$25 per annum for the privilege of taking fish there. The lower fishery Taylor holds for his own use, exclusively. Please attend to having these fisheries opened to my Indians as speedily as possible.

There is another old fishery called by Indians Eshmann about
threenile above Wishum also denied to the use of ~~by~~ Indians by white
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June 24th -4

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Food Plants of Northwest Indians

Lichens

Alectoria jubata, L., boiled with camas roots; permitted to ferment, rolled into balls and baked in ground pits.

Pteridophyta

Bracken, *pteridium aquilinum pubescens*, L., roots roasted; young sprouts used in soup.

Pinaceae

Great Silver Fir, *abies grandis*, L., cambium used for food.

Western Larch, *larix occidentalis*, L., exudation used as chewing gum.

Sugar Pine, *pinus lambertiana*, L., gummy exudation and large seeds eaten.

Typhaceae

Narrowleaf cattail, *typha angustifolia*, L., tender shoots, flowering ends and seeds eaten.

Poaceae

Giant Wild-Rye, *Elymus condensatus*, L., seeds used for food.

Cyperaceae

Tule, *scirpus acutus*, L., rootstocks eaten raw; seeds eaten for food; young shoots eaten in spring.

Liliaceae

Nodding Onion, *allium cernuum*, L., bulbs cooked.

Allium stellatum, L., bulbs eaten.

Glacierlily, *erythronium grandiflorum*, L., bulbs eaten.

Fritillaria lanceolata, L., eaten raw or dried for later use.

Hookera coronaria, L., eaten raw or roasted.

Lilium columbianum, L., eaten raw or cooked.

Common Camas, *quamasia ~~obovata~~* quamash, L., most widely used of all bulb foods, cooked in ground pits, dried, ground into flour for bread, eaten fresh and cooked with other foods.

Leichtlin Camas, *quamasia leichtlinii*, L-Prepared and used as other camas. (At least six different types of camas are used as food by Northwestern Indians.)

Betulaceae

California Hazel, *Corylus californica*, L-Nuts used for food.

Fagaceae

Giant Chinquapin, *castanopsis chrysophylla*, L-Nuts used for food.

Oregon Oak, *quercus garryana*, L-^acorns used for food.

Nyctaginaceae

Yellow Sandverberna, *abronia latifolia*, root L- Roots eaten for food.

Portulacaceae

Bitterroot, *lewisia rediviva*, L-Nutritious roots, forming an important diet, cooked fresh, dried and cooked, mixed with other foods and boiled and served with sugar.

Bitterroot, *lewisia columbiana* L and *lewisia* ^{pygmaea} ~~pygmaea~~, prepared and eaten as *lewisia rediviva*.

Berberidaceae

Oregon Hollygrape, *berberis aquifolium*, L-Berries eaten raw and for making drinks.

Grossulariaceae

Gooseberry, ~~Grossularia~~ *grossularia lobbi*, *grossularia nivea*, L-Berries eaten raw and cooked.

Golden Currant, *ribes aureum*, L-Berries eaten fresh or dried and made into cakes.

Rosaceae

Saskatoon, *amelanchier alnifolia*, L-Berries used fresh and dried, mixed with other food; tea made from dry leaves.

Strawberry, *fragaria californica* and *fragaria chiloensis*, L-Berries eaten fresh.

Oregon Crab, *malus fusca*, L-Fruit eaten raw or boiled, saved for winter

Silverweed, *potentilla anserina*, L-Roots eaten like sweetpotatoes.

Chokecherry, *prunus demissa*, ~~Eaten~~ L-Fruit eaten fresh or dried.

Cinnamon Rose, *rosa cinnamomea*, L-Shoots eaten in spring; fruit eaten later.

Bald-Hip Rose, *rosa gymnocarpa*, L-Fruit eaten, drink made from boiling stalks and leaves.

Raspberry, *rubus leucodermis* ~~and rubus saxatilis~~, L-Fruit eaten raw and preserved.

Blackcap, *rubus occidentalis*, L-Eaten raw or preserved.

Salmonberry, *rubus spectabilis*, L-Fruit eaten, young shoots ~~00001~~ peeled and eaten in spring.

Dewberry, *rubus vitifolius*, L-Fruit eaten fresh and dried.

~~Fabaceae~~ Fabaceae (Leguminosae)

Lupinus ~~luteolus~~ ~~0000000000~~ *littoralis*, L-Tapering roots roasted.

Clover, *trifolium*, L-Roots eaten, dried or smoked; plant roasted.

Giant Vetch, *vicia gigantea*, L-Seeds used for food.

~~Betaceae~~ Aceraceae

Boxelder, *acer negundo*, L-Used for seasoning, ~~particularly~~ especially sweetening.

Malvaceae

Poppy-Mallow, *callirhoe involucrata*, L-Roots eaten.

Apiaceae (Umbelliferae)

Angelica, *angelica*, L-Young sprouts boiled.

Celery, *celeri graveolens*, L-Eaten raw.

Cogswellia *cous*, L-Roots eaten when dug in the spring; dried and ground into flour.

Cogswellia *nudicaulis*, L-Green stems eaten in the spring.

Ericaceae

Huckleberry (Big Whortleberry) *vaccinium membranaceum*, L-

Berries eaten fresh or dried for winter; preserved.

^USchrophulariaceae

^P~~Pentstemon~~ confertus, L-^D~~Deciduous~~ Tea made by boiling dried stems and leaves.

^UCaprifoliaceae

Honeysuckle, *Lonicera involucrata*, L- fruit eaten fresh or dried and saved for winter.

Blueberry elder, *Sambucus carulea*, L-^BBerries eaten fresh, cooked or dried

^UAsteraceae (^Compositae)

^Agoseris villosa and antennaria, L- Solidified juice used as chewing gum.

Balsamorhiza incana, L- Roots used for food.

Arrowleaf balsamroot, *balsamorhiza sagittata*, L-^SStems and leaves boiled when young or eaten as salad; seeds roasted and ground into flour; roots eaten raw or cooked.

Sunflower, *Helianthus annuus*, L- Seeds eaten raw or roasted; ground into cakes as flour, stems peeled and eaten when tender.

Hawkweed, *hieracium*, L- Plant or coagulated milky juice used as chewing gum.

Yanovsky, ^Elias: Food plants of the ^UNorth American Indians
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