

March 12, 1856

Olympia, W.T.

Mgr. Administrator;

Everything makes us believe that you arrived in good health in Vancouver. Here things are almost as the day you left.

Last Sunday a man named Torrell came to ask to rent our house near the bridge. He had abandoned his claim situated six miles from Olympia on the road to Nesqually. He told us that he had seen many savages ready to shoot him. Happily enough a squirrel frightened at the sight of the savages made Torrell know the danger menacing him. The same man tells us that a month ago a savage by the name of Stiaie told him to abandon his claim in the country for the next moon, everything would be burned without exception. It is for this reason that Torrell came to Olympia. He is the father of eight children and all his future was in his claim and in his arms.

We also had the visit of Charles, brother of the chief of the Scadjets. He wanted to see us to make us know the heart of the Scadjets and others. They do not want to make war against the Americans. But they do not want to make war against the savages either. For all reason, they say, that the Americans must not need the help of the savages. It seems that the Tetes Coupees mangled bodies made sad impression on everyone.

What means all this, was asking a savage. To cut heads then put them at the top of pikes. No this cannot go with the knowledge that we have received. Since we have made our hearts good, we do not like this any more. We do not like either to see our wives, children, old people as well as persons who do not do any wrong be killed.

So are these great principles established among the savages who listen to the priest. There are cases among the savages as among other peoples where corruption triumphs. But the excitement passed the true principles regain their strength. The savages, hostile themselves, have understood the evil they did when massacring innocent people and the other savages did not forget to reproach them. But it was done. But now we leave

them get out of that as well as they can. Which we certainly would not ~~in~~ have done if they had not committed these first murders.

I am persuaded that the hostile savages did not have committed these crimes on innocent people many more other savages would have joined them to defend them ~~or~~ at least try and arrange a compromise with the Americans.

Charles has talked like a man of great intelligence and he was only giving the ideas ~~xxxxxxstandingx~~ in sentiments of other savages who did not take part in the war.

I am sending you a letter from Father Chirouze. I hope that you will find an occasion to send it to him. In some cause, not thought of, Father Chirouze cannot come to the Dalles and Vancouver I authorize you through this letter to take the \$600 that I have asked Mr. McTavish for Father Chirouze. With this sum you will pay what is owed to the storekeepers at the Dalles and the rest put at the disposition of Father Chirouze. Give my friendship to Dayard and receive yourself the sentiments, esteem and devotion with which your humble servant and friend,

P. Ricard, O.M.I.

To Brouillet, V.G. and Adm. of Diocese of Nez. Van. W.T.