Refer in reply to the following: L.

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, December 20, 1890.

W.L.Stabler, Esq.,

U.S. Indian Agent,

Yakama Agency,

Washington.

Sir:

I have received your communication wherein you state that a Yakama Indian by the name of Tom McKay holds a large herd of cattle upon the Yakama reservation under an arrangement with a white man, one Pleas Rounds; that McKay pretends to have acquired the cattle by purchase from Rounds, who in turn pretends to buy cattle from McKay from time to time as he needs them for butchering.

You report that the Indians have alleged fraud in these transactions, and have complained to you.

You will immediately look into this matter and report all the facts in connection therewith, for the more complete information of this office, specially stating all evidence in your possession relative to these alleged fraudulent transactions, and your reasons for believing that Rounds owns or has an interest in the cattle kept by McKay.

Very respectfully,

(Osborne)

Commissioner

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