

Wash'tn Suptcy. No. 5, Roll 19

Office Yakama Indian Agency

Fort Simcoe, W.T. August 10/70

Colonel:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of circular letter dated Office Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. June 1/70 in relation to Annual Reports.

This circular demands that the report shall be made out and submitted to the Superintendent, soon after the 1th of September to reach Washington not later than the 1th of October proximo. To enable the more remote agencies to comply herewith, it is conditioned that this report shall be made out previous to the 1 September. The Agency under my charge comes under this latter clause.

In regard to this I would respectfully represent that the Yakama Indians are mostly absent from their homes, they are this time of the year busy fishing at the fisheries contiguous to the Reservation, others are in the mountains gathering berries or at such places which afford them their nutritious roots, in short they are scattered, seeking part of their winter supply of subsistence and will not return to the Reservation ~~in less time than a month from now.~~ in less time than a month from now.

To make this report with any degree of accuracy while they are absent, is mostly impossible, and to follow them to their fishing berrying and root digging grounds would involve too much expense to the government, besides getting even then only a partial correct statement.

I respectfully ask to be informed whether I am permitted to delay making this report until the Indians have returned, or whether I must proceed at once to do so, collecting information from the few remaining here. But I assure you this will be very meager and not at all satisfactory. By the end of Sept. I may venture to promise to furnish your office a correct report.

I also have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of communication dated May 31/70 from the ~~same~~ office in reference to enumerating the tribes.

This duty , for the ~~same~~ reasons given above, can only be performed with accuracy this fall ~~when~~ when the Indians will be assembled in a body to receive their annuity goods. Please inform me also whether this duty may be delayed until then or whether it must be accomplished sooner.

.....I am col, very respectfully, your obedient servant

James M. Smith

1st lieut. U.S. Ind. Agent, W.T.

Col. Samuel Ross, U.S.A.

Indian Agent, W.T.

Olympia, W.T.

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Office Yakima Indian Agency, Fort Simcoe, W.T. September 22, 1870

Colonel:

After considerable labor I succeeded in completing the census of the Indians and others.

By this day's mail I return therefore to you the portfolio containing the census of the Indians on 2 sheets of 8 pages and of the white inhabitants here on 1 sheet of 1 page. These latter are exclusive of such as were either themselves or families already reported by asst. marshals at other places.

In compliance with instructions contained in the pamphlet governing these census duties I have the honor to make the following additional statement to wit:

The numerical strength of that portion of the Yakama nation which under the leadership of Kamiaiakun, the actual headchief, never resided on the reservation is about two hundredx souls. Their present whereabouts is even now imperfectly known.

The ~~Palouse~~ Palouses, also parties to the treaty, are not on the reservation and ~~therefore~~ consequently not included in this census. They live on the Palouse river, ~~anxiximaryx~~ tributary to the Snake, which empties into the Columbia a few miles above Wallula, W.T.

From all I can learn they number about two hundred and fifty souls.

The most of the Indians on this reservation are permanently located; cultivating such arable land as it contains or are engaged in stock raising, to which the greater part of the land is admirably adapted

Duplicates of this census I have kept on file in this office.

I am, Col. Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant.

James M. Smith,

1st Lt. U.S.A., Indian Agent W. T. To Colonel Samuel Cross, U.S. Army,

Supt. of Ind. Affairs, Olympia W.T.

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Office Yakama Ind. Agency

Fort Simcoe W.T. Nov. 20, 1871

Gen. T.J. McKenny

Supt. Ind. Affairs W.T.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that we have commenced our school numbering thirty six children. The children are boarded and clothed. To do this requires instructors and helpers in the School Department, more than is Strictly provided for in the Treaty.

The present school force of Supt. of Teaching at a salary of \$1000 and two teachers at \$1200 would leave from the appropriation \$1,000. I wait for your approval in employing Mrs. May Dyer as matron of the school at a compensation of five hundred per annum then we ~~would~~ should have five hundred dollars to use for the benefit of the school.

I am anxious to make a strong and successful effort for the children of this nation. Nothing can (under God) do for the Indians elevating from the darkness of heathenism to the light and life of civilization, what can be done in taking the children and properly instructing and governing them; here is hope & salvation for the Indian race. You will see that I have recommended less salary for the teachers than they had formerly when currency was worth only 50 cents on the dollar that I might make the whole thing a success with the appropriation of \$3,200. I should be much pleased to have you here to look in upon our school and all the Departments of the Agency. Hoping the time may come when you will be able to see us here, I am sir, your obedient servant, James H. Wilbur, U.S. Ind. Agent, W.T.

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Yakama Indian Agency

Port Simcoe , W.T. August 27, 69

Col:

I am sorry that I cannot return to Olympia as you requested. I am sick with chills and fever and am not able to perform the journey. I herewith enclose the incormation you desired.

I remain col

Yours very respectfully

J.M. Smith, Lieut. U.S.A.

U.S.A. Ind. Ag nt

Col. Samuel Ross, U.S.A.

Supt. Ind. Affairs,

Wash. Ter'y.

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Rec. Sept. 11th

Fort Simcoe, W.T. Sept 7th, 1869

Col. Samuel Ross,

Supt. of Ind. Affairs

Sir.

Mr. Wilbur informs me that he will be in readiness to turn over the papers and property of this Agency about the 14th inst.

Although I am not yet in charge, I desire to call your attention to several things that cannot well be delayed. I am told by those living here that the snow commences to fall upon the mountains between here and Dalles (the point from which supplies must be hauled) about the middle of October. It is customary to subsist employees at this agency, and articles issued for subsistence will be entirely out at the close of this month. It is very important that I have funds at an early day so that I can make the necessary purchases for the subsistence of employees and material for the shops. It will be necessary to lay in supplies for nine months. When you send me funds, please see (say ?) if I shall undertake to advertise etc. before making purchases. I ought not to delay purchasing, later than the 10th day of October next.

I notice that the appropriations for the "Yakima Nation" for the year ending June 30th, 1870, is as follows: for the employment of one supt. of teaching and two teachers, \$3,200 dollars.

There is no Indian school in operation at this time. It has been the plan in conducting the school to employ one supt. of teaching at a salary of 1000 dollars ; and two teachers at 1800 each (one of the teachers being employed in giving instruction in the school room and the other employed in cutting out garments and assisting the girls to make them) and one matron having charge of the boarding ~~school~~

department--the scholars being fed and clothed. The whole amount appropriated was used for the pay of the above mentioned employes, their subsistence having to come out of some other funds. When you write please say if a school shall be conducted upon that plan.

The appropriation for the pay of one Supt. of farms, two farmers, two millers, 1 carpenter, 1 plow and wagon maker, two blacksmiths, 1 tinner and 1 gunsmith is \$7,500.

The amount necessary to employ the above force of eleven men is as follows. Supt. of farms \$1,000; two farmers at 800 each; \$1600; 1 miller at \$1,000 and one at \$800--\$1800; 1 carpenter, \$1000; 1 plow and wagon maker \$1,000; 1 blacksmith at \$1000 and one at \$800; 1 tinner \$1,000 and 1 gunsmith \$1,000; total \$10,200. Good men cannot be employed for less than the foregoing amounts. For the subsistence of the same at 120 dollars each would require \$1320. You will see at once that I cannot employ a full force of men under this head of appropriation.

The following employes are necessary and indispensable viz:

1 supt of farms \$1,000, subsistence \$120; 1 plow and wagon maker \$1,000, subsistence \$120; 1 blacksmith \$1,000, subsistence \$120; 1 gunsmith \$1,000, subsistence \$120; 1 miller \$1,000, subsistence \$120; y Indian employes in lieu of the two farmers at \$1 per day \$2,1600, subsistence \$720, total for pay \$7,160, total for subsistence \$1320, total for pay and subsistence \$8,480.

I cannot employ a larger force than the above, is so, what mechanics and out of what funds shall I pay them.

Taking the whole together, six Indians were employed during the year as teamsters, farm hands, cutting and hauling wood, herding cattle etc. I suppose it would be impossible to get along with a smaller force of Indian employes.

The expenses of this agency for the year 1868 , for transportation, traveling expense of Agent, office, furniture, etc. was near \$1000 dollars and the proper fund out of which to pay is the incidental fund. The clerk being paid out of this fund \$1,000 requires the sum of \$2,000 under this head.

Please be as liberal as you can in this fund. The incidental as the expenses are necessarily heavy.

I am sir, very respectfully

J.M. Smith

1st Lieut U.S.A. U.S. Ind. Agent.

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Office Yakama Ind. Agency

Fort Simcoe, W.T., Sept. 30th, 1869

Bvt. Colonel Samuel Ross, U.S. Army

Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Olympia W.T.

Sir:

In compliance with the requirements of the Indian Department I have the honor to submit the following report for the fractional quarter ending Sept. 30th, 1869. I take great pleasure in bearing testimony to the uniform good conduct of the Indians of this agency since I have been among them. They seem to cherish the most kindly feelings towards the whites, and are very friendly with the different tribes of Indians in the neighborhood of the reservation.

As a general thing the Indians enjoy good health, they are well clothed and abundantly supplied with subsistence. Most of the Indians manifest a strong desire and a determination to subsist themselves as much as possible by the cultivation of their lands. A good number of the more ambitious ones have at different times during the past year been engaged in getting in sawlogs to the saw mill, the lumber to be used in making dwelling houses, outhouses etc. I would call attention to the fact that the horses and mules on this reservation have become almost useless from old age, some of them have been in the service for a number of years.

Hoping that the above will meet your approbation, I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

James M. Smith, 1st Lieut U.S.A. Ind. Agent W.T.

Yakima Indian Agency, Statement of persons employed during the fractional quarter commencing Sept 13th and ending Sept 30, 1869
William Wright, clerk, appointed Fort Simcoe, Delaware (born) commencement of service, June 1st, 1867, salary \$1,400.

Samuel Wilson, physician, employed, Portland, Ogn; where born, Ohio; commencement of service, Nov. 20th, 1867, salary, \$1,400.

B.F. Dozier, blacksmith, whence appointed, Dalles, Ogn; where born, Missouri; commencement of service, Nov. 12th, 1867, salary \$1,000.

Waters Carman, miller, whence appointed, Oswego, Ogn; where born, Illinois; commencement of service, Oct 27, 1862; salary \$1000.

F.C. Prasp, gunsmith; whence appointed, Dalles, Ogn; where born, Germany; commencement of service, Oct 1st, 1864; salary \$1,000.

J.B. Dickerson, carpenter; whence appointed, Dalles; where born, Illinois; commencement of service, June 8th, 1868; salary \$1000.

C.R. (or S.R.) Welch, plow and wagon maker; whence appointed, Dalles; where born, New York; commencement of service, Sept 15th, 1869.

Joe Stwire (Ind) head chief; elected, Dec 26th, 1867; commencement of service, Jan. 1st, 1868, salary \$500.

Thomas Pearne, interpreter; commencement of service Jan 1st, 1869; salary \$500.

Moses, herder; commencement of service, Oct. 1868, salary \$30.

Peter Snelling, farm hand, commencement of service Sept 15th, 1869, \$30; Henry, farm hand, commencement of Service Sept 15th, 1869, \$30.

F. Tohotowit, farm hand, commencement of service, Sept. 16th, 1869, salary \$30.

Peter Clickatat, farm hand, commencement of service Sept 14th, 1869; salary \$30.

David Boon, teamster, commencement, Sept. 13th, 1869, salary \$30.

Attanam Yakima Valley W.T.

Jan. 20th, 1870

Lt. J.M. Smith, U.S.A., Indian Agent Simcoe Reservation

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that I offer my services as Superintendent and teacher of the schools of the Simcoe Reservation, pledging myself, if accepted, to fulfill all the conditions specified in the Indian treaty. The matron for the girls school will be some Sister of Charity. Their well known devotion to the education of young females and their spirit of self sacrifice enable me to say that their school will be a success.

As for myself, having lived nearly three years among the Simcoe Indians and mastered the Klickitat and Yakima dialects and being on that account quite popular among the Indians, I flatter myself am convinced that they will be more willing to send their children to school than they have done until now, and that consequently the work of civilizing them will be greatly facilitated.

Hoping to receive a favorable answer, I remain with much respect

Your obedient servant

E.H. St. Onge, R.C. ??

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Office Yakama Indian Agency

Fort Simcoe, W.T.

April 30th, 1870

Col. Samuel Ross, U.S.A. Supt. Indian Affairs W.T.

Olympia, W.T.

Sir:

I respectfully call your attention to an evident missprint in the laws governing this agency as regards employees. These authorize the services of a tanner, whereas the Treaty stipulations as evidenced by the copy in this office demand the employment of a tinner.

I have therefore substituted the latter for the former as seen from my ~~anxxx~~ accounts, and I call your attention to the fact that it may not be presumed as being a mistake made in this office.

I am Colonel

Very respectfully

James M. Smith, 1st lieut. U.S.A. Indian
Agent.

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Office Yakama Ind. Agency

Fort Simcoe, W.T. May 17, 1870

Colonel:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with your instructions under date of 2d inst. I have continued in charge of this agency.

The timely arrival here of the information that Lieut. Ham was relieved from Indian duty prevented the transfer of property and moneys although being nominally in charge here since April 20 and invoices and receipts having been exchanged, but the latter were not yet signed. Hence no interruption has taken place in my paper accountability.

I am Colonel, very respectfully

Your obt. svt.

James M. Smith Lt. U.S.A. Ind. Agent W.T.

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Office Yakama Ind. Agency

Fort Simcoe, W.T. May 30, 1870

Colonel:

I have the honor to report that Mr. Wilbur arrived at this place this day and presented to me a communication addressed to him by the Hon E.L. Parker, commissioner of Indian Affairs, which re-instates him as agent at this agency.

As I have no corresponding official instructions on this subject, either direct from the commissioner of Ind. Affairs or from your office and the last order to turn over property and money to Lieut. Ford instead of Lieut Wham not having been revoked, I have been constrained from recognizing Mr. Wilbur as the person to whom I should transfer my authority and the public property under my charge until instructions can be received from you.

Mr. Wilbur has concluded to return to Portland until further intelligence can be received. I therefore respectfully ask to be advised in this subject.

I am colonel, very respectfully, your obd. serv.

James M. Smith, Lieut, U.S. Army and Indian Agent W.T.

Col. James Ross, U.S.A. Supt. of Indian Affairs, W.T., Olympia

W.T.

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Portland, Oregon, June 24th, 1870

Rev. C.A. Huntington

Dear Bro.:

You requested me to send you some affidavits. I have procured some & think I shall procure more and if you can make them servicable to the cause of truth and righteousness you are at liberty to send copies of them forward. I retain the original. I would not say much about them here. Let them talk at Washington. I think it would appear better to have them go forward in the hand writing of some other than mine. This you will observe is my taste.

I shall be glad to hear from you often.

Yours Truly

James H. Wilbur.

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[The Mountaineer, Dalles, $\frac{1}{2}$

The United States, to all whom it may concern. Office Superintendent of Indian affairs, Olympia, W.T. July 5, 1870.

Understanding that persons living in the vicinity of the Yakima Indian Reservation have been in the habit of trading with the Indians, buying their stock, lumber and farm products and grazing stock upon the Reservation without authority from this office or from the Agent in charge; and also that just payment for lumber for stock, for ~~products~~ produce and for grazing has not in all cases been made to the Indians or to the Agent in charge of the Indians.

Therefore, all persons are hereby notified--

1st-That all purchase of stock, of lumber or farm products from Indians must be made at the Agency at Fort Simcoe, in presence of, and only by authority from the Agent, and payment made in his presence.

2nd-Grazing of stock must be authorized by the Agent and paid for on contract previously made between the owner and the Agent.

3rd-Owners of stock heretofore grazed and not paid for are hereby notified that they must make immediate payment to the Agent at Fort Simcoe at the rate of fifty cents per head, in coin, for each and every half year's grazing or winter onhay taken from the Reservation. This ~~prerogative~~ notice is particularly intended for one J.B. Dickerson and others, who have lately driven their stock off without making payment. In default of immediate payment Indians will be sent to recover the stock, drive the same back and sell enough to pay charges.

4th-No person is privileged to in respect to the enforcement of the foregoing rules on any account whatever. Employees will not be allowed to keep surplus stock on the Reservation or to speculate in the purchase or sale of stock or any other article raised or owned by Indians.

5th-The days of payment for grazing and for wintering stock are fixed as follows:

For grazing on or before June 30~~th~~ 30th of each year, for wintering on or before December 31st of each year. These payments may be deferred by giving satisfactory security to the Agent. All persons now in default owning stock on the Reservation will please make immediate payment to the Agent at Fort Simcoe, otherwise cattle sufficient to settle the account will be sold ~~the~~ to the highest bidder.

6th-No authority or permission from any one to graze cattle without payment will be recognized or considered as binding. No officer or person in the Indian Department has the power or right to grant any such authority or permission.

7th-At the before mentioned rates any number of cattle can be accommodated with excellent grazing

Attention is invited to the laws and punishments provided by Act of Congress on the foregoing subject.

Samuel Ross

Adj. Col. U.S.A. Superintendent

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Copy

Portland, Oregon, July 9, 1870

E.S. Parker, Com.

I have not taken charge of the Yakima Indian reserve. I cannot have choice of my employees. It is useless for me to go into the service unless I can have good men.

James H. Wilbur,

U.S. Ind. Agent

Wash'tn Suptcy. No. 5, Roll 19

Copy

Portland, Oregon, July 19, 1870

Col. Samuel Ross, Supt. Ind. Affairs, U.T.

Sir:

On the last of June, 1870 I had conversation with you here in regard to taking charge of the Yakama Indian Agency stating to you that I had a suit in the ~~Cxxx~~ circuit court then in session in this city, involving quite a large amount of money, and that I was detained/ here as a witness in another important suit.

So it made it about impossible for me to go immediately to and take charge of said reservation. You determined to go and make a visit ^{as} there and arrange things in your wisdom you ~~xxxxx~~ should see ~~fit~~ best for the time being and would return here and consummate the arrangement for me to take ~~xxxxxx~~ charge of said reservation.

After waiting until I supposed it was time for you to return here according to the agreement between us, I made inquiry in relation to you and to my astonishment I found you had returned to Portland and left without fulfilling the engagement made with me above alluded to. Now Sir: I am puzzled to understand your words spoken and your subsequent action and make words and actions harmonize. I am slow to believe evil and deception of a man until the evidence will justify such belief---"hat explanation have you to make.

Have you ordered Lieut. J.W. Smith to turn over the Agency to me, and if so, when can I have charge and assume my duties according to the commissioner's instructions in his letter dated Washington, April 22, 1870 and another communication from him about the 23rd of June ordering me to proceed immediately take charge."

I ask again, have you so ordered Smith. I wait for an answer to the above inquiries expecting you will treat me as a subordinate yet kindly and gentlemanly. I remain, sir, yours truly

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Ind. Agent, W.T.

Signed.

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Yakima Indian Agency, W.T.

Labor report for the month of July, 1870

Making and painting pailing fence at the Agency.

Repairing farming implements.

Making and painting one door and frame.

Makine one table and three coffins.

Repairing house

The above report embraces all the work performed during the time mentioned.

H. D. Merwin,

Carpenter