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Dear Jack:

Holding my breath about the Col. Wright topographical memoir, which has map of his Indian campaign which washed up the Yakima Indian war, map showing placement of troops at the Battle of Four Lakes etc.

I strongly suspect that my "competitor" the Huntington Gallery saw it the afternoon I phoned and put in strong bid for it. I put check in the mail the day before and telephoned dealer to say it was in the mail and he said "I was lucky, it was there" with most of other stuff because he sent catalogue out earlier to distant points.

I impressed on him how important it was I obtain this article and insinuated, since I'm in that position with him, that if I didn't get it he might as well take me off his mailing list!

It would give you (us, we) everything you would need on eventual Indian war deal aside from material I have, and is pretty much regional for you. The Wright item is practically unknown and while I've been advertising for it, there have been no nibbles. It's the first one the dealer has seen and at that only got it through the old Northwest collection of Louis McArthur.

The dealer thought that the Huntington Library man had grabbed onto another item I wanted badly, Brig. Gen. Harney's 269 pp report on the Indian wars, treaties with the Coeur d'Alenes, Nez Perces, Spokanes etc., a document., and had grabbed onto the Cram topographical memoir, 1859 document of Oregon and Washington, 126 pps. Though no maps were listed and Cram was a map maker and made maps of the entire region at that time. Huntington man was there early and worked through part of the collection and was coming back, then through my "Indian power" I decided to phone.

So, keep your fingers crossed, since I've been after the Wright Report for about 10 years.

regards

*Bill*