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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON, May 20th, 1882.

James H. Wilbur Esq.
U.S. Indian Agent,
Yakama Agency W.T.

Sir:-

Your monthly report for April has been recieved, and I desire to express to you, and through you to the Pollites, at a favorable opportunity, the gratification of this office at the report of their industry and progress in the home selected for them on your reservation and the hope they may not "weary in well doing", but show to those around them, and all who come in contact with them, that they are determined to settle down

to the work of making comfortable homes for themselves and their children. What they have done only shows that they can, under judicious guidance, very soon become self-supporting, and in the not very remote future, become an example worthy of imitation by other Indians. Say to them that this office expects them to look to you for counsel and advice and to no one else, and that if mischievous persons (no matter what their profession or calling may be) advise them otherwise; it is their duty to report the fact to you, so that you may take steps to prevent them from being misled.

Very respectfully
E S Stevens
Acting Commissioner.

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