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York Trader

Yakina Indian

Fort Simcoe W.T. July 18 1

Mr. York

Dear Sir:

I am informed you are bringing goods and supplies on to this agency and selling them to the Indians--In conversation with you some time ago I told you it was not in accordance with the law of the Reservation. Any man trading with the Indians in a reserve not having a license is liable to a fine of five hundred dollars and to have his property confiscated. I give you this information that you may save yourself trouble in the future.

Yours Truly

James H. W. Lbur

U.S. Indian Agent

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Yakima, Fort Simcoe, August 16, 81

Mr. Taylor

Near Rockland, W.T.

Sir: Joe Stwire on his return from the Dalles informs me that you requested that one Piute man and one woman might remain in your employ. I regret that I cannot comply with your request. Under the circumstances in which the Piutes were located here I think it highly important that all are collected on the reservation this winter.

Respectfully yours

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Indian agent

By J.H.F.

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Yakima, Oct. 26 1

A. Chapman, Esq.

Sir: I am in receipt of your reply to my note of yesterday asking the reason of your presence on this Reservation in which you allege that you are acting under orders from Gen. McDowell, U.S.A. commanding, Div of Pacific directing you to ascertain the feelings of the Piutes located here relative to a return to Malheur Reservation and to escort such as wish to return to the Columbia River a000a etc. In reply I have to say that I have no instructions from the Hon Commissioner of Affairs contemplating such return, but on the contrary my latest orders from the Hon Secretary of the Interior are to hold them here. Under these circumstances it is my duty to caution you in any communication you may have with them to hold out no pg 93

inducements not certain to be fulfilled. As any communication which holds out a possible prospect of their early return will have a tendency to unsettle their minds should the department finally conclude to hold them here. You are requested to hold out no positive prospect to them till the wishes of the Department are definitely known.

My only object in this is to take no steps not fully sanctioned by the Indian Department and not to place obstruction in the way of the execution of your orders.

Respectfully yours

U.S. Indian Agent

Piutes

Chapman

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Yakima Agency, Oct 27, 1881

Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C.

Interpreter Chapman is here with orders from the Commanding General of Department to escort Piutes to Dalles on return to their country. Under excitement nearly all will go. Instructions asked for immediately. Important.

Wilbur-Agent

Horses

Andrew McDonald

Ynaco

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Andrew McDonald Esq.

Yakima River

Sir:

I am informed that Mr. Samuel Foster has lately sent you 25 Indian horses which he had purchased from an Indian belonging to this Reservation. Said horses have been stolen. They belong to an Indian named Ynaco, as is well known, and must be delivered to the real owner.

Respectfully

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Indian Agent.

Fruit Trees

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Yakima, March 16 , 81

John Foster Esq.

Yakima City Sir:

Please inform me what is your lowest price for different kinds of fruit trees. We shall probably need from ~~one~~ four to five hundred trees of all varieties. Several propositions have been made to furnish fruit trees for this agency but I would prefer buying at home if I can get them on equally favorable terms.

Very Respectfully

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Indian Agent

P.S. Please inform me immediately

Horses--Allen

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Yakima March 22d 1

J.S. Allen Esq.

Stwire's place, Simcoe Reservation

Sir:

There has been considerable complaints by Indians that you are not paying the prices for horses that you promised.

As I was not present at the time you and Mr. Wilbur talked the matter over I am unable to judge on that point, but I must say that the rates the Indians report you are paying are ridiculously low.

Mr. Wilbur will ~~probably~~ probably be here tonight or tomorrow when I shall report the matter to him, and in the mean time must say that you must conform to the agreement made with him.

Very respectfully yours

J.H. Fairchild, clerk and asst. agent.

Yakima, May 8, 1883

B.G. Bogue, Esq. Principal Engineer

Pacific Division N.P.R.R. Portland, Ore.

Sir:

Some days since I received notice that a band of horses in charge of a white man were being herded on this reservation without authority. I immediately dispatched my Indian police to seize the horses and arrest the white man. Last evening he was brought before me. He stated that his ^{name} ~~man~~ was Wm. McAuliff, that ~~the~~ herd he had been watching was twenty-four (24) pack horses belonging to the N.P.R.R. and were now under your immediate charge; that said horses were wintered on this reservation, and from Feb. 7th to April 5 were fed from hay purchased by the N.P.R.R. from one Kingsbury p 380

that since April 5 said horses had been pastured on the reservation.

It appearing from the examination of McAuliff that he was acting under orders from superior authority without any evil intent (he stated that he was employed by the NPRR Co) and that he supposed he was lawfully on the Reservation, I have released him. The horses have been placed in charge of my police, and will be held a reasonable time for the payment of a just grazing tax and expense. If no settlement is made, I shall, after I deem a reasonable time has elapsed, cause said horses to be disposed of for the benefit of the Indians of this Reservation; unless it shall be satisfactorily shown that said animals were on the Reservation by competent authority.

Respectfully

R.H. Milroy U.S. Ind. Agent

Snipes

Cattle-grazing

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Yakima, May 26, 3

Ben E. Snipes Esq.

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The Dalles, Or.

Sir:

Enclosed please find bill for pasturage for the year ending June 30th, 1883, also voucher and invoice for cattle killed during the current fiscal year. Please sign voucher and invoice and mail in the addressed envelope herewith.

The balance of \$917 please deposit to my credit with the First Nat. Bank of Yakima, or if that is inconvenient, with French & Co at The Dalles.

I suppose you are aware

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that your contract at this agency expires June 30th, 1886.

There is much opposition to the renewal of the contract--that is--should you desire to do so. Any steps you may wish to take in the matter should be taken immediately

Very respectfully

R.H. Milroy U.S. Indian Agent

Tumwater Fishery

Taylor

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Yakima Fort Simcoe, Dec. 15th 1

Frank P. Taylor, Esq.

Rockland, W.T. Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 9th inst came to hand last mail. I have had considerable correspondence with the Department relative to the Tumwater fishery and recommended the purchase of the land claim on which it is situated.

Just before your letter reached me I received a letter from the Department, a copy of which I enclose. From this you will learn the present situation of affairs.

Respectfully

U.S. Indian Agent

Letter from Commission

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Nov 14th 1881.