

Ricard

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Olympia, Wash. B

Mgr. Administrator:

Your two letters of February 11th and 18 arrived at the same time in the last mail. I regret very much that Father Chirouze has not received either your letter or mine. I wrote him not to think of building again on the land not shaken by earthquake but by war. But neither me nor the Fathers have thought of leaving the poor savages (baptized) Our Fathers will do as best they can while waiting for peace. What has been told us by Mr. Palmer and the col. must reassure us of the position and the needs of our Fathers and savages remaining faithful. And as the volunteers have destroyed everything it is just enough that the Gov. should have fed them and supply them with shelter.

One or two days before leaving the Dalles Father ~~Ricard~~ Richard profiting of an occasion made known to me the reason for his journey.

He did not know at the time how big would the sum be which he would owe to Mr. Sims. But he said that it would be around \$200. I wrote then to Mr. McTavish asking him kindly to pay to Mr. Sims the sum above mentioned and Mr. Tavish answered me Nov. 19 that he had himself written to Mr. Sims and that he would pay what our Fathers owed at the Dalles. Moreover he offered me credit of \$500 to provide us in our needs in which we find our selves. You can therefore see that I have done my duty.

Father Richard was telling me that Mr. Sims was giving them credit for six months. But I do not trust that is why I hurried to write Mr. McTavish. I understand that our Fathers have to undergo privations but when writing to Father Chirouze I told him what we would do. All sacrifice possible to come to their help. But as this same Father was writing me that he would come as soon as the season would permit him, we are waiting every day for his arrival. When he will be here we will see more easily what there is to be done and as Father Chirouze must come I do not see the necessity to send someone from here to finish the affairs. For as I just said, the credit that Mr. McTavish is disposed to give us would be \$700. We did not take anything in Nesqually so

that I can use all the credit for our Fathers. But I want to have at least \$100 for Father Pandosy and Father Dieuer. Now Father Chirouze owes \$300 to the Dalles, he will have only three hundred left. If Father Chirouze would arrive at your place and find it urgent to send something at once to help Father Richard, have the bounty of letting Mr. McTavish know what I am writing you and that he send me checks that I will sign on Mr. Tempier, my ~~correspondent~~ correspondant in Marcaies and he will be able to advance to Father Chirouze the sum of \$500 with which Father will pay what he owes and supply his needs.

By what Father Richard tells me they do not have wine to say Mass even on Sundays. If you have the occasion of sending them one or two bottles you would do a very good act. Nothing new here. Wiley, the pioneers, has promised to publicize the speeches, at least Mr. Crosby's speech against the bill. I do not know if he will do it this week or next.

Receive with my esteem and high consideration with which your stay your all devoted servant and friends (sic)

F. Ricard O.M.I.

P.S.-If Father Chirouze asks you to buy him something and that through a favor or other, you could send him what he asks for take the money or the \$500 to pay what you will send and what is owed to the Dalles. I cannot do anything more for now. I am writing to Mr. McTavish for the same thing.