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Fort Dalles, O.T. May 26th, 1855

His Excellency, Isaac I. Stevens

Dear Sir: Your favor of the 24th instant was delivered by Pearson (sic) this evening about six o'clock. With it came your letters for Messrs Stevens, Act. Gov. Mason, Genl. Wool, Col. Simmons, Capt. Cain and the comdy. officer of this post. The last found me in command. Your requests in relation to the letters will be attended to; your wishes in regard to Lieut. Gracie will be realized. We send on Monday with Maj. John Owens, seven days rations for his command; he is instructed in case a contingency should arise which might require his presence in the Cayuse country for a longer time than he may have rations for his men to report the occasion of it and send estimates of supplies. I am glad to hear that you have hopes of effecting a good treaty. I wish you success!

The San Francisco steamer had not arrived at Portland on Tuesday last when the Steamer, Belle left there. We expect that she made her usual Friday trip, and we will get the States' mail sometime during the night, if so I will send by Pearson the latest papers. Should Pearson leave without papers I will certainly forward some by the first opportunity.

Esq. Evenly informed me yesterday that Tow-wat-ie's son was seen here, and is probably still in the vicinity. I have noticed that there ~~is~~ are a great many strange Indians about the villages--Cayuses, and Umatillas. I have made an effort to get a sight of this rascal without ~~making~~ awakening suspicions among the Indians, but have failed.

Midnight--the steamer came in while writing. Have not had time to look over the newspapers. Have received orders to conduct over one hundred men to the Snake country to leave if possible ~~soon~~ about

the middle of June. Genl Wool came up in the steamer, reviewed the troops at Vancouver and returned in the same steamer. I learnt that he was pleased that Maj. Rains had sent the escort up. Capt. Augur is ordered up to this post to command during my absence.

I write in haste--send you and others some newspapers--be pleased to give my respects to Genl. Palmer, Messrs Thompson, Olney, Doty, Dr. Landsdale and, believe me,

Yours truly.

G.O. Haller.

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Head Qrs. Fort Dalles, O.T. May 26, 1855

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to receive, this evening, your letter of the 25th instant requesting that Lieutl Gracie be authorized to remain at the Council Ground until the Treaty is concluded.

In conformity with your wishes, Lieut. Gracie has been advised that so much of post orders as required his return by the 4th of June has been suspended and he will "be governed" by a consideration of the interests of the government, and return to this post at the earliest practicable moment etc."

I am gentlemen, very respectfully

Your obedt. Servant

G.O. Haller,

Capt. 4th Infy. 7 Bvt. Maj.

Comdy. post

His excellency, Gov. Isaac I. Stevens,

Supt. of Ind. Affairs W.T. & Comm

Hon. Joel Palmer

Supt. of Indian Affairs O.T.

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Would be glad to have the post of chief carpenter at the Cammass lake reservation. As to my skill as a mechanic I will refer you to Maj. G.O. Haller, U.S. A. Capt. David Russell, USA, Lieuts. St. Clair ~~D~~ Dearing, Turner, Alexander ~~xx~~ Piper and John Day of the U.S. A. particularly to Lieut. B.O. Forsyth, late A.A. QM U.S.A. Fort Dalles, O.T.

As to my politics I am a "rock bottom democrat died in the wool (Not Gen. "ool tho by the way.)

Allow me to say in conclusion that I am exceedingly anxious for a post of the kind above alluded to and if you can give it to me you will ever have the thanks of

Yours truly

Joseph Gier Jr.

P.S. I will also refer you to Col. B.F. Shaw of the U.S. MR of V (?)

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Sept 12, 1855, Spokane River

Sir:

You had desired our going to meet you at the treaty but we can not go on account of the Salmon wich is coming up now and we are laying up our winter supply as that is our only resource for living. We think we cannot do without it as for as we are for peace and does not make anny difference about our not going to meet you for we all want to remain quiette and peacefull. the Coeur delleinnes have all left but one chief for the buffalo coun ry and my people are going also as oon as salmon is over. I have heard that the Nez Perce were talking wwar that makes me uneasy and much for my part I don't like to see them take up arms for they will gain nothing by it . I have heard that you had talk hard about us by Indians but I don't believe it but I think it is all the Yakements doing to get us to join them but I don't believe it for they wane me to go to war by all means but I would rather be good. But I much rather be quiette but I expect you to have more confidence in me than that, and hope that you will not believe anny of them storys for I know that you know to much to give credit to such idle talk when we next meet we can have a good understanding together for I will keep nothing ffrom you and expect the same from you. So I remain very respectfully, yours

Gary

P.S. Sir I have heard that you had said that the first time you would see me you were going to cut my balls out, but I should not like it much and my old woman much less

Gary.

To his excellency Governor Stephens (sic)

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The United States. On account of contingent expenses (Indian dep't)
of Washington Terr'y. to Umpqua Gazette
Date 1855. For publishing notice of Treaty with the Yakima Indians
from July 19th to September 19, 1855, inclusive being 2 months
10 squares at \$2.50 per mo. each square. For publishing notice of joint
Treaty with Nez Perce Walla Walla, Cayuse and Umatilla Indians from
July 19th to August 28, 1855 inclusive being 1 1/2 months 9 squares
at \$2.50 per ~~square~~ month the square, one half chargeable to the
Washington Superintendency the other to the Oregon Superintendency,
\$33.75

[Yakima..opposite that in lines, ruled off \$50. Opposite
other treaty \$16.87)
\$66.87

Isaac I. Stevens. Boyd Blakely, \$66.07 . Duplication . I certified
on honor that the above account is correct and just; that I have
actually , this --- day of -- 185--- paid the amount thereof.

Voucher No- (blank) Abstract: Or. 18 --blank. ~~Appr~~Appropriation
for contingencies Ind. Department W.T.

...By an express provision of the treaty the country embraced in the cession and included in the reservation is opened to settlements excepting that the Indians are secured in the possession of their buildings and improvements until removed to the reservation.

This notice is published for the information of the public and the ~~xxx~~ attention of citizens proposing to locate claims upon the ceded territory, is especially called to the above provision, and for further information they are requested to apply to sub-agent A.J. Bolon

Isaac I. Stevens

Gov. and Sup't Ind'n

Affairs, W.T. July 26, 1855

10:6 m

[except from second page of notice published in Umpquah Gazette.]

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Olympia, Oct. 3, 1855

My Dear Major

Crosbie and Pierson returned here last evening. Pierson had been in previously with your letter and I had sent him back to Vancouver with a requisition upon Maj. Rains for troops to be sent into the Yakama country. I regret to inform you that these Indians have behaved most shamefully. Straggling parties of mine s have been cut off by them to the extent as far as we can judge or some twelve or fifteen. Five are known to have been killed. Immediately upon receipt of positive information I made a requisition upon the commanding officer of Fort Steilacoom for a detachment of men and also sent Pierson to Fort Vancouver with a similar requisition. Both were at once complied with. Slaughter started from Steilacom with 40 soldiers and packers in all fifty strong on Friday (Sept. 28) and a command left the Dalles either on Monday or Tuesday, Oct. 1 or 2 to go up the Yakima Valley to cooperate with him. This last command consists of 84 soldiers and packers, probably 100 strong all mounted. This will give about 150 men in the field, ample enough I should think to do all that can be done.

The positive information in this matter was brought in by a miner from Seattle, two of whose party were shot dead from ambush on the eastern side of the Cascades. The ~~remainder~~ remainder three in number then escaped into Seattle-the two who were killed were a little in advance of the other three, which last heard the shots but thought nothing of it until in a few minutes they came upon the dead bodies of their comrades. Seeing that they were dead the survivors immediately retraced their steps. In addition to these two ~~men~~ our townsman Mattice has been murdered by two Indians of the Isle de Pierre band. A son of Owhi is implicated in all these transactions. Beyond these

three the Indians report others to be murdered to the extent above mentioned.

There has been a general scare throughout this county and Pierce. I have been with the soldiers for the past ten days. ~~before~~ Day before yesterday a report came that Indians were collecting on "Muck" prairie. I immediately went out in company with Fitzhugh and ~~Majors~~ ^{Nugen} ~~Amigen~~ (?) Steilacoom, but found the whole story to be utterly without foundation. Tomorrow ~~will~~ ^{will} Nugen and myself start with 15 soldiers for white river chiefly to allay the fears of the settlers. I have no one ~~belonging~~ to the Indian department with me. Simmons is down the Sound attending upon the courts. Shaw has gone to Portland with Capt. Cain. I have allowed Cushman to accompany Slaughter across the ~~mountain range~~ Cascades. In view of all these circumstances in case of ... I shall appoint Judge Ford as special agent until matters get quiet. I have no concern for our safety west of the Cascades and I place great confidence in Slaughter. You may rest assured of one thing that if Slaughter gets a chance he will punish those Indians severely.

Besides what I have above stated there is nothing new here. Explorations have been made from Seattle through the Cascade mountains and two good passes have been found, the Snoqualmie and another. Time prevents my sending you full details but I assuredly will by the next express.

Your family are all in perfect health. In another communication I shall refer to financial matters. With my kindest regards to Doty, Adams etc. I remain as ever.

Yours Truly C.H. Mason

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Seattle, March 3rd, 1856

Gov. I.I. Stevens, Supt. Ind Affairs: Sir:

Agreeable to instructions received I have to report that the Indians under my charge numbering 150 strong were yesterday removed to a small bay selected by themselves situated on the east side of Bainbridge Island, about three miles from its head, at what is known as "Beuns Point."

Valuable assistance was rendered by Mr. H.L. Yesler, without which it is very probable they could not have been removed without the assistance of an armed force.

It was my intention to have remained with the Indians at ~~B~~^Bainbridge Island but their (sic) not having been any arrangements made for my subsistence I was compelled to return to this place and await the arrival of such stores as are furnished to other reservations and your excellency's further orders.

Very Respectfully

Your Most Obt. Servt.

H.H. Tobin

[From H.H. Tobin, Seattle to Stevens, Mch. 3d, 1856 had removed 150 Indians from Seattle to Bainbridge Is.]

Seattle King County, Washington Territory, April the 8th, 1856

Deposition of Indian Jake in relation to a certain Indian (taken prisoner) named Guyascut, whom it is believed to have been engaged in the massacre in White River in the county aforesaid:

Old Indian David told me that there was ten men went to the massacre on White River and that Guyascut was one of the number and the said Guyascut killed one white woman, took her coat, dragged her to the well by the hair and threw her in and took a boy as a slave. The said Jake further states the said Guyascut told him that this woman was out doors and coming towards the house when the said sergeant attempted to shoot her but was refrained from so doing by the other Indians who told him to wait until she would come close close to him so that he might make a sure shot upon which the Indian Guyascut hid his gun under his blanket and when she came close to him he then shot her down, pulled off her dress and then took her by the hair dragged her to the well and threw her in and further that the said Guyascut was engaged in the attack on Seattle and further this deponent saith not. Territory of Washington, County of King. Signed, Jake, his mark.

....C.C. Lewis justice of the Peace, 1856.

Washt'n Suptcy. Colville. Roll No. 20

Dalles, O.T., April 17, 1857

Gov. I.I. Stevens

Dear Sir:

I arrived here last night~~xxx~~ I have not received all the Indian news as yet that I expect to get before I leave and as I may hear something more I will only say ~~that~~ at present that I am well satisfied that the presence of an agent at Colville is absolutely necessary. The Spokanes are also getting restless but I hope to be able to quite them when I arrive.

I find Capt. Tobie in good health and ready to render me all the service he can.

I would ... to hear from you at as early a day as possible. In the mean time I will write ... writing to you.

I am, your obdt. ser.

B.F. Yantis

(Capt. B.F. Yantis) announcing his arrival at the Dalles.

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Cowlitz, 25 May, 1856

To his Excellency I.I. Stevens

According to orders I have the honor to report to ~~you~~ your
ex. as follows. I left on the 20th inst followed by the Indians who
behaved in the most obedient and devoted manner, found seven Indians
which I brought back without any accident. At our first sight they
got frightened & tried to make good their escape. But I immediately
had them surrounded & as soon as they knew us, they were willing
to come. I arrived here last Saturday evening (26th inst) I have
placed those Indians with the rest on the reservation. They are perfectly
satisfied.

I am about starting for the Cowlitz Falls where I understand there
are four more Indians. On my way I will, at the request of Capt.
Warbas, mark a road for the Volunteers who are going to build a fort
at the Clickitat Prairie.

I have the honor to be
of your etc.

the most humble servant
Pierre Charles

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Fort Dalles, W.T., May 31, 56

May it please your excellency

Being informed that a certain appropriation was made and invested with you for the relief of the sufferers in the disastrous expedition by Americans to Queen Charlotte's Island in 1855 (~~4~~ marked over, could be a 3) I have the honor to request you will inform me if such be the case and if so what steps are necessary for me (as one coming within the measure of indemnification for such expenditures) to establish my claims.

I have the honor to be

Sir, your obedient humble servant

George Rhine

E. Troop 1st Drag.

[no. funds not in my hands]

[check mark]

His Excel: I.I. Stevens

Governor W. Terr.

Oct 2-1858

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Clark County, W.T. June the 8th, 1856

Governor I.I. Stevens, Dear Sir: You will please excuse my impoliteness for this inquiry but I am led to it partially by curiosity though m mainly from self and the public interest.

I am informed by Mr. Fields who has charge of the Indians at Vancouver that the authorities at that place intend to send those Indians which they have in charge down here to occupy the old fishery 7 miles below Vancouver and cituate ((sic) on my land claim and right in the midst of a farming community the citizens are unanimously opposed to having the Indians amongst them under existing circumstances not that we expect make any use of the fishery but that it will disturb the peace of the community throwout.

I am not posted as to the proper owners of the soil but it is and has been the general understanding of the American citizens that this band of Clickitat Indians at Vancouver did not own the land here it is known that they never pretended to own or occupy the fishery aforesaid but it has been occupied every year since the year 1848 by a small band of Indians who deny any one relation or joint occupancy with the Clickitats and the said small band is now on the grand rond reserve in Oregon Territory oris (sic ?) so stated Mr. Fields also stated to me that there were written instructions from your honor to move a portion of those Indians down here for the purpose above stated/

Now if the Clikitats are the original and ~~prime~~ prime owners of this land and if such orders have been sent by you and the fact known here it would have quite a different and good effect with the citizens. If such be the case the citizens consider it an imposition and dangerous to the welfare of the community to have a band of Indians stationed in our midst whom (it is well known) have sympathized with have held intercourse with have connection in and with

and if not directly have indirectly aided and assisted the hostile Indians in prosecuting the war against the unprotected citizens of this and our sister Territory.

We all wish to have our rights the peace and safety of our families and property protected from these Indians whose lips are friendly but whose ~~hants~~ (sic) we fear to trust.

By giving information as to the proper owner of the soil--and if you have given such orders as above stated you will oblige the whole community in both territories.

Wm H. Dillon

Believe me ever to remain your
obedient servant

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Estimate

Supplies for Col. Wm. Craig, six men, six months

Flour say	1,100 lbs	bacon 500	Sugar 200
Coffee 100,	Beans 50,	Rice 50 ,	Soap 25; salt 100,
Saluatus 5;	pepper & mustard 5	2,135	will require 11 mules

Rations for the train coming and returning, say 10 men, 60 days
 flour say 600 lbs, bacon 350, sugar 95, coffee 55, salt 15, soap 10,
 saluratus & pepper 5, 1,130. Tent, m~~ass~~a.kit & baggage 450
 ammunition 20, 1,100 requires 8 mules and they can easily carry
 200 each on this packs every day

...(omitted 2 pps.)

Recapitulation Pack animals; Indian goods 6; supplies for Col.
 Craig 11; supplies for the train 8; total packs 25; riding
 animals 10; loose 5; total animals 40 horses and mules.
 April 23, 1856, Woty.

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San Juan Island, June 15, 1856

Sir: You will confer a great favor on the undersigned if you will give me your opinion as regards my claim on San Juan Island.

I located my claim June 1854 and have made what improvements I was able. Now I intend to put about one thousand dollars more improvements on my place, what I wish to know, will the United States make ~~any~~ my claim good if they lose the Island. I have taken the claim in good faith etc. The island is within the bounds of Whatcom county. The United States have at present Mr. Olney stationed here as the U.S. Inspector of customs, Mr. Olney and myself are the only Americans on the island at present, there are about seven hundred Indians living on the island, the whiskey boats trading between Port Townsend and Victoria often create disturbance amongst them by there not being some one to look after them.

Very respect. yours etc.

Henry Welber [Welter]

to Gov. I.I. Stevens.

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Whidby's Island, July 30, 1856

Gov. I.I. Stevens: Sir:

I am desirous of information relative to the probability of the Telalup Mill (sic) being included in an Indian reservation as it has become necessary to make some disposition of the estate of W.F. Cherry which embraces one fourth of the above named property. If sold at public auction it will not bring two hundred dollars. We wish to so act as will most benefit the estat.(sic) A knowledge of your excessive duties has induced me to defer the inquiry long as possible by replying the earliest opportunity you will confer a favor upon

yours with great respect

Charles H. Ivins (?)

Probate judge

to his excellency I.I. Stevens

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