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Office Superintendent Indian Affairs

Portland , Oreg. August 27 1861

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the reception of your communication of June 25 informing me of my appointment and enclosing my commission and official bond. Having complied with your instructions thereto I proceeded to Portland on the 29th inst. Mr. Geary being temporarily absent returned on the 30th ult. On the 1st inst. I ~~xxx~~ assumed the duties of my office. For all public moneys and other property turned over by my predecessor I gave the necessary receipts.

I have appointed Mr. F. Patton of Salem as my clerk. I have been intimately acquainted with Mr. Patton for years and I know him to well (sic) qualified for the position which I have assigned him. I have also appointed Mr. James Brown as messenger. Mr. Brown has long been in the service under former predecessors... I take pleasure in testifying to the department that I find the records, files and papers in excellent order so far as I have examined the same...

Very respectfully

Your obt etc.

W.H. Rector, Supt. Ind. Affairs

To Chas. E. Mix,

Acting Commissioner,

Indian Affairs

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Office Supt. Ind. Affairs, Portland, Aug 10, 1861

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Sir: Having accepted the appointment of superintendant agent for the location and opening of a wagon road from Ponder River or Grand Ronde to thxxbasn Omdedpdacedddaddd the plain at the western base of the Blue Mountains south of the southern limits of the reservation I herewith transmit to you instructions in regard to the duties assigned you. You will make immediate preparations for moving to the vicinity of the Grand Ronde or the Umatilla Valley. Owing to the difficulties incident to crossing the Cascade range of mountains you will avail yourself of the steam boat facilities from this place to the Dalles of the Columbia At that point you are directed to make purchases of such subsistence as will be necessary for yourself and employees not exceeding twenty in number . On arriving at the western terminus of the proposed road you will cause all your subsistence and tools not required for immediate use to be deposited in care of the agent in charge of the Umatilla Reservation if practicable, if not at such place as will be most convenient when required. Before you expend any work on the road you are instructed to confer with the agent in charge, Geo. H. Abbott also Mr. Daniel Stewart and such other citizens of the Umatilla Valley in the matter of the proposed road as have explored the mountains and are abundantly qualified to give you such information as will enable you to locate the road on the most practicable route. You will bear in mind that it is stipulated by treaty that this road shall be located and opened south of the southern limits of said reservation. You will therefore OadedOdedpdceddaddofotddadddaddd cause no portion of this road to be located on the reserve. By reference to the treaty under which this road is to be opened (a copy of which will accompany these instructions)

you will see the southern boundary of his reservation clearly defined. You will therefore after a thorough examination of the route or routes as proposed by those to whom you have been referred to proceed to locate the same by marks or blazes on each side of the road. You will commence opening the road from the western terminus. In selecting your employees I would recommend you to give preference to citizens of the Umatilla Valley who are personally interested in the work and to emigrants who deserve employment.

In the latter class I would call your special attention giving them employment in all cases provided you have subsistence and tools sufficient even though the number exceed that to which you have been restricted.

Owing to the danger resident to the transmission of funds to that locality all liabilities contracted on account thereof will be found at this office upon your certificate of the correctness of the same.

It would be advisable in view of this to state to all employees the fact so that there will be no misunderstanding in regard to payment  
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You will continue operations as long as the season will permit when you will suspend labor you will take an accounting of all your supplies and tools on hand which you will deposit at the Umatilla Agency taking a receipt therefor and report yourself at this office for settlement.

Very Respectfully

Your obt. servant

William H. Rector, Supt. Indian Affairs

Henry G. Thornton, esq.

Portland.

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Office Supt. Indian Affairs

Portland, August 15, 1861

Sir:

Your communication bearing date Aug. 13 containing enclosure of copy of a letter from Nathan Olney esq. respecting outrages which have been committed in the vicinity of Tych Valley has been duly received at this office. The information therein contained is valuable and only strengthens the impression generally entertained that unless due caution and care is observed that we are destined for another war.

Your promptness in submitting the facts to Col. Buchanan together with his official acts in the premises meets with my approval and I sincerely trust that your united efforts may prove successful in finding the murderers and bringing them to a speedy and deserved punishment. I expect you to advise me fully on your return.

I notice by an extract from the "Mountaineer" that a camp of French and half breeds are located at a point called "Oak Grove" and are tampering with the Indians in that vicinity. That the Indians have been seen leaving the camp with kegs of liquor which they had procured from these half breeds and French. If such is true I trust you will cause them to be arrested, if proof can be had, if not to cause them to be removed at once. They should not be allowed to remain a single day. I hope you will spare no pains in ferreting out these murderers or those tampering with the Indians and should any symptoms of discontent prevail among the Indians located on the reserve that you will use your utmost influence to restore order and quiet. Should you have ceased to act in official capacity you will please hand this to Mr. Logan for his consideration. I am etc.

W H. Rector, supt. Indian affairs

Col. A.P. Dennison, Indian Agent

Office Supt. Ind. Affairs, Portland Oregon, Aug. 23, 1861  
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Sir: The late superintendent a short time before retiring from office caused public notice to be given soliciting sealed proposals for the locating and opening of a wagon road from Powder River or Grand (sic) to the Western Base of the Blue Mountains as provided for per 5 article Treaty June 29, 1855.

In pursuance of this notice two proposals were received and filed which were examined ~~xxxx~~ publicly on the day designated in the notice. I declined to award the contract to either party for the following reasons: viz:

First-That no definite specifications accompanied either the notice or bids.

Second: That the time allowed for the completion of the work (Dec. 31) was entirely too short to perform the work successfully.

At my earliest leisure I gave this subject my attention and after obtaining the necessary information in regard to the character of the country through which the proposed will (sic) pass I deemed it advisable that measures should be taken to locate the road and open as much thereof as possible the present season. p 26.

I have also determined after due consideration to locate open and complete the road under my own supervision.

To enable me to carry out the measure successfully I have appointed Henry G. Thornton of this city superintendent of the work and have invested him with authority to locate the road and superintend the labor of the employees placed under his charge. I have caused him to enter into a written contract for the faithful performance of the duties assigned him and have agreed to allow him compensation therefor at the rate of ~~\$150~~ \$150 per month. He has been authorized to employ twenty men at wages ranging from forty to fifty dollars per

month and subsistence furnished.

I am well satisfied that the plans here proposed and adopted for the locating and opening of the road will result in more practical good and that a much better road will be constructed than by any other course that could be adopted.

My own experiences from personal observations as to the mode and manner of contracting military roads in this country has satisfied me that fat contracts on public works do not result in any very great benefits to the country.

The successful completion of this road will be of great benefit to the emigrants as well as the settlers of Middle and Eastern Oregon and from the interest manifested by the settlers located in ~~the~~ that ~~country~~ vicinity I have no doubt but that a good practicable wagon road can and will be constructed with the appropriation made and still have a balance left for future improvements.

I submit my acts on the premises for your consideration and trust that the plan adopted for the disbursement for this fund will meet with your sanction and approval.

Very respectfully  
etc.

W.H. Rector, Supt. Indian Affairs, Oregon

Hon "m. P. Dole,  
Commr. Ind. Affairs.

Portland, Oregon, Sept. 6, 1861

Sir:

Complaints having been filed in this office in regard to the conduct of certain Indians which have escaped from the Grand Ronde Agency and returned to their old haunts in Rogue River Valley and demands having been made by the citizens of that Valley for their prompt removal I have appointed you special agent for the purpose of collecting these Indians and removing them to the Agency from whence they came.

In view of the conduct of these Indians towards the settlers in that valley together with their avowed determination to remain at that place, it will be necessary for you to procure a small military escort to insure your mission successful (sic)

You are authorized to call upon Capt. F.T. Dent, commander at Fort Hoskins who will furnish you with a detachment of troops for this purpose. p 30

In perfecting your arrangements y<sup>rs</sup> for the removal of these Indians you will procure the assistance, means of transportation in and such subsistence as your judgment will be required.

...In issuing subsistence to the employes and Indians you will be governed strictly by the Army Regulations attending, one pound of beef, or three fourth of a pound of salt meat and one pound of flour to each person per day. The issues of subsistence will be kept on separate abstracts showing the amount issued to the Indians and to emigrants.

In the issuing of forage you will be governed by the same regulations. The ration of forage is eight pounds of hay and twelve quarts of oats to each horse per day. It would be advisable to apportion the Indians into different bands or families and to issue rations to each family or band for several days at a time...

Very respectfully etc. W.H. Rector, Supt. Indian Affairs to: B.M. F Rector, Salem.

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Office Supt. Indian Affairs

Portland, Oregon, Sept. 12th, 1861

Sir:

B.F. Kendal, superintendent of Indian Affairs of Washington Territory arrived in this city by Steamer today en route to his home at Olympia. In consulting with him concerning matters and things appertaining to Indian Affairs within our respective jurisdictions, he informed me that prior to his leaving Washington the Secretary of the Interior had transferred the Umatilla, Cayuse and Walla Walla bands of Indians now located on Umatilla Agency some forty miles in Oregon to the jurisdiction of Washington Territory.

I cannot reconcile myself to the belief that any such action has been had, yet coming as he does fresh from the Department I am forced to believe it and especially so since he has assigned Mr. W.H. Barnhart esq. to duty at that Agency.

The idea of assigning agents appointed expressly for the Indians in Washington Territory to duty among the Indians in this state is certainly a new one to me and which I cannot fully comprehend.

I have been appointed Supt. of Indian Affairs for the state of Oregon and until positive instructions come from the proper source I will continue to exercise my official duties within the limits of Oregon.

If such has been done it cannot result otherwise than in many and serious embarrassments in my operations.

I have already (as you have been advised by letter of the 23rd ult) commenced work on the Grand Round and Umatilla Wagon Road and any interference at this time would only make a confusion in our accounts and would be very detrimental to the public service in this state.

To obviate any conflicting opinions as to our respective jurisdictions I would respectfully request instructions in regard thereto. I am, very respectfully etc. William H. Rector, Supt. to

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Portland Oregon, Sept. 25, 1861

... Some trouble however may reasonably be expected. Owing to the fact that some evil disposed persons have endeavored to impress upon the Indians mind that we have no government, that their Great Father will not pay them anything more for their lands, or give them any more presents.. These communications are made to the Indians in a clandestine manner with a view no doubt to incite them to hostilities.

I can conceive of no other object ~~that~~ they could possibly have in view by so doing. Where this influence has manifested itself every precaution has been taken to counteract it.

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In connection with treaty stipulations made with these tribes it was agreed that a wagon road should be located and opened from Powder River or Grand Round to the western base of the Blue Mountains south of the southern limits of the reservation.

This road is now being located and opened and should nothing occur to retard the work it will be completed early next spring and in good order for the incoming immigration next year.

The stipulation authorizing the locating and opening of the road <sup>was</sup> ~~one~~ certainly a wise one, and well calculated to resulting at practical good both to the Indians as well as to the settlers in Umatilla Valley.

The old road from Lus (?) Encampment passes directly through the southwest portion of the reservation and many serious difficulties would in all probability have occurred had not provision for the road been made. But the road being located some fifteen miles further south will prevent any difficulties on account of the intermingling of their stock

or any other cause. In regard to the policy which I have adopted in locating and opening this road you have already been advised. There is one difficulty however to content with in the management and ? of the Indians located on the Umatilla River section as well as that of Warm Springs. p. 48

Recent discoveries have proven conclusively that extensive gold fields exist in the immediate vicinity of those Reservations. This will undoubtedly induce hither many ~~adventurers~~ adventurers in search therefore among whom we may reasonably expect to find many bad men and much bad whiskey neither of which have the least tendency to promote their ~~own~~ well being or advance them in civilization.

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## The Sho Shones or Snakes

This ~~formidable~~ formidable band occupy the eastern portion of the state. The character and habits of this tribe have been so ably and correctly described by my predecessor in his last annual report that it would be useless for me to attempt any further description concerning them. Of their actual number but little is known, one thing is certain however, that they are a much dreaded and powerful foe and each succeeding year only adds to their wealth and power.

They are rapidly accumulating arms , ammunition and horses and as long as they are permitted to continue their depredation citizens emigrating to this state or passing through their country without any other effort being made to check them than is made by the emigrants in their own defense, we may expect a repetition of the murders and violence of other years...

... p 50 In view of these facts [recent gold discoveries on the Owyhee, Malheur and Burnt River] and to ~~goodd~~ guarantee protection to the lives and property of such of our citizens as may be engaged

in these explorations I would recommend an appropriation of twenty-five thousand dollars to be expended under the direction of the Superintendent of Indian Affairs ~~in~~ or some other person duly authorized by the President to negotiate with these Indians for the right to travel through their country and to move thereon without interruption.

I have every reason to believe that amicable relations can be entered into with them and that they will ~~be~~ faithfully observe them.

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For further information in regard to the Indians of South Eastern Oregon I would respectfully call your attention to the report of Agent Lindsay Applegate. Mr. Applegate has lately visited that country and is well qualified from his thorough knowledge of Indian character to judge of their immediate wants while his suggestions and recommendations are worthy of consideration....

(Policy, recommendations to quell dissatisfaction, prompt payment by government etc. throughout to p. 55.

I am sir etc.

W.H. Rector, Supt. Ind. Affairs

Hon Wm. P. Dole,  
Commissioner Ind. Affairs,  
Washington, D.C.

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p. 75 Office Supt. Indian Affairs, Portland Oregon, Nov. 22, 1861

Sir:

The Umatilla Agency having been transferred by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to the jurisdiction of Washington Territory you are directed and authorized to turn over all public moneys and other public moneys in your hands to Wm. H. Barnhart, the agent designated by Supt. [B. F.] Kendall for duty at that post. You will be careful to have triplicate receipts taken for all property turned over to be used in the final settlements of your accounts at Washington. In regard to the property left in your charge, belonging to the Grand Round Wagon Road you will also transfer and take triplicate receipts separate from your agency as they belong to a specific appropriation and not for Agency purposes. At your earliest convenience you will transmit your accounts to this office for transmission to Washington.

I am sir

very respectfully

Your Obedient Servant Wm. H. Rector

Supt. Ind. Affairs, Oregon

J.M. Kirkepatrick

Umatilla

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p. 95- Office Supt. Indian Affairs, Portland, Oregon, Feb. 3rd, 1862

Sir: Having rendered my account to your office for the 4th quarter 1861 embracing therein my disbursements made in locating and opening a wagon road from the western base of the Blue Mountains to Grand Round or Powder River under the 5th act passed June 9, 1855, I have the honor to present the following report in connection therewith. As per letter of advice from this office dated August 1861 Henry G. Thornton of this city was appointed to superintend the location and opening of said road. The reasons which prompted me to adopt the course which I did to secure the accomplishment of this work were communicated to you in the letter above referred to.

From Mr. Thornton's report to this office (a copy of which together with a copy of my instructions to him is herewith furnished) you will observe that the road has been located and opened as far as the crossing of Grand Round River at the old Immigrant road, a distance of forty six miles. The amount of work done on, the quality of the road made, together with the advantages which it possesses have far exceeded my most sanguine expectations and even those of its warmest friends. The result of this enterprise is still the more satisfactory to me from the fact that a good wagon road with every facility for travelling with comfort has been located and opened for a distance of forty six miles through mountainous regions and a balance (.) of \$323.81 remaining on hand to be transferred to Superintendent Randall according to your instructions.

The disbursements made in this behalf were made so principally for salaries ranging from \$40 to \$50 dollars per month and subsistence. It was my original intention to furnish the subsistence but I became concerned that it would still be more economical to allow them a certain price in lieu thereof. I allowed them at the rate of 75 cents per day. This I am well satisfied has been a great saving inasmuch

day. This I am well satisfied has been a great saving inasmuch as I would necessarily have had to transport all the supplies direct from this city at a very heavy cost. I have used every effort to open this road on the very best route and ~~in the~~ with as little expense as possible to government and ~~000000~~ <sup>how</sup> I have succeeded in my efforts is for you to determine.

It will be recollected that the lowest bid for the opening of this road as filed under the notice published by my predecessor was the full and entire appropriation of ten thousand dollars. I was well satisfied at the time and still continue the belief that had the contract been let to ~~to~~ the parties ~~making~~ bidding, no such road would have been opened. It was the money they wanted with little labor or expense as possible. p 96

The ~~1000~~ total amount disbursed on account of the road was \$4,676.19. The number of men employed on the road was twenty four. They continued the work as long as it was possible to remain in the mountains. Owing to their having to move camp so frequent, many articles of camp equipage were unavoidably lost. What tools and equipage remain were transferred by Mr. Thornton to Joshua M. Kirkpatrick (sic) special agent in charge of the Umatilla Agency.

Trusting that my disbursements in this respect may be found judicious and meet with your approval, I remain

etc.

Wm. H. Rector, Supt. Ind. Affairs

Hon Wm. P. Dole,

Commissioner Ind. Affairs, Washington.

p. 111 Office Supt. Indian Affairs, Portland, Oregon, March 14, 1862

Sir:

Owing to late intelligence received in this city of the massacre of Buel (or Bud?) Woodward and party by the Snake Indians while mining on John Day's river and in view of the strong probability that similar attacks will be made on other parties mining on John Day, Powder Burnt and Malheur rivers, you are hereby appointed special Indian agent in the service of this office and directed to proceed forthwith to the Dalles, Powder River or such other point as will in your judgment best enable you to carry out the instructions there given. Upon arriving at the Dalles you will confer with Agent Logan respecting the late massacre and the probability of inducing the Indians participating in this outrage as well as others of their tribe to meet with an agent of the government for the purpose of a talk and some amicable arrangement by which our citizens can explore and mine in their country without further interruption. Should agent Logan have any Indians under his charge on the "arm Spring Agency who are familiar with the Snake language the Snake ~~xxxxxx~~ and can be relied on for their fidelity you are directed to engage as many as will be necessary and dispatch them at once into the Snake country for the purpose of ascertaining whether they can be persuaded to meet for a conference. Should you succeed in having runners who are willing to enter their country you will be particular and instruct them to say to these Snake Indians that it is our desire to live in peace with them that we do not seek this conference for the purpose of chastisement but solely to make some arrangement by which will obviate the necessity of war. You will p. 112 exercise your own judgment and discretion in these instructions to your runners and endeavor if possible to discharge their minds of any evil intentions on our part. I am sanguine in the belief that if proper representations are made to them by Indian

runners in whom the Snakes have confidence they will consent for a conference and meet us punctually at the time appointed. You will designate a ... easy of access and which will warrant the attendance of the largest number of Indians. This point should be outside of all mining positions and beyond the confines of civilization in their country.

Through the agency of these Indian runners alone can we expect accomplish (???) the much desired object. If one talk can be had and some presents given we can gain their confidence and make arrangements which will ultimately result in permanent peace.

In the event that these Indians reject the overtures made to them by Oododod your runners and refuse to meet any agent of the government you are directed to repair to Powder River near the headwaters there of and make your headquarters at such place as will afford you the best facilities for direct communication with all the miners on Powder River as well as Malheur and Burnt river. You are directed to inform the miners in that locality the nature of your mission and request of them cooperation in your efforts to preserve peace and quiet. Many difficulties will in all probability arise between the miners and Indians which if submitted to some person authorized to adjust the same will obviate the necessity of any revenge from either party. The country to which you have been assigned is Indian country and it is particularly to be desired that the intercourse laws of the United States are duly enforced in every instance.

The introduction of spirituous liquors among these Indians must be prevented.... etc. I am very respectfully W.H. Rector, Supt. Ind. Aff.  
J.M. Kirkpatrick esq.  
Portland.