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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, November 18, 1881,

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

Sir:

In answer to your letter of the 27th ultimo, in regard to the mission of Interpreter Chapman, to conduct the Piutes to their old home, you are informed, as indicated in Office telegram of the 31st ultimo, that the action taken in the matter by the military authorities is without the knowledge or consent of this Department, and on reference of the case to the War Department, it appears that the only reason given for the order issued to Chapman was the obsolete permit which Secretary Schurz gave in 1879, to Sarah Winnemucca. It is not the purpose of the Department to have any of these Indians removed to their old home. Malheur has been abandoned as a reservation and they have no such home to go to, and you will give all the Piutes, without exception, distinctly to understand that they are to remain permanently at Yakama. Leggins and his followers are included in this, and he must make up his mind to comply with the wishes of the Department and make your reservation his permanent home.

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James H. Wilson,
U. S. A.,
Agent Young

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Agent Young
Blackfeet Agency, Mont
via Fort Khan

That there is delay in delivery of flour and beef at your Agency, call immediately on the contractor to deliver sufficient to last until spring and if not done, inform me by telegraph.

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Very respectfully,

A. Price

Commissioner.

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