

Refer in reply to the following:

Land

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON, May 24, 1893.

Jay Lynch, Esq.,
U.S. Indian Agent,
Yakima Agency,
Fort Sincove, Washington.

Sir:

On the 14th of January, 1892, the Commissioner of the General Land Office transmitted to this office for its consideration a letter dated January 2, 1892, from the Register and Receiver at Vancouver, Washington, stating that an Indian named James Wahki-a-cus had relinquished his application for the allotment of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, Township 4 N., Range 13 E., W.M., and that the notes of cancellation corresponding thereto had been duly made upon the records of that office.

The General Land Office stated that in view of the decision of the Department rendered November 25, 1890, to the effect that a non-reservation Indian can not relinquish his application for allotment under the 4th section of the act of February 8, 1887, (24 Stats., 388), without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, the R. and R. of said local land office were instructed to reinstate said entry upon their books until action could be had by this Department thereon.

As no reason was assigned by the Indian nor by the local land officers for his offer to relinquish his allotment, you were advised January 21, 1892 of the foregoing facts and directed to correspond with the said Indian and endeavor to ascertain his reasons, if any, for desiring to relinquish his said application, and to require him to reduce the same to writing and make affidavit thereto, should they be found good and sufficient; and also to make full report of your action in the premises transmitting therewith the affidavit referred to, if any should be made, for the consideration of this office.

In connection with this subject, I have to say that it does not appear that any report has been received from you in relation to the matter under consideration. You will report at an early date upon the case, in order that the Land Office may be properly advised in the premises.

Very respectfully,

Samuel Houston
Acting Commissioner.

(Hinton) H.

May 24th 1843
Make report upon
Cancellation of Seal
by James Washburn
James Washburn