

Refer in reply to the following:
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CSM
Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, May 4, 1889.

Thomas Priestley, Esq.,
U. S. Indian Agent,
Yakama Agency, Fort Simcoe,
Yakama County, Washington Territory.

Sir:

Information having reached this office through the War Department, by communication of date March 19, 1889, that white men are intruding upon the Yakama reservation, erecting buildings thereon, constructing fences and ditches which interfere with the location of lands the Indians themselves have taken up, occupy and improve; that they, white men, are otherwise trespassing on the said reservation without right or authority and to the serious interference of Indian occupancy; that one Mr. Lillie has located a store thereon, and is engaged in constructing fences and ditches, thus intruding upon lands occupied and used by Indians and that he is carrying on his operations against their protests; that he has associated with him certain half breeds and Indians as partners in his enterprises; that

the Indians made known to you their objections and protests against the trespasses and intrusions referred to, and especially to the said Lillie's operations; and that you informed them that the said parties, Lillie and other whites, had gone upon the reservation, and were carrying out their operations by virtue of right and license known and approved by the authorities of this Department.

You will report without delay to this office the authority by which Mr. Lillie is on the said reservation; why he is permitted to remain thereon; why other intruders, giving their names, are allowed to come on the reservation, remain and conduct the various operations referred to; and all other facts in the premises.

*If the "intruders" are on the reservation with-
out authority you will remove them from the reservation.*
Very respectfully,

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W. B. Reel
Acting Commissioner.

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Washington, May 4/89

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