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Office Yakima Ind. Agency

Fort Simcoe, W.T. Nov. 1st, 1862

Sir:

Yours of the 21st ultimo, per Mr. Wheeler came duly to hand. You will please find enclosed our estimate of funds requisite etc. I regret that the steps taken to bring the Indians in this early ~~xxxxxx~~ does not meet your approval. Permit me to explain. On my return from Portland, three weeks since, our mountains were covered with snow that has since disappeared. And in counseling with our principal men here, we decided that if we brought our distant Indians in this season we had no time to loose, as it would take about a month to bring it about.

I called Mr. Perkins last winter, as early as we could have the goods in readiness, and the result was that many lost their horses the rode in, and have been clamorous for pay for these horses and I have repeatedly promised them that I would not again call them in, in the winter. I hope you will receive this, as some excuse for the course pursued.. We were thankful to meet Mr. Wheeler here and yet hope to see you, next week. Will you sir, explain to us this matter. Under the present system we sell and charge an employee (whether white or native) with subsistence, in our account with him, how shall we place it acceptably upon papers. I mentioned that I was desirous of employing a Mr. Walter Cosmon (?) to take charge of both our mills. He was well recommended to me last fall by Mr. Francis, Messrs Shipley and Bryant our millrights, as a good mechanic and miller, a working man whose influence would be at all times correct. Will also refer you to A.J. Henry and will forward you other testimonials soon.

Mr. C and family has been with us a few weeks, and when you, sir, are well convinced he is the right man, would be pleased to receive for him appointment.

With regard to Mr. Cosmon's position it will be more laborious

We have nowhere to send them, consequently it makes a "drudge " of my wife.

I do not wish those things however to have an undue weight. I would suggest however whether you could not consistently let the families subsist themselves, and the single men be registered as formerly. If this cannot be done, we will try to meet it with as good grace as we can.

Are well pleased ~~with~~ that Mr. Wheelen is to come out soon. Trust he will come with ample instructions respecting our annuity and all other matters of interest to us. Mr. Wright who starts as teacher, but has been helping ~~in~~ us some in our office, will probably be needed in the school.

Can we not enter a man as tinner and let him turn his hand as we need. I have written to a man of my acquaintance with a view to this. What are the prospects with regard to a farmer and blacksmith. Should either of them fail, please let me know it immediately.

Very respectfully
Your Obedt. Servant
A.A. Bancroft
Indian Agent.

Hon C.H. Hale,
Supt. Ind. Affairs,
Olympia, W.T.

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Portland, Oregon, Oct. 14, 1862

Sir:

Yours of the 10th inst received last evening and spent another sleepless night over it.

I was (among other things) quite solicituous with regard to our distribution of annuities.

You spoke, when at Simcoe, of setting the time for it, and then being present. It must necessarily take about a month to circulate the word and get the Indians in. I promised them it should be before winter but the probability is, we shall call them in through the snow. ~~THESE~~ ^{with} few is now ... ~~in~~ regard to your fixing upon the time, and being present. I propose starting for Simcoe tomorrow and ... meeting our poor Indians with the old story "no money" Shall hasten matters for our distribution.

There was a small portion of the money for which I sold the annuity goods, in Mr. hands that I did not feel collect upon to appropriate for the Indians immediately. I have therefore used it in this emergency to start some of our own heavy supplies for Simcoe, and if funds ever come shall be compelled to replace it. That is now so high (in sacks of \$150 per ...) I shall not be able to provide for the Indians, only a part of what of that I named to you. There is a panic with the farmers which prevents its coming in.

... .. thinks he can ship 150 bushels this week. I trust it will not exhaust your patience if I should again bring up the subject of subsisting our transient, white and native employees.

I think it cost ~~me~~ third more money, and the extra trouble added. We have strangers, every week, calling who do not expect to be turned ~~any~~ ^{intent} empty away. And it is not for the credit, nor the extent of the agency to do it

farmer, has just notified me that he thinks of leaving the service in three or four weeks. I am sorry to loose him as he has many good qualities. "m. Pope will also leave unless his salary is increased. It would subject me to much inconvenience in many respects to loose him.

I ~~would~~ would respectfully suggest that he be appointed farmer at 800, unless his salary can be raised in some other way. But we hope to see you here shortly with the 'sinews of war' for us if 'green backs' are worthy of the name.

Could you not forward your baggage from Dalles to "allula and pass from this place direct to "allula, 90 miles in two days and save time.

Very Respectfully

Yours Z.A.A. Bancroft

Ind. Agent.

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Office Yakima Ind. Agency

Fort Simcoe, W.T. March 20, 1862

Hon C.H. Hale,

Supt. Ind. Affairs

Olympia, W.T. My Dear Sir:

I received your very kind letter of March 17 three dys since, by the hand of Mr. Thompson. With regard to a change of my location, I would say that I am not so strongly attached to the service as to make it worth while for me to do that. Among the multitude of my thoughts has sometimes been that of resigning. Yet I have, on the whole, a choice to hold on a little longer. You see I am writing what I would not wish made public. And now sir, if ~~you~~ in the future it should appear to you expedient to make a change at this agency, you will please give me to understand it, and I will slide out with as little friction as possible. If this matter were left wholly to myself I would be governed by circumstances. Should they work propensously I would much prefer to remain, and while here shall spare no pains in trying to make this reservation what it should be.

I ~~have~~ had supposed for some months that we had reporters here what were quite unfavorable to us, yet we have foreborne, notwithstanding Mr. Wright's ingratitude. We have no difficulty whatever among ourselves, and Mr. W. is more cordial than in weeks past.

I would suggest that could a man be found to take Mr. Wright's place as teacher, and also be competent to help us a little in the office, a reliable man, true to the interests of the agency, would make my place more tolerable.

Mr. Geo ~~Lugget~~ Lettet [Seems clear spelling, Legget as contrasted to previously interpreted Segret, etc.]

the difficulty of turning the Indian mind from the normal condition into the path of knowledge and witnessing the skill and efficiency that some of his scholars already display is abundant encouragement that of the aid of the government be slightly directed the most beneficent results will follow.

For further information as to the plan of ~~EXX~~ education pursued I refer you to Mr. Wilbur's report to me, a copy of which I herewith append and make a part of this report.

I have made a careful inspection of the tools and implements in use on the reservation and find they are mostly in a worn condition. A very considerable portion of each article will need to be re-supplied in a short time.

I am gratified to report that the moral deportment of the employees has been during my administration at the agency highly exemplary. But one case of moral misconduct has come to my knowledge and that person I promptly discharged.

Of the employees under the provisions of the Treaty with the Yakima Nation my observation warrants me in reporting them all qualified for their respective avocations, of those who are employed temporarily a prompt discharge will follow any remissions in their duty.

The health at this agency is unmarkedly good, even among the Indians on the reserve but few cases of sickness comes to the knowledge of the medical officer. For further information on this point I refer you to the report of the resident physician a copy of which I annex and also make a part of this report.

In conclusion permit me to say that from my short residence on the reservation I defer reporting specifically on the other interests connected therewith, and all matters requiring the attention of your office will be promptly laid before you.

to E. R. Geary, Supt Indian Affairs,
Affairs, Portland. Chas. E Hutchins
Special Indian Agent for the Yakima Nation

twelve hours. Owing to the ~~wxx~~ unworkmanlike manner in which the machinery was originally placed in the mill "breakdowns" are not infrequent and it ~~xxx~~ will be necessary before next winter that the mill be thoroughly overhauled and put in complete repair. As the ~~xxxxx~~ requirement for a large amount of lumber for ~~present~~ present use is urgent I keep the mill running day and night. As ~~ix~~ I informed you in my letter of June 24 sufficient lumber is manufactured to commence the erection of a flouring mill according to a contract already made.

The farming department of the reservation under the immediate supervision of Mr. B.F. Snelling supt. of farming is rapidly becoming a noticeable and useful feature of the reservation. One of the farms contains about two hundred acres of good soil and has a growing crop on it of hay and 32 1/2 a res of oats 2 1/2 do peas 7 do barley, 7 1/2 do of wheat and 5 do potatoes. I am now having this farm enclosed with a substantial board fence.

Another piece of land which has been selected for a farm and in which is one of the houses before mentioned is located on a branch of Simcoe Creek five miles distant from the Agency and comprises about three hundred acres of soil but not an impregnation of alkali, therewith renders it for the present useless for general cultivation. It is the opinion however of the Dept. of Farming that the alkali the soil contains will not be prejudicial for the raising of barley. This piece of land is not fenced. Besides the above described lands there are three gardens in the immediate vicinity of the Agency containing about eight acres which are planted with corn, oats, barley, potatoes and other vegetables.

The school under the care of Rev. Mr. Wilbur, Supt. of teaching, ~~there~~ though having but few scholars reflects the highest credit upon him and his assistant, Mr. Wright. Considering

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Office Indian Agency,

Fort Simcoe, W.T. June 30, 1861

Sir:

On the 17th of the present month I executed to Agent W.B. Gosnell receipt for the Indian Department property belonging to the Yakima Indian Agency and assumed charge of this Agency by virtue of a letter of appointment from you as Special Indian Agent for the Yakima Nation.

In compliance with your letter of instructions under the date of June 4th, 1861 to make a report as to the state of affairs at the Yakima Agency, etc. I have the honor to submit as follows:

The public buildings at this post, erected by the military and now occupied by the Indian Department are all in good order and need no repairs other than some require painting for their proper ~~presentation~~ preservation.

They are well adapted for the purposes to which they are applied.

There are two farm houses on the reserve each about five miles from the Agency and about four miles distant from each other, built as I learn by the Indian Department which will answer for present use without much repair, but if farming operations are transacted in future upon a larger scale than at present and in a more systematic manner, they will require considerable enlargements and alteration. Another building situated near the Tapanish creek purchased as I am informed by the Indian department is absolutely useless in my opinion for any ~~purpose~~ purposes connected with the agency. These three houses and one building at the Reservation Saw Mill nearly completed for the use of the employees working at the Mills comprise the four houses ~~enumerated~~ enumerated in my receipt to Agent Gosnell.

The saw mill on Simcoe creek is in constant operation and has a capacity for sawing about (space left blank) feet of lumber in

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Portland, Oregon

June 26, 1861

Sir:

Herewith I transmit by mail one complete set of my accouts and
returns for first quarter 1860 and two sets of my accounts for first and
second quarter, 1861

Very respectfully

Your obt. servant

R.H. Lansdale

Indian Agent, W.T.

To W.W. Miller, esq.

Supt. Indian Affairs,

Olympia, W.T.

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Office Indian Agency

Fort Simcoe, June 24, 1861

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that the lumber for the reservation flouring mill is nearly all manufactured and I am now ready for Mr. H.W. Shipley to proceed hence to erect said mill according to his contract made with my predecessor, Mr. Cosnell.

It is my intention to be in ~~Pax~~ Portland on the 1st of July next.

Very Respectfully yours

Charles Hutchins

Special Ind. Agt.

For the Yakima Nation

To hon E.R. Geary

Supt. Ind. Afs.

~~Roskiandy~~ Portland, Oregon.

These goods can now be teamed to this post by contract for \$40 per ton and I would recommend that such contract be made and that expenses at Oakland be dispersed with. C

It is absolutely requisite in the judicious management of this Agency that several Indians be continually kept in employment but it is highly embarrassing not to be able to pay them for their work when their wages are due them. About 14 ~~men~~ Indians are at work now for the government here and during the summer probably that number cannot well be decreased. The wages paid them is \$30 per month and rations and I would especially ask to be provided with funds to pay them promptly.

Respectfully yours

Charles R. Hutchins

Special Indian Agent for the Yakima Nation

To Hon L. R. Gary

Supt. Ind. Affs., Portland.

Freight charges

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Office Indian Agency Fort

Samcoe W.T. June 1, 1861

Sir:

I have this day relieved Mr. Gosnell as agent on this reservation but as my time has been so fully occupied since my arrival, I am not able as yet to report to you fully and specifically as to the state of affairs here.

Mr. Connell and family leave here today in compliance with your order and Mrs. Lansdale will leave here on Friday of the present week.

Dr. Roberts the physician of the Reservation has furnished me with a list of medicines needed at the Agency which list I herewith transmit to you enclosed. The doctor observing that his department suffers extremely from the limited supply of medicines at his command. I trust that you will find it in your power to forward them the earliest opportunity.

The log wagon that was lately built by Jacobs of Portland has proven to be a gross imposition. Last week when but lightly laden and on a smooth road, one of the fore axel broke short off. I understand that Jacobs was paid a high price conditioned upon the wagon being constructed of eastern timber. This wagon is made of green Oregon oak and furthermore the axels were altogether too light for the service for which it was obtained.

This agency is now under the following expenses at Rockland which in my opinion had better be discontinued as useless. Two buildings are rented, one at \$50 per month and the other with stable yard at \$40 and "M. Reed with a salary of \$50 as storehouse keeper. The bulk of the first years annuity goods are stored there and if they were removed to the agency there would be no necessity of that charge being incurred.

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Office Yakama Indian Agency,

Ft. Simcoe, W.T. May 25, 1861

Hon Edward R. Geary,
Supt. of Indian Affairs
for Oregon and Wash Dist.

Sir:

I deem it absolutely necessary that the Indian employees at this agency should be paid for at least the first quarter of the present year, and as the money, which I received of you some time since, will not enable me to do, I would respectfully request you to forward me by Mr. Kapus, my clerk, all such moneys belonging to this agency, which may be still in your hands.

I would further ask to be relieved here at the earliest practicable moment. I am now in charge of three different districts and agencies, and am therefore unable to bestow upon each that care and attention which the present state of affairs demands.

I intended to go to Portland myself to lay this matter before you, but am prevented by sickness. I have been unable to leave my bed for the last three days and I feel that I will not recover my health as long as my mind is harrassed by so many cares.

I remain, sir, respectfully

Your obt. servant

W.B. Rosnell

Indian Agent, W.T.

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Dalles, Orgn. April 23, 1861

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April ~~25th~~ 21st enclosing bill of the timber and lumber required for the flouring mill on the Yakoma Reservation.

Your instructions regarding the sawing of these timbers and lumber will be strictly complied with, though at present, we are laboring under a rather great disadvantage as the log truck which Agent Gosnell ordered at Portland some time ago, has not ~~xx~~ arrived as yet, and the saw logs have to be hauled on a common cart.

I would respectfully ask you to cause this truck to be shipped at the earliest practicable moment as they are indispensable at the present time.

I remain sir, very respectfully

Your obt. servant

William Karpus

Acting for Agt. Gosnell

Hon Edward R. Geary,
Supt. of Indian Affairs,
Portland.

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Office Yakama Indian Agency
Fort Simcoe, W.T. April 9, 1861

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...It becomes from day to day more and more apparent that the minds of the Indians of this entire north western country are greatly agitated and that this agitation is rapidly drawing to a point. Prophets and Dreamers, who used to work in secret are becoming more bold, some of them even hold their meetings only four miles from this Agency on the Tapanish, and though they pretend that it is solely for the purpose of worshipping, the great spirit in their own peculiar manner, it is very evident that there is something behind all this, which is not fully understood by the whites. Expressmen and spies arrive and leave daily from and for the different bands and tribes and a few feel union and understanding seems to exist among them. I am satisfied that the utmost caution on the part of the officers of the government is necessary to prevent serious troubles, and that it will not answer to allow unprincipled white men who may have acquired a certain influence over some of these Indians, to reside among or near them, and for that reason I would again beg leave to press the above matter upon your attention [Matter referred to, return of Lansdell to reservation without ~~authority~~ a parent authority]

I remain sir, very respectfully

Your obt servant

William Karpus

Acting for Agent Gosnell

In charge of Yakama Agency

Hon Edward R. Geary,
Supt. of Ind. Affairs,
Portland
Oregon.

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Office Yakama Indian Agency

Fort Simcoe W.T. April 6, 1861

Sir:

Ko-is-lik-ken a ~~Spokane~~ Spokane Indian arrived here late this evening direct from Fort Solville. He reported that twelve days ago a fight occurred between the miners and some of the Pend d'Orielle Indians, a little above the ~~moddododdodded~~ fort, in which three whites and five Indians, one of which was a chief of that tribe by the name of André, were killed.

The particulars of this affair, as far as I had~~d~~ was able to learn from this man, were that some Indians had stolen a pair of boots from a miner, that the latter went over to their camp and demanded his property from them, but that they refused to give it up, in consequence of which a party of white attacked the camp and a general fight ensued with the above deplorable result. André¹ the chief spoken of went among the combatants and tried to stop them but was shot down while endeavoring to prevent the killing of others.

I give this report as I received it from the Indian

I remain Sir, very respectfully

Your obt's servant

William Karpus

Acting for Agent Gosnell

in charge of Yakama Agency

to Edward R. Geary, Esq.

Superintendent etc.

Portland, Oregon.

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Office Yakama Indian Agency

W.T. March 25, 1861

Sir:

Before Agent Gosnell left here, he made a verbal contract with a Mr. Allen for some 10 head of three and four year old steers, intending to break the latter for the yoke as we were very much in need of work oxen.

Mr. Allen has refused to comply with this contract and to deliver the said cattle.

I have been trying for the last 10 days to procure work oxen from some other sources, but find that there is none to be had either in the Yakama or Klickitat Valley.

Now as it is absolutely necessary that this Agency be supplied with at least 6 more yoke of Oxen, I would respectfully suggest that you purchase the same in the Willamette valley and ship them up to the Dalles on the steamer. I understand that Oxen can be bought near Portland for about \$90 per yoke, which would make their cost at the Dalles about \$100 much less than what has been paid for ~~the~~ other ordinary oxen.

If you should conclude to act upon this suggestion I would request you to send them up at the earliest practicable moment, and also to ship the log truck which Mr. Gosnell ordered in Portland at the same time as the Oxen might then haul said truck out to the Reservation and thereby save much time and expense.

I remain sir very respectfully

Your obt. servant

William Kapus, clerk

Acting for Agent Gosnell

To Edward R. Gear, Supt. Ind. Affairs, Portland, Oregon.

main Yakima, eight miles below the mouth of the Satass river, are very indefinite and have already considerable trouble with disputes among the Indians.

Several of the employees have presented to me certificates of deposit given them by Mr. Lansdale in his official capacity as Indian Agent, as evidence of their having certain amounts of money deposited in his office and requested me to advise them as to the best source for them to pursue to secure their money, as Mr. Lansdale has told them that he had no money on hand and could not pay them. I informed them that I would submit the whole matter to you for your consideration, and await your directions and instructions in the premises.

As the files and records of the office were not at my disposal I am unable to report as to the condition of the accounts of this agency.

Since my arrival here I have been visited by Deputations from nearly all the bands--parties to the Treaty--they all expressed good feelings towards the whites, but could not understand why the treaty had been delayed so long, even after they had been told that the paper had been made strong by the President and his council. I and endeavored to explain the matter to them and told them that they would certainly receive their first annuities next summer--and that all the other provisions of the treaty would go into effect at once.

I remain, sir, very respectfully

Your obt. servant

Wesley B. Gosnell

Sub Indian Agent

Hon Ed. R. Geary,
Supt. Ind. Affairs,
Portland, Oregon.

will learn and can, with proper care, be made to climb the ladder of knowledge and science to the very top round.

Mrs. Wright attends to the wants of these children in a manner well calculated to make them love the school and everything connected ~~therewith~~ therewith. They are ~~neatly~~ neatly ~~addressed~~ addressed in a kind of uniform. They sleep in beds, clean and well aired and when the bell calls them to their meals, they sit down to victuals which though plain are well prepared and wholesome.

Mr. Wilbur intends to have the boys cultivate a large garden as soon as spring opens and thinks he can raise all the vegetables needed at the post. The girls are now instructed in the use of the needle etc.

Mr. Ogo Pope, the father in law of Agent Lansdale, late in charge of this agency, keeps a store on this reservation in one of the government buildings. He informed me that Mr. Lansdale granted him license and that the necessary papers were forwarded to your office.

The agency, with its many buildings, peopled by a large number of whites, both male and female, is at the present in an entirely defenseless condition, and should ever any difficulties arise between the white and Indians, it would be at the clemency of a foe who knows no mercy, whenever the pope of peace is once buried. I would therefore recommend that the Commander of this military Department be requested to supply this agency with at least forty stands of rifles together with necessary ammunition.

The fact becomes daily more apparent that it is necessary to have this reservation surveyed and the lines marked out in such a manner as to prevent any disputes. The boundaries, especially those running southerly along the main ridge of said mountains, passing south and east of Mount Adams to the Spur whence flows the waters of the Klickitat and Pisco rivers, thence along said divide to the

acres reported as plowed and no other preparations whatever for next spring's farming made. The whole supply of hay on hand is only about 472 tons and should the snow, now on the ground, lay any length of time, it will go either hard with the sheep and the stock necessarily kept up for the daily use of the agency. It will be necessary to purchase at least 150 bushels of oats, as there is not enough on hand for the stock and none at all for seed. The potatoes are entirely unfit for seed and at least 100 bushels will have to be bought for that purpose, the same is also the case with the pease of which about 75 bushels will be wanted. Besides which about 5 bushels of seedcorn and a large amount of garden seeds will be required. I would also recommend that about 200 hoes be purchased for the use of the employes and Indians and at least 6 plows as there are only four on hand now, an entirely insufficient number for this agency.

The provisions made for the winter were very limited indeed, about ten days ago we were entirely out of some of the staple articles of subsistence ~~would~~ such as beans, rice etc. and I found it necessary to send a packtrain to Rockland to bring out supplies. It is fortunate that the trail from Rockland to here did not entirely close up, like last year for if it had, the good people out here would have been reduced to a very plain and simple fare indeed.

I feel it my duty before I close this report to make mention of the school, now in successful operation under the superintendency of the Rev. J.H. Wilbur, assisted by Mr. Wright and lady, the former acting as teacher, the latter as matron.

There is now fifteen boys and three girls in daily attendance, and the progress they have made in the different educational branches is astonishing, it exceeds anything of the kind I have ever seen before, even among white children, and demonstrates the fact beyond a doubt that the Indian is capable of being elevated, that he

over 275 pounds a piece. These cattle should not be used until next fall when they would be fat, and as we have besides the employes, some 120 Indians to ~~fix~~ feed, I would respectfully recommend that some 30 or 40 head of good, large fat beef cattle be bought to supply the present wants of the Agency.

I have counted 21 Yoke of Work Oxen on the reserve but out of them, Mr. Lansdale claims I understand 9 yoke, leaving only 12 yoke as the property of the Indian Department. These oxen are old, worn out and entirely unfit to perform the services required of them. I therefore recommend that 12 yoke of good stout oxen be purchased for this Agency, to do the breaking of land and the hauling of goods from Rockland. The best of the old oxen might be used for hauling saw logs to the mill, and firewood to the post and those entirely unfit for service be fattened and killed for beef.

The horses of which there are 21 head, some of which I have heard belong to Mr. Lansdale, are, with few exceptions small and poor, but they answer for the present wants. There is one large American horse among them, and I would recommend that another of some kind be purchased, so as to make one good pair of draught horses to be turned over to the Superintendent of teaching for the use of the manual labor and agricultural school.

There is 7 head of mules belonging all, I believe, to the Department, four of these mules, are as I have said above hauling logs to the mill, and the other three are running out with the horses. They are all small and very poor.

The sheep, 355 head, besides about 50 lambs, are in good order and condition. Mr. Robert Rantoul, the shepherd is an excellent man and well qualified for the position.

The farms on this reservation seem to have been awfully neglected. There is not a grain of fallow wheat on the ground, only about 25

it is absolutely necessary to put this mill in working order before spring, as without lumber it will be impossible to farm, the present ~~xxx~~ fences being mere apologies for such things--to build the houses for the Indians as provided in the Treaty or in fact to carry on the business of this agency at all. Should this matter be delayed, the only time when the mill can be run at all, that is in the spring and the early part of the summer, ~~would~~ will pass by, the water in the creek becomes insufficient and everything have to lay over another year which to say the least would be unfortunate for the Indians and calculated to shake their confidence in the good faith of our government.

I have set a four mule team and two men to work hauling saw logs so that whenever the mill ~~xxxx~~ be in running order, no delay need be experienced on that account.

After making a close and careful estimate I have come to the conclusion that by using the dam and ~~xxxx~~ to some extent the frame of the saw mill, a grist mill would be attached for about \$3,000. Should it be your intention to have said mill erected the coming season, I would request you to inform me of the fact, as early a day as practicable, so that I might have the necessary lumber sawed before the water gives out.

Before going further I will have state, that, as Mr. Lansdale refuses to make out the proper invoices of the government property on hand and in fact ~~is~~ turn over at all, it is impossible for me to give the correct numbers and amounts of the different articles. I made out a list of property, supposed to belong to the Indian Department, but which from the fact that Mr. Lansdale claims some stock and other goods as his own personal property, I do not believe is near correct.

The beef cattle which I found on the Reservation are entirely unfit to be killed at the present time, they are all very poor, mostly only two years old, and will not average according to a rough estimate,

used by the Department since Mr. Meits moved out of it, and I have been unable as yet to discover the reasons why, or for what purposes this house was purchased at all.

On the 15th inst I visited the mill. This building is far from being completed. It will take five or six ~~more~~ men at least 6 weeks to finish it. The Gentleman who had the planning and building of this mill did not prove himself a very superior mechanic, the whole concern from the foundation, or at least from the place where the foundation ought to be for there is none, the lower sills being placed on the ground, without any cross sills or anything else, to keep them up, up to the comb of the roof, is one great blunder. ^{The} ~~The~~ frame though very heavy is not strong. most of the braces being wedged in to keep them in their places. It became necessary for Mr. Dickerson, the wagon and plowmaker on the Reservation, and who has lately been in charge of the mill, to take out and remodel the entire ~~framework~~ force beam and move it on to one side, in order to make room for the saw, for which there had been no provision made in the original plan. The work done by Mr. Dickerson is the only work on the whole mill, performed in a workmanlike manner and I shall again place that gentleman in charge as soon as the weather will permit to finish the mill.

The Dam is not yet done and it is of the greatest importance that the same be completed and well--- as soon as practicable, for should the spring freshets find us in our present condition, it is more than probable that a large portion of this structure would be swept ~~away~~ away and become an entire loss.

To finish this mill and dam, it will ~~require~~ require besides the services of the roughmaker and carpenter on the reserve at least \$1000 which amount I would respectfully request you to place in my hands, for