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Olympia

Mgr. Adm.

There is not much new to give you from here.

Fifteen days ago the savage whom we had brought back from Seattle as a prisoner was murdered in the prison by a man who believed to have found the murderer of his sister. It is said that it was a Doctor who previously was a butcher and he scalped the savage, then opened him and took his heart out. We must assume this was done for some sort of study. Our newspaper leaves under silence all this which could disgust the country already sad enough and unhappy. I will therefore pass rapidly also on such articles,

Here is the object of my letter. I come to ask you to help us through your councils to know what there is to do and to whom we must address ourselves to obtain the compensation to which the establishment of Ahtanum gives us a right. My thought was to write the governor to know what he was thinking of doing.

The Catholic citizens have conducted themselves in a very Christian way when limiting itself to avenge the honor of the priest and of the religion without bringing up the question of damages and profanation. Now that the congress is assembled and that our delegates are making their request it seems that without waiting the end of the war. It could be good that we are on our side would make also our request we have at least a balance if we cannot have all yet. The note that Father Durieu has sent me from Colville leaves only one question unclear, the one about the cattle. Our father has taken the horses necessary for their journey and have left the rest on a place under the care of the savages and took the road to Colville at once without coming back to the Yakimas.

It has been impossible to give the note about the cattle. Now because of the difficulties of corresponding with our Father to have the note

about the cattle which is missing . I find myself a little embarrassed for the request that we must make on the subject of the animals .<sup>As</sup> for the rest, everything is written in the note of <sup>H</sup>ather <sup>J</sup>urieu. Do you think we should start what we know has been lost and to wait until later on to ask.