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Washington Suptcy. Miscellaneous Letters Rec'd. No. 5, Roll 23

Fort Dalles, March 4, 1855

Gov. I.I. Stevens,

Dear Sir: I have employed N. Roby dating his pay from Mch. 3d. I have more men than I need but it costs little to subsist them in the field & they will be wanted for your party and Roby is a first rate man.

I have deemed it best to send Pierson on express to you that you may be duly informed in the premises.

You will perceive that the transportation of so many tons of Indian goods is very expensive and I shall therefore need \$2,000 more in order to meet payments for freight, etc. It should be sent to me at Walla Walla at an early day. I suppose that Pierson can return immediately & unless I shall have sooner sent an express to Mr. Adams can proceed directly to St. Mary's. I note your remarks concerning J Semire. I should have wished to send him to St. Mary's as he is a trustworthy man.

Mr. Bolon has funds. I rec. from our friend G.W.S. \$300 for him & the receipt is herewith enclosed.

Dr. Lansdale also received \$300 I think and I will obtain his duplicate receipt for it in the morning.

I think it will be best to furnish Pierson with money to purchase a horse at this point to reach me at Walla Walla. I have given him no money for expenses to Olympia, as he has a sufficient amt. of his own, I presume. I have detained him to take bills, receipted for all amounts expended. Hoping to see you at an early day, I am,

Very respectfully and truly yours

James Doty

Olympia W.T. I. Have sent you no other communication of importance not contained in my present letters.

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Des Shutes, March 15 , 1855

To His Excellency Gov. I.I. Stevens, Sir:

Mr. Doty started from here yesterday with 4 pack animals, he directed me to inform you about some necessary articles that he forgot to mention on his communication to you. Hewishes you to bring a sufficient supply of soap candles salaratus & vinegar as he has got but just sufficient for his present party.

The Indians report very little snow in the mountains this winter. The streams have all rased within the last ten days. They are all swimming but they are going down fast.

The boat has arrived to transport the goods to Walla Walla. She is undergoing some repairs. They will start from here in two days.

Your obdt. Servt. C.P. Higgins.



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[printed form, filled in]

Treasury Department. Second Auditor's office, March 16, 1855

Rec. March 16, 55.

Sir: A requisition No. 2199 dated 15th instant drawn by the Secretary of the Interior on the Treasury has this day been sent to the proper office for a warrant to be issued in your favor for thirteen thousand dollars. which will be transmitted to you by the Treasurer of the United States and for which you are held accountable under the following appropriation

Incidental expenses Indian service in Washington	\$7,500
Pay of six Indian agents	3,000
" " 2 sub agents	1,000
" " 6 interpreters	1,500
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	\$13,000

On receipt whereof, be pleased to forward an acknowledgement to this office, respectfully sir, Gov. Isaac I. Stevens, your obedient servant, Olympia Wash

2d auditor (scrawl)

"playhn"

[P. Clayton]

Fort Dalles, March 20, 1855

Gov. I.I. Stevens:

My Dear Sir:

In organizing your party I would suggest that the proper plan is to purchase at Vancouver or in the vicinity a sufficient number of pack mules to transport the provisions, baggage etc. of your party from this point, the Dalles. Purchase in Portland all the equipment, pack saddles, blankets, riding saddles, bridles, ropes 3/8 inch and 1/2 inch, provisioning, mess kit, par flechis, or a substitute therefore of heavy canvass, pack carriers, panniers and in short every thing you may need including arms and ammunition.

Let the mules be driven up by say two or three men carrying their saddles only and the mess kits etc. of the men. Yourself and remainder of the party and freight can come by steamboat to this point. I think that riding animals for your party may be had at this point at reasonable rates. I have paid \$50 each for reasonable horses. You can also obtain here 6 or 8 mules at \$100 each. I am induced to make these suggestions because it is evident you can obtain nothing from the Qr. Masters Dept. without an order from Gen. Wool or by paying the full amount thereof with a guarantee to return the property and to obtain it in the latter case is extremely doubtful without an order from the Genl. I have been allowed to purchase mainly ~~through the~~ through the kindness of Capt. Malony QM, saddles, bridles, tents, pack covers, etc. to the amount of \$254, but there seems to be no formal disposition to accommodate & a determination to adhere to an alleged order forbidding them to furnish transportation to the Ind. Dept.

Are the 2,500 rations 1/2 Ra Pork sufficient to carry us to Fort B. I could estimate but do not know what number of persons will be with you.



It will be necessary to bring stationary, ink, blank book etc.

You are aware that the first cost of organizing and equipping a party under the present circumstances should be almost the only cost. Having govt. animals at Coeur d'Alene & St. Mary's noon need by purchased & other expenses must be light.

The great expense is in transporting goods to the Walla Walla Valley. Mr. Bolon and myself propose to do it thus, ship to the Dalles & thence by a train of 15 or 20 mules to be kept in motion during the summer and fall. I allude to the goods coming around the horn destined for the Indians east of the Cascades, a pack train will be cheapest judging from present appearances. But perhaps it will be time enough to decide upon this when we meet.

The goods I have now contracted to be delivered at Walla Walla I shall have packed & hauled to a suitable encamping ground.

Very respectfully

James Doty

Among our Indian goods here we have no thread, knives, vermilion or fish hooks. Would it not be well to bring some?

My acts. at Vancouver & Walla Walla are settled

Olympia, W.T.: I trust it will not be necessary to send my invoice (in the field books) to Washington and should like to revise (sic) them and take copies.

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Fort Dalles, O.T. May 26th, 1855

His Excellency, Isaac I. Stevens

Dear Sir: Your favor of the 24th instant was delivered by Pearson (sic) this evening about six o'clock. With it came your letters for Messrs Stevens, Act. Gov. Mason, Genl. Wool, Col. Simmons, Capt. Cain and the comdy. officer of this post. The last found me in command. Your requests in relation to the letters will be attended to; your wishes in regard to Lieut. Gracie will be realized. We send on Monday with Ma. John Owens, seven days rations for his command; he is instructed in case a contingency should arise which might require his presence in the Cayuse country for a longer time than he may have rations for his men to report the occasion of it and send estimates of supplies. I am glad to hear that you have hopes of effecting a good treaty. I wish you success!

The San Francisco steamer had not arrived at Portland on Tuesday last when the Steamer, Belle left there. We expect that she made her usual Friday trip, and we will get the States' mail sometime during the night, if so I will send by Pearson the latest papers. Should Pearson leave without papers I will certainly forward some by the first opportunity.

Esq. Evenly informed me yesterday that Tow-wat-ie's son was seen here, and is probably still in the vicinity. I have noticed that there ~~ix~~ are a great many strange Indians about the villages--Cayuses, and Umatillas. I have made an effort to get a sight of this rascal without ~~makixg~~ awakening suspicions among the Indians, but have failed.

Midnight--the steamer came in while writing. Have not had time to look over the newspapers. Have received orders to conduct over one hundred men to the Snake country to leave if possible ~~000~~ about



the middle of June. Genl Wool came up in the steamer, reviewed the troops at Vancouver and returned in the same steamer. I learnt that he was pleased that Maj. Rains had sent the escort up. Capt. Augur is ordered up to this post to command during my absence.

I write in haste--send you and others some newspapers--be pleased to give my respects to Genl. Palmer, Messrs Thompson, Olney, Doty, Dr. Landsdale and, believe me,

Yours truly.

G.O. Haller.

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Head Qurs. Fort Dalles, O.T. May 26, 1855

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to receive, this evening, your letter of the 25th instant requesting that Lieutl Gracie be authorized to remain at the Council Ground until the Treaty is concluded.

In conformity with your wishes, Lieut. Gracie has been advised that so much of post orders as required his return by the 4th of June has been suspended and he will "be governed" by a consideration of the interests of the government, and return to this post at the earliest practicable moment etc."

I am gentlemen, very respectfully

Your obedt. Servant

G.O. Haller,

Capt. 4th Infy. 7 Bvt. Maj.

Comdy. post

His excellency, Gov. Isaac I. Stevens,

Supt. of Ind. Affairs W.T. & Comm

Hon. Joel Palmer

Supt. of Indian Affairs O.T.



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Sept 12, 1855, Spokane River

Sir:

You had desired our going to meet you at the treaty but we can not go on account of the Salmon wich is coming up now and we are laying up our winter supply as that is our only resource for living. We think we cannot do without it as for as we are for peace and does not make anny difference about our not going to meet you for we all want to remain quiette and peacefull. the Coeur delleinnes have all left but one chief for the buffalo coun ry and my people are going also as oon as salmon is over. I have heard that the Nez Perce were talking war that makes me uneasy and much for my part I don't like to see them take up arms for they will gain nothing by it . I have heard that you had talk hard about us by Indians but I don't believe it but I think it is all the Yakements doing to get us to join them but I don't believe it for they wane me to go to war by all means but I would rather be good. But I much rather be quiette but I expect you to have more confidence in me than that, and hope that you will not believe anny of them storys for I know that you know to much to give credit to such idle talk when we next meet we can have a good understanding together for I will keep nothing from you and expect the same from you. So I remain very respectfully, yours

Gary

P.S. Sir I have heard that you had said that the first time you would see me you were going to cut my balls out, but I should not like it much and my old woman much less

Gary.

To his excellency Governor Stephens (sic)



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Olympia, Oct. 3, 1855

My Dear Major

Crosbie and Pierson returned here last evening. Pierson had been in previously with your letter and I had sent him back to Vancouver with a requisition upon Maj. Rains for troops to be sent into the Yakama country. I regret to inform you that these Indians have behaved most shamefully. Straggling parties of mine s have been cut off by them to the extent as far as we can judge or some twelve or fifteen. Five are known to have been killed. Immediately upon receipt of positive information I made a requisition upon the commanding officer of Fort Steilacoom for a detachment of men and also sent Pierson to Fort Vancouver with a similar requisition. Both were at once complied with. Slaughter started from Steilacom with 40 soldiers and packers in all fifty strong on Friday (Sept. 28) and a command left the Dalles either on Monday or Tuesday, Oct. 1 or 2 to go up the Yakima Valley to cooperate with him. This last command consists of 84 soldiers and packers, probably 100 strong all mounted This will give about 150 men in the field, ample enough I should think to do all that can be done.

The positive information in this matter was brought in by a miner from Seattle, two of whose party were shot dead from ambush on the eastern side of the Cascades. The ~~remainder~~ remainder three in number then escaped into Seattle-the two who were killed were a little in advance of the other three, which last heard the shots but thought nothing of it until in a few minutes they came upon the dead bodies of their comrades. Seeing that they were dead the survivors immediately retraced their steps. In addition to these two ~~men~~ our townsman Mattice has been murdered by two Indians of the Isle de Pierre band. A son of Owhi is implicated in all these transactions. Beyond these



three the Indians report others to be murdered to the extent above mentioned.

There has been a general scare throughout this county and Pierce. I have been with the soldiers for the past ten days. ~~before~~ Day before yesterday a report came that Indians were collecting on "Muck" prairie. I immediately went out in company with Fitzhugh and ~~Major~~ <sup>Nugen</sup> ~~Amgen~~ (?) Steilacoom, but found the whole story to be utterly without foundation. Tomorrow ~~Amgen~~ Nugen and myself start with 15 soldiers for white river chiefly to allay the fears of the settlers. I have no one ~~belonging~~ to the Indian department with me. Simmons is down the Sound attending upon the courts. Shaw has gone to Portland with Capt. Cain. I have allowed Cushman to accompany Slaughter across the ~~xxxxxxx~~ Cascades. In view of all these circumstances in case of ... I shall appoint Judge Ford as special agent until matters get quiet. I have no concern for our safety west of the Cascades and I place great confidence in Slaughter. You may rest assured of one thing that if Slaughter gets a chance he will punish those Indians severely.

Besides what I have above stated there is nothing new here. Explorations have been made from Seattle through the Cascade mountains and two good passes have been found, the Snoqualmie and another. Time prevents my sending you full details but I assuredly will by the next express.

Your family are all in perfect health. In another communication I shall refer to financial matters. With my kindest regards to Doty, Adams etc. I remain as ever.

Yours Truly C.H. Mason

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His Excellency, I.I. Stevens, Governor and superintendent of Indian  
affairs, Washington Territory, Cascades, W.T.

Dear Sir:

April 14, 1856

On the 26th of March ult. a band of hostile Indians made an attack upon this place and the adjacent neighborhood killing our people, burning our homes and plundering our property. The attack was made simultaneous upon the different important points along the river. Cutting off all communication from one section to that of another and as we had not up to the very moment of attack the most remote demonstration of hostility from our own friendly Indians we were taken so completely by surprise that it was a matter of impossibility to save from destruction that portion of our property that was laid waste by those savage fiends. Many of our citizens escaped with nothing but the cloths that they had on at the time--families before in fair and comfortable circumstances were turned out of their houses and driven from their homes destitute and beggarly.

In behalf of these, as well as to get pay for my own property which has been burned and destroyed, I ask your advice and instruction as to the proper and legal ~~means~~ course to be pressed to get remuneration at the hands of the general government for property destroyed in this manner. Your advice in the premises will be most gratefully received and remembered by your fellow citizens here.

I am sir, your most obt servant

C. J. Palmer



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Fort Dalles, W.T., May 31, 56

May it please your excellency

Being informed that a certain appropriation was made and invested with you for the relief of the sufferers in the disastrous expedition by Americans to Queen Charlotte's Island in 1855 (~~4~~ marked over, could be a 3) I have the honor to request you will inform me if such be the case and if so what steps are necessary for me (as one coming within the measure of indemnification for such expenditures) to establish my claims.

I have the honor to be

Sir, your obedient humble servant

George Rhine

E. Troop 1st Drag.

[no. funds not in my hands]

[check mark]

His Excel: I.I. Stevens

Governor W. Terr.

Head Quarters Northern District,

Department of the Pacific

Camp on Naches River, June 8, 1856

Sir:

I have in my camp a large number of Klicatat Indians with their women and children.

It appears that these Indians previous to the Treaty on being in Oregon and at the request of Kamiacaken (who claimed them as his own people) General Palmer sent them all back to this country. They have been treated very badly by Kamiacaken and his people, and in my advance into the country they determined if possible to come in--many of them have succeeded in escaping the power of Kamiacken, some are still with him, and only await an opportunity of bringing away their families--I have some 70 or 80 of these people, they are perfectly friendly towards the whites, and I shall send them to the Dalles tomorrow. They are anxious to return to Oregon and that is unquestionably the best disposition that can be made of them. They can never reside in peace in this country and if we do not remove them, they may be driven to join the hostile Indians. I hope yourself and Gen. Palmer will concur in this view. We can do nothing else with them.

It is highly important to weaken the power of Kamiaken by affording protection for all who desire to abandon his cause. I would also request that Genl. Palmer would consider the propriety of removing all the Indians at Fort Vancouver, as well as those on the instant at the Lower Cascades, to the reservation in Oregon.

These Indians now wish me acknowledge (sic) Timi e tat as their chief, he is in confinement at Fort Vancouver more for his own safety than anything else. There are some other Indians also in confinement at that post all of whom should be sent off.

Please offer this letter to Genl Palmer if you cannot act in the matter yourself. G. Wright, Col 9th infy comdy. to R.R. Thompson, U.S. Ind. Agent Fort Dalles. O.T.



[June 8, 1856]

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Estimate

Supplies for Col. Wm. Craig, six men, six months

Flour say 1,100 lbs                      bacon 500      Sugar 200  
Coffee 100,      Beans 50,      Rice 50,      Soap 25; salt 100,  
Saluatus 5; pepper & mustard 5      2,135 will require 11 mules

Rations for the train coming and returning, say 10 men, 60 days  
flour say 600 lbs, bacon 350, sugar 95, coffee 55, salt 15, soap 10,  
saluratus pepper 5, 1,130. Tent, mass. kit & baggage 450  
ammunition 20, 1,100 requires 8 mules and they can easily carry  
200 each on this packs every day

...(omitted 2 pps.)

Recapitulation Pack animals; Indian goods 6; supplies for Col.  
Craig 11; supplies for the train 8; total packs 25; riding  
animals 10; loose 5; total animals 40 horses and mules.  
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Corvallis Nov. 21st, 1856

To Capt. A.F. Hedges, superintendent of Indian affairs, O.T.

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed my bill for services as surveyor and expenses for surveying the boundary lines of the Rogue River reservation as per bill will indicate.

I stand greatly in need of the ~~money~~ pay of the same the services were performed and money expended nearly five years ago. If it can be paid soon it would afford me relief

I am with respect

Your obedient servant

Capt. A.F. Hedges

Oregon City, O.T.

L.A. Davis

Corvallis, Ore.



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Dalle City, May 18, 1857: The undersigned, a resident of Wasco  
county, O.T. hereby makes application for a license to trade with the  
Indians in Walla Walla Valley, at a point near the post lately established  
and now occupied by a portion of the U.S. Army under command of Col.  
Steptoe. The amount of capital proposed to be used in the trade is two  
thousand dollars. William McWhirk now a resident of Walla Walla Valley  
will be employed as clerk. H.P. Isaacs.

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Territory of Oregon, county of Wasco: Personally appeared before me,  
J.A. Simms, Deputy Clerk of the U.S. District Court of Wasco county,  
H.P. Isaacs who being duly sworn according says he is a citizen of  
the United States born in the State of Pennsylvania & that to the best  
of his knowledge and believe Wm. McWhirk of Walla Walla county is  
a citizen of the United States, born in the state of Ohio. H.P. Isaacs  
Subscribed this 15 day of Sept., 1857 J.A. Simms, deputy clerk of the  
U.S. District Court, Wasco County, O.T.

September 10, 1857-Memorandum of stock of goods belonging to H.P.  
Isaacs in charge of W. McWhirk at Walla Walla Valley. (3 pps list)  
includes shirts, 300 sleigh bells, 25 pair BB Blue blankets, 20  
scarlet, 20 white (at 6.50) 10 common at 4.50 ; 20 pr Hudson Bay  
blankets, 3 pt. at 9; needles, brogans, 12 doz mirrors, 500 awls,  
50 lbs seed beads; 50 lbs fancy beads (at 1.75 and 1.50 )  
1 doz broad hats; 2 doz common blk. hats; 4 cases oysters; 1 doz navy  
caps 6 gross military buttons etc. (value \$4056.31 )

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Vancouver, 2 July 1857

My dear Colo:

I ~~intended~~ intended to have a conversation with you before ~~leaving~~ separating from you on the matter of ~~xxxxxxx~~ demanding of the Indians the surrendering of the murderers of Mattise and Boland.

It has been suggested that to... the delivery of them at the moment would perhaps add to the difficulties now deemed to exist ... the Indians or complicate them.

If a delay in the matter would be advisable and a formal demand be postponed it would be also adviseable perhaps in conversation with them to let them know that ... not forgotten and that if would be deemed by the wian (sic) act of great good will on their part to deliver them up and would greatly tend to induce the government to extend to them some especial favors.

Please think the matter over and write to me so that I may frame such orders as may meet your ... and so cooperate with you in ... to this special matter.

I am sir, your obdt. servt.

Gxx ?? Clarke (Scrawl..like letter)

Brig gen

Comy dept. Pacific

Colo Nesmith

Supt. of Indian affairs in Oregon and Washington Territories



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Olympia, Wash Terry. July 4th, 1857

Col. J.W. Nesmith, supt. of Indian Affairs for Oregon and Wash. Territories

Sir:

The sudden and melancholy death of my much lamented friend Jas. Doty which occurred on the 24th ulto having I presumed caused a vacancy in your department for the office of clerk, I take the liberty of addressing you to respectfully solicit of you the appointment of said vacancy.

Having during the greater part of my life been employed in book keeping and other accounts and having moreover during the past twelve months served in the capacity of chief clerk in the office of the quartermaster general Wash. Terry. Volunteers I am well acquainted with the forms in which government accounts and papers are made and particularly such as pertaining to the Indian Department in which I have had some experience and of which business I have acquired a tolerably accurate knowledge.

With this knowledge combined with a strict application to business should you feel pleased to give me this appointment, I feel confident that I shall not fail to give entire satisfaction.

May I beg the favor of a reply at your earliest convenience, meantime

I remain, with esteem

Yours very respectfully

Richard Lane

P.S. Should you require information respecting my qualifications for the office I can refer you to Gov. Stevens, Q th(?) Genl. Millar and many other persons at this place

R.L.



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Nesqually Ferry, July 12th, Thurston Co. W.T. [1857]

Mr. Nesmith, Supt. of Indian Affairs O and W. T.

Sir: I find myself nessitated to address you for relief from the embarrassing situation in which I find myself in consequence of an Indian being accidentally shot in my field on the 5th of June last. The facts in the case are these to wit: I have (or had) a field of potatoes situate at least 400 yds from any road and in the enclosure there is much thick brush. Now it happened that there was a hog ~~that~~ shut there-in this last spring when the fence was repaired. This hog became very wild so much so that I could not get sight of him to shute him for he would come into the field only in the night. I wached for him in the night and as long as I was in the field he would not come in. I tried to take him with dogs but all to no purpose he continued to root up my potatoes. I finally concluded to set a gun and let him kill him self. I did so on the night of the 5th of June last. I did not leave the field until after sunset and about 9 the same night there were 3 Indians on their return from Olympia to Dr. ~~Thom~~ Tolmys in order to save distance under took to pass through my field and the foremost of them came in contact with the line attached to the trigger of the gun and shot himself through the leg which caused his death. They, the relatives of the deceased demanded satisfaction of me. I told them I was not to blame for his death. Their reply was "if you pay me I shall think you did not mean to kill him, if you do not I shall think you killed him on purpose." Finding that I must pay or be subject to losing my own life ~~Ixxxxxx~~por that some white man or men must suffer death if I refuse I sent them to Dr. Tolmye and requested him to settle with them, as reasonable as possible. He did so. They agreed to be satisfied with fifteen blankets. Now sir the cost of those blankets I have agreed to pay in Oct. next. I ask you to liberate me from that liability.



I have suffered much loss by the Indian difficulty before this and have never asked any relief. And now I have to lose what should have made at least 500 bushels of potatoes because I was afraid of killing any other Indian if I used the only means for killing the hog. The loss of the crop is more than I am able to lose, without paying for the Indians. I leave the subject in your hands, expecting to hear from you soon.

Respectfully

John A. ~~Rekwood~~ Packard

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Circular

Head Quarters, Dept of the Pacific, San Francisco, Cal. July 28, 57

Sir:

Brig. Gen. Clark (sic) desires that on the application of J.W. Deane Newsmith, Sup. of Indian affairs for the territories of Oregon and Washington, you will furnish to him or the agents of the Department escorts through the Indian country whenever this can be done without detriment to your command.

I am sir, very respectfully

Your obdt. servt.

W.W. Mackall, A.A. Genl.

Major R.S. Garnett  
9th Infantry, Comdy  
Fort Simcoe, W.T.



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Fort Simcoe, W.T. Dec. 11, 1860

To Edward R. Geary, esq. Supt. Ind. Affairs, Portland, Oregon.

Sir: Seeking relief from asthma in a dry climate east of the Cascades and being acquainted with Dr. Lansdale led me to try this locality the present winter.

The doct. requests me to address you in regard to the persons nominated to you for employes under the Yakima treaty. I am not personally acquainted with you but I am known to Mr. Brooks your clerk and I comply with his request with pleasure.

Rev. Mr. Wilbur, supt. of teaching I have known since my coming here. I deem him eminently qualified for his employment.

Mr. William Wright, teacher I have known for some years at Olympia. He is a consistent christian, has a wife and one child and in my judgment is well qualified for the place he occupies.

Mr. Alfred Hall, carpenter I have known for years at Olympia. He has a wife and two children and is a good christian man and is considered at Olympia universally so far as I know a superior workman.

Mr. William Connell, supt. of farming I have known since last fall. He is a member of the M.F. Church, has a wife and four children. Is an industrious man and appears well adapted to his employment.

Dr. Roberts physician I have been acquainted with since last fall. So far as I know he appears to attend to his duties faithfully and appears to be a moral man.

Mr. Spink (?) blacksmith is a quiet, orderly industrious man, a good workman and well adapted to his duties.

Mr. Pruess (?) blacksmith, appears to be a moral man, a German and seems to understand his duties. I remain sir, etc. D.R. Bigelow of Olympia

I joint most heartily add willingly in all the testimonials above given by Mr. Bigelow. I think all the employes named the very best probably that could be had for their several positions. Charley Pope. Fort Simcoe W.T. Dec. 11, 1860.

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Washougal, W.T. Jan 31st, 1861. Mr. Geary, sir: A company of ten persons, citizens of this territory have formed a co. and taken claim along the north of the Columbia river, from opposite Dalles City to 1 1/2 miles above American Falls for the purpose of making a portage road around the Dalles and falls.

"hen I was surveing and locating the road a few days ago the Indians appeared very restless and insolent. The road nessarily passes through several small farms which they have cultivated. It old them that I understood that the treaty gave them an equal amount of land(prepared) on their reserve. They answered that they had never treated and would not leave their lands. I told them that I would refer the matter to you.

Will you please give me the necessary information that we may not infringe on the rights of the Indians. If there is no treaty with the Indians, the Co. want the privilege to purchase the privilege of passing through the farms of the Indians. We have commenced the road and expect to have it in operation by the first of April. I am the acting officer of the company and am determined that nothing shall be done to violate the Indian ...(?) if it can be helped. Yours.

H. J. G. Maxon



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Head Quarters, Dept. of the Pacific, San Francisco, March 2, 1861

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter addressed to Colonel Wright commanding the military district of Oregon requesting that 30 or 40 rifles may be placed at your disposal for the use of the employees at the Fort Simcoe Agency.

I have no authority under the law or regulations to make any disposition of public arms other than for the use of the troops.

And I would not do so unless the exigency of the occasion was such as to furnish a full justification for acting without the sanction of either. In the case presented there seems to be no urgency for immediate action as you propose to provide the arms now as precautionary measures. For these reasons I do not conceive it to be in my power to comply with your request. By the act of the 3 of March, 1825 the president under certain restrictions is authorized to have arms unsuitable for military service sold; there may be rifles at Fort Vancouver of that description in which case I do not doubt you would on application to the War Department, be authorized to purchase for your department whatever number may be needed. I am sir, with great respect, your obt. service. A.S. Johnson, Col. 2 Cav. B.Gen.

Edward R. Geary, esq.

Superintendent Indian Affairs, Portland, Oregon.

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Fort Cascades, W. Ty. April 8th, '1861

Hon E.R. Geary, supt. of Indian Affairs

Dear Sir: There are quite a number of Indians at the Cascades very poor and destitute. These people have required considerable assistance during the past winter, part of this has been through me, given by the government and part by private charity. Not being attached to a reservation they look to me as the commander of this post, to supply their wants and to investigate their troubles and I would respectfully urge that if not incompatible with the public interests that a small sum of money be placed in my hands to supply their wants until they are able to procure their own food. Two or three hundred dollars would be sufficient for this purpose. I would likewise urge that these Indians be sent before the next winter to some reservation where they can receive proper attention. If this recommendation meets with your approval and you have not time to make the necessary arrangements before your successor assumes the duties I beg that you will endorse this views to him.

I am my dear sir

Yours very respectfully

H.D. Wallen, capt. 4th infy. Comdy.



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Gov. I.I. Stevens:

Sir:

Your letter by Pierson was received yesterday.

You may be surprised that I am no further on my journey but when you consider my necessary delay in Portland & Vancouver on account of funds; the time required in transporting the goods to this point & the difficulties in getting them from here you will not be surprised. On arriving here I applied to Major Rains for transportation. After considering the matter a day or two he informed me that I must use every exertion to get it done in some other way such as hiring waggons from the citizens, getting pack mules or boats etc. etc and then if I could not transport it, and would make a certificate to that effect, he would furnish waggons and mules on my depository in cash, the cost thereof guaranteeing the safe return then of and making good any damages.

The cost of one six mule waggon & mules is \$850, one waggon cannot go to Walla Walla valley with more than 1/2 a load viz one ton because there are bad hills where the teams must double when carrying the full load of 2 tons; therefore two waggons must be had costing \$1,700. These would carry four tons or 1/2 our goods and consume one month up and back and then would be no certainty of having them for a return trip as Major Rains would reserve the right of taking them at any time & probably would not let them go a second trip. And above all my funds, diminished one half by long delays, board of men, advances to Dr. Lansdale etc. & bringing the goods up the river would not permit me to make so large a deposit. Therefore the quarter masters department was out of the question---There are a few indifferent waggons here but none for sale, & four mules. The people who have ox



teams would not transport it at less than \$250 per ton, of course out of the question.

A large train of pack horses, miserable ones at that would be beyond my means & after much consideration and vexation the following method was determined upon.

~~Sax~~ Symmes & Hammason a responsible firm of merchants have contracted with me to deliver the goods necessary mor or less at \$100 per ton in good order and condition receiving pay as soon as the goods are delivered at Walla Walla. They haul the goods in waggons to the mouth of the Des Chutes river, 15 miles, avoiding all the rapids above here, and take them thence in a boat to Walla Walla. All the goods were yesterday deposited at the Des Chutes. All the men are encamped there undercharge of Higgins, excepting two who accompany Dr. L. Mr. B and myself. The goods are well ... in tents. A boat load of five tons will probably leave on Wednesday next. A portion of my men will go in the first boat. S & H paying me for their services \$1.50 per day. Higgins and one man will remain in charge of the goods until the boat returns and go up in the last trip. The boat will take six to eight days to go up and two down. In the meantime my party consisting of Mr. Dolon, Dr. Lansdale, self and two men will leave here day after tomorrow and proceed to Walla Walla, make arrangements for reception of goods temporarily, leave Dr. Lansdale at Brooke & B and push on with Mr. Dolon to the winter camp of the Yakimas three days from Walla Walla. The Indians ~~ixxix~~ are all ~~axxix~~ assembled at that point and ~~ixxxxxix~~ there will be no difficulty ~~withx~~ in talking with the principal chiefs.

Mr. Craig came in from the Nez Perce' country to day ~~ka~~ and represents those Indians as perfectly quiet and as well disposed as formerly; undoubtedly the reports in circulation of plots and counterplots are greatly exaggerated, if they have any foundation,



although Major Rains believes them or pretends to, implicitly. All these Indians desire is payment for their lands and reservations secured to them against the intrusion of the whites. I predict that you will have little difficulty in treating with the Nez Perce, Walla Walla & Yakimas.

There have been reports, letters from priests etc. against Garry whether true in whole or part is impossible for me at present to say, but I shall write you very fully on this on investigating the matter.. Should it be found that he is exciting the Indians to hostilities I shall remove him from the country. I however advised Col. Bonneville and Major Rains to desist from their expressed determination to arrest and confine him on the first opportunity as they had no right whatever to arrest him on an exparte statement, and it was exceedingly bad policy, calculated to cause great excitement among the Indians. They have promised to take no steps in the matter until called upon to do so.

Mr. Thompson, agent, came yesterday but I have had no time to converse with him but hope to see him this afternoon.

I trust you will approve of the arrangements I have made and I remain, respectfully yours

James Doty

Gov. I.I. Stevens, W.T.

P.S. I omitted to mention that I paid for freight from Vancouver to Dalles \$40 per ton, my goods amount to 10 tons, measurement, the way in which all goods are carried in this country.

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