Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, March 13, 1890.

Thomas Priestly, Esq.,

U.S. Indian Agent,

Yakama Agency,

Fort Simcoe, Washington.

Sir:

In your communication, dated December 3,1889, reporting upon the necessity for the survey of the western and southern boundaries of the Yakama Reservation, you state that for reasons set out in your annual report you consider a re-survey and re-marking of the southern boundary of the reservation as necessary.

From the records of this office it appears that the southern boundary was surveyed for a distance of 47½ miles from the Yakima River, by Harry A.Clarke, in 1886.

From the map this survey appears to extend to the southern corner of the reservation in township 6 N., R 16 E.

In a petition addressed to the Secretary of the Interior, by citizens of Klickitat County, they request the survey of the south and west boundaries from the 48½ mile post, to Ahtahnum Creek to prevent further trouble between settlers and Indians.

They represent that the south boundary has been marked for a

distance of $48\frac{1}{2}$ ($47\frac{1}{2}$) miles from the Yakima River, and that no trouble occurs upon that portion of the line.

As this line was surveyed only four years ago, the necessity for re-marking it, especially in the light of the above statement, is not understood.

You will fully explain this matter and report whether the survey of the line westwardly and northerly from said $47\frac{1}{2}$ mile post, to the Ahtahnum Creek, or northwest corner of the reservation, will not be sufficient.

This line appears to be about 60 miles in length.

You will make your report as soon as possible, and return the enclosed map.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

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