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Mr. Sec and Governor:

The 12th of last Oct. resulting from certain improper talks against the priests I thought it good to write to you. To ask you to make the public know so that everyone could know the conduct which the as well as in the ease as at the west of the Cascades have toward civil authorities (authority) Every time we had learned that some danger threatened the security of the citizens. You answered to Mr. Blanchet that for some nonsecse(sic) was not necessary to take much precaution and you contented yourself by declaring in presence of the judge and Capt. Hays that the authority had received from the priest all the information which could be expected and desired. You added that at the first free moment you would write me a few lines to disappate my fears and express your satisfaction .

Undoubtedly your numerous occupations did not let you have such a moment to accomplish your promise whowever (sic) the events have followed their course and the facts the most revolting have followed the talks and menaces which inspired fears.

Mr. Governor, I would restrain myself from holding you responsible for what has been done at the mission of the Yakimas. But it is not less to be regretted that you have not given advice in informing the public which could have disapated predigousu and probably prevented the evil which you now deplore as well as I do.

Very fortunately the priest were not in their house otherwise the sacrilege and destruction and fire massacre could have been added And without doubt that to the massacre of priests would succeed a bloody fight between the regular troops and the others of such as cannot be estimated. Acts in the eyes of any civilized nation, Mr. Governor, the time for silence is past. The newspapers of Oregon have already published these facts and these newspapers also either through ignorance or prejudice or other motives, leave suspicions on the priest, ghe most hateful and most contrary to truth which you

better than any one.

It is therefore time for the truth to appear and that your authority intervenes. Now you cannot help but partake in my fears and act. I do not ask that the culprits should be sent to tribunal and punished according to the laws of the United States but what I ask is that for the honor of the priests and your own and that of the Government you must make known the truth and denounce what has been done at the mission of the Yakimas. As for the damages the ~~governor~~ Gov. must it a duty(sic) to repair them largely I hope this time that you will make haste to give me the satisfaction which I was trying to get in my letter of Oct. 12.

So that you might understand why I show so much solitious (sic) I declare officially that the priest who are with the Yakimas and the Cayuses are under direction and I consider them as my children. It is I who supply them of all which is necessary to their personal care, and to the care of the two mission (sic) in general. What will these poor priests now(sic) They have no house left, no provisions. Will they come seek help here? But if their life is threatened by so many there will they not be exposed to more dangers along the way.

I am writing these lines with tears in my eyes and a heart torn by sorrow. After God all my home is in your authority. Protect therefore the weak and defend the innocent. Waiting for your answer, I still remain Mr. Governor, P. Ricard O.M.I., superior of the mission.