

Answers to Suspensions found
in the Office of Indian Affairs to
the Property Accounts of R H
Milroy US Indian Agent at Yakama
Agency for the 4th Quarter of 1883

Note - Referring to remarks relative to the
imperfect manner in which these accounts
are submitted, the frequent erasures and
interlineations &c, I respectfully refer to
remarks preceding my reply to Suspension
of My Cash Accounts for this Quarter viz
that the great amount of work in the Office
in the 4th Qr of 1882 required the temporary
employment of an Assistant to the Clerk, who
being inexperienced in that Special work made
errors, which were not detected in time to make
out new sets of papers, and I was compelled
to correct them hastily and send them forward

Trusting in future to submit my Accounts
in a more perfect condition, I hope this
Explanation may be accepted

Over

4th Quarter 1882

One Wash tub for which Agent Milroy receipted is not-reported on the Return Answer - That the receipt was an error is evidenced by Ex. Agent Wilbur's Return for the 3^d Qr 1882 - He reports on that return 53 wash tubs on hand which was correct - There was a clerical error in the receipt fifty three tubs was all that I received

Abstract B

Three dozen galvanized buckets received from J. F. Merrill, invoice of Sept. 27th 1882, are not reported

Answer - Is not this an error? My copy of said invoice reads -

1 1/2 Dozen Galvanized Buckets

1 1/2 " " " " or three

dozen in all - I take up 36 Buckets from, on Returns, and refer to this very invoice on the Abstract

Abst. D

Voucher 15. Sheet 1 Numbers 25, 50 and 53. No name given

Answer - In excuse of this omission I can only refer to the explanations submitted at the beginning of these answers - The names as they appear on my Office copy are no 25 Abraham - no 50 Meacher no 53 had no name as is frequently the case with these Indians - He is down as no name no 3 - If this explanation may be accepted without the labor of making out the whole voucher anew, I should esteem it a favor

Sheet 2 - Numbers 3 and 6, no names given

Answer I presume this means no 63 - name Waukester and no 66 name Teeaster - The answer to the preceding is respectfully referred to -

Sheet 3 - Numbers 8, 2, 4, 5, and 176 not receipted

Answer - The Names were all properly
 receipted one office copy, and if they
 are not on the copy forwarded, it was
 a clerical error, as the numbers on the
 Sheet run from 114 to 177, I am unable
 without more definite information to
 locate the defective signatures - It was a
 mere clerical error, and I respectfully ask
 that the omissions may be supplied
 284 ^{lbs} Dried Apples issued

Agent takes Credit for 303 ^{lbs}

Ans My Office copy which is correct reads
 No. 114 - 33 ^{lbs} No 143 - 22 ^{lbs}

| | |
|---------------------|-------------|
| " 120 - 18" | " 147 - 12" |
| " 124 - 8" | " 148 - 4" |
| " 128 - 8" | " 152 - 11" |
| " 130 - 16" | " 160 - 8" |
| " 131 - 8" | " 164 8" |
| " 132 - 28" | " 165 - 8" |
| " 134 - 8" | " 166 - 17" |
| " 136 - 6" | " 168 - 16" |
| " 138 - 16" | " 169 12" |
| " 141 8" | " 175 - 28 |
| <u>157</u> | <u>146"</u> |

Forward 373d
 $157 + 146 = 303^{\text{th}}$ as in the voucher

no 2 8 caps - Credit taken for 9 caps

Ans. My Office Copy has. No 120. 131.

132. 147. 148. 158. 175 each 1 cap and

no 153 - two caps making a total of 9 caps

no 3 4850 ft Lumber issued Or taken for 5050 ft

Ans. Office copy has no 157 150 ft

no 158 400 ft. no 170 4000 ft. no 173

500 ft - total 5050 ft Lumber

no 4 54 Pair pants issued - Or taken for 57 pr

Answer. Error acknowledged - I take up

3 pairs of pants on Returns for 4th Apr

1883, referring to these suspensions -

Sheet 4

nos. 2. 3. & 4 no name.

Ans - They declared they had no names -

These Indians, who have no English names seem

ashamed sometimes of their Indian names, or

they really have none, since it is often impos-

sible to get them to give any name

no 5 1345 lbs Calico issued. Apt takes Credit for 1348 lbs

Ans. My Office Copy reads

From sheet no 1

573d

Over

Forward 37.3ds

From Sheet No 2

353 "

" " " 3

722 "

Sheet no 4. No 186-12 yds. no 188-24 yds

no 200-18 yds. no 203-72 " , no 204-18 "

no 205-12 " . no 210-24 " . no 219-36 " = 216 "

Making a total of = 1348

no 6 216 ¹/₂ Rope issued - Agt takes Cr for 226 ¹/₂

Ans Error acknowledged - I take up
10 ¹/₂ Rope on Return for 4th qtr 1883

no 7 6810ft Lumber issued. Agt takes Credit for 6510

Ans. Office Copy reads - From Sheet 4. 60.50

Issued to No 197. Teemsaah 1460

Total 6510ft

no 8 99 Shaws issued. Agt. takes Credit for 94

Ans. Office Copy reads - Sheet no 2 - 26 Shaws

Sheet no 3 52 "

Sheet no 4: no 186-2 Shaws. no 188-2

no 189-1. no 190-1. no 192-1. no 197-2

no 203-3 - no 204-2. no 206-2. no 213-2

" 215-2. no 219-1 - making Sheet No 4 = 21

Making total issue 99 Shaws

9 Certificate Joe No 34 to whom one wagon
was issued, did not sign by Mark

Answer - I herewith submit receipt for the wagon, and ask that it be filed with my accounts

Voucher 16 Sheet 1

| | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 150 Blankets issued - | Ag't takes Credit for | 151 Blankets |
| 480 yds Calico | " " " " " | 494 Calico |
| 1225 1/2 Beef | " " " " " | 1243 1/2 lbs beef |

Ans. The Blankets and calico are acknowledged errors - I take up 1 blanket and 14 yds Calico on Return for 4th Qr 1883

My Office copy - (which states the correct ^{Amount} issued) - foots up 12436 ^{lbs} as claimed -

Possibly some figures were imperfectly ^{made} and the discrepancy between the Office copy and that sent forward, arisen in that way -

Sheet No 2

| | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1319 1/2 Sheeting issued - | Agent takes Credit for | 1329 yds |
| 13027 1/2 Flour | " " " " " | 13077 ^{lbs} |
| 12876 Beef | " " " " " | 16836 " |

Answer. The first two items - Sheeting and Flour, are acknowledged to be errors, and I

take up in 4th Quarter 1883 - 10th sheeting
and 30 ^{lbs} Flour

~~The beef~~ The third item is evidently an
error in writing the Suspension - Sheet
No 1, just above, was credited in these
Suspensions with 1225 ^{lbs} beef, and it is
not probable that while 3360 ^{lbs} flour were
issued on Sheet No 2, only 624 ^{lbs} beef were
given out - I assume therefore that either
16876 ^{lbs} beef or 16876 ^{lbs} are intended

My Office copy foots up 16836 ^{lbs} as claimed
in the voucher, which is the amount actually
issued -

In cases of issues of cattle horses wagons
or Agricultural implements of value, the
Indians are required to sign a Certificate
promising they will neither barter, sell exchange
or the property so issued without the Consent
of the Agent

1/2 Dozen Knitting Needles were not
dropped because the fraction of a grass was
so small - they will be dropped in a future
Quarter -

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Abstract F

Voucher 19 - The affidavit of O. J. Lovelace is not dated.

Answer - A clerical omission - the date should be the same as Affidavit of Mr. Gower - to wit - January 15th 1883

Voucher 20 1/2 Dozen Ink Small used in School - One dozen reported on the Property as Expended - There should be a more explicit report given as to the articles manufactured from the material dropped -

Ans. I take up 1/2 Doz Small Inks in the 4th Qr 1883 -

Remarks in last paragraph will receive attention in future

Vou 23. Erasures and interlineations ^{must} be explained &c &c

Answer. A new copy of this voucher is herewith furnished

What alterations on Abst. F, are referred

as requiring explanation, is not clearly known - Presuming however that it refers to clerical errors in making the wrong figures, getting them on the wrong line &c, I reply that in some instances the articles expended, were unintentionally placed opposite the number of ~~the~~ another voucher ^{and} the figures erased, and properly entered

1883

