

(Copie d'une lettre de G. Blanchet a M.le secretaire et Gouverneur  
Mason.)

To his excellency  
C.H. Mason Governor  
of Washington Territory

St. Joseph, December 7, 1855

Governor:

Rev. Father Ricard having given me communication of a letter that you sent him Dec. 5th and having read these words: "I have no hesitation in stating that Father Pandosy gave information to me attributing at the time, all the outrages committed up to the period of his presence here in October last, to Awhi and his particular band."

Now, whereas I was interpreter for Father Pandosy, who cannot speak English, for the discharge of my conscience, I beg leave to observe that Father Pandosy did not say that Awhi was the author of the outrages you alluded to.

Thus Father did not give any names because, though he had reports that some murder had been committed, he had no knowledge of the authors.

The aim (le but) of the visits of Father Pandosy was to inform your excellency that Kam-i-arkan stirred up the Indians against the Americans.

I will observe further that Father Pandosy arrived here the 22nd of September and left the 26th of the same month, consequently his informations were not given in October.

You will confer on me the greatest favor in acknowledging receipt of the present.

Of your Excellency

the most humble and obedient servant

G. Blanchet