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Office, Yakima Indian Agency

Fort Simcoe, March 15, 1879.

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(ft. vancouver)

Sir:

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Fort Simcoe, W.T. March 28, 1879

Captain John Smith, U.S. Indian Agent.

Sir:

Two of your Indians from Warm Springs Agency have just come here to the office and informed me there is trouble with <sup>h</sup>High-ne-a and Skiniah. High-ne-ah had the choice of living upon this agency. It seems to me there is no need of trouble. When you requested him to come to your agency and I gave my consent and it was satisfactory to him and the agent. I had no objection.

I think he should be allowed to come here with his wife and family.

Yours truly, James H. Wilbur, U.S. Ind. Agent.



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Subject Piutes

Office Yakima Agency

March 31, 1879

Gen. O.O. Howard

Commander, Dept of Columbia

Sir:

I have the honor on the 20th of Feb. to request you to order the two companies of cavalry then in camp on the Toponish to remain on or about the reservation until the Snake and Piute Indians became permanently settled and until Chief Moses and his people were settled upon said agency.

The inclemency of the weather rendered the companies in camp very uncomfortable. The command has moved with my consent to the station and here remained during the inclement season.

The snow is gone, the weather is warm and the ground is becoming dry so the command need be quiet comfortable in camp as here at the station and if moved would especially accommodate our service as I want the places occupied by the soldiers for the employes of the agency. Will you please give us the room at your earliest convenience.

I am sir, your obedient  
servant

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Indian Agent

Office Yakima Ind. Agency

Ft. Simcoe W.T.

April 11, 1879

Hon E.A. Hayt, commissioner:

I have the honor to make requisition for  
the following described envelopes to be used at this office under  
the act abolishing the use of official postage stamps

250 number 9 x 4 in.

250 number 8 x 3 1-2

50 11 x 4 or 4 1-2 in .

respectfully etc.

Office Yakima Agency

Ft. Simcoe W.T. April 10, 1879

James Steel, esq.

Cash' Ist Natl. Bank, Portland, Ore.

Sir:

Your statement of my disbursing account for March is at  
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Office Yakima Agency, Ft. Simcoe March 31, 1879

Hon E.A. Hayt, commissioner:

I have the honor to report that the amount of miscellaneous money received by me during the 1st qr. of 1879 is \$1,214.60.

respectfully etc.

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Office Yakima Agency, Ft. Simcoe, Wash. For April 1st 1879

Hon E.A. Hayt, commissioner:

I have the honor to ask the approval of the purchase of the following list of seeds for the season's use

2 5 oz. onion seed \$2.50

3 5/8 carrot seed \$6.35

2 pounds long dark blood beet \$2.50

2 pounds cabbage seed \$2.50

\$19.85

potato 1.68

\$21.53

Respectfully, your obedient servant etc.

Washington D.C. Sept. 20, 1878

Hon. W. W. Hutton, Sec. and controller, sir:  
Office Indian Agency

I have the honor to inform you that during the month of July last  
that J. B. Gangle, William G. Mell, H. J. Waldron, Moody, Wilson  
and Hoge (names difficult) who were on my official bonds for the faithful performance of my duties as Indian agent at the Yakima Indian  
Agency, Washington Territory, were received by them that there was  
in your office ~~eighty-six~~ <sup>sixty-four</sup> hundred and dollars of my accounts that  
were spent and that said bondsmen would have an opportunity of  
settling such amount by attending to it immediately without a  
suit being brought against them. The school was opened on the 1st day of April with 35  
scholars. Not as yet a boarding school as we have not the  
accommodations. This information being given then caused great uneasiness with them and caused me to make over to them all the property I  
had in the world to secure them <sup>and</sup> let his services begin April  
1st at said salary. Now as the accounts under those bonds have been  
settled and the settlement shows that everything is clear on said  
books I ask you in justice to me and my bondsmen to give me a  
written statement of my settlement that I may bear it back  
to my home to wipe out the impression that was made upon the public  
mind that I was a defaulter to the said amount.

I remain, your obedient servant

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Ind. Agent W.T.



Office Yakima Indian Agency, Ft. Winco, Wash. D.C. April 17, 1879

Hon E.A. Hayt, Commissioner

In reply to circular E No. 29 dated Jan'y 1, 1879 referring to the medical supplies purchased of O.H. Jodium of New York I have to say that said supplies have not yet reached us.

We have not as yet learned anything of their whereabouts. The hospital is very near out of many of the most needed supplies and there is an absolute necessity for the goods in question.

etc.

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Wash. D.C. Sept. 18, 1878, Hon E.A. Hayt, commissioner

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that in the fall of 1868 W.H. Shatenan(?) supt. of Indian affairs for Washington Territory gave no drafts on the assistant treasurer San Francisco Cal. for seven thousand two hundred and thirty-six dollars to pay employees for the support of shops and schools, repair of buildings, mills, support of hospital for beneficial objects and incidental expenses for Yakima agency. When said drafts were presented they were protested and returned to me. They have never been paid and the agency has had need of the money and after waiting ten years and calling attention of the Department to the subject from year to year I am anxious to know what is to be done with said unpaid claim.

I am etc.

Office Yakima Ind. Agency

Pt. Simcoe, W.T. April 17, 1879

Captain John Smith, U.S.I.d. Agent Oregon.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that in a council of one hundred of our Indians on this day, they requested me to write their minds in reference to your retaining High-He and his family at your agency. They insist that the keeping him and his people there is to make increasing trouble with the ~~Yakima~~ Indians of your agency.

I am persuaded that as he ~~had~~ had his choice at Vancouver and chose this agency, and came here with an expectation of having the privilege of going to your agency and getting his family and returning here, it would have been decidedly better for him and for you had he been permitted to have returned according to the promise p 192

made him then he was sent back from Vancouver and now after the trouble you have had with him and his party, I am persuaded you can never make matters easy with them at your agency.

Such is the universal expression given in the council.

I am sir

Your obedient servant

James H. Wilbur.



Office Yakima Indian Agency

Pt. Simcoe W.T. April 10, 1879

Hon R.A. Hayt, commissioner

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to forward an account and complaint of Antonio Stein, a Negro man who has been among the Indians on the coast since 1849, living a good portion of the time with them and I think from time to time adding having an Indian woman living with him. I have no comments to make on the paper sent. I told him I would send it to you and when I got a reply he should have your answer.

I am sir, your obedient servant

James H. Wilbur.

Office Yoldina Indian Agency

Fort Sincos W.T. April 23, 1879

Hon W.A. Hayt, commissioner:

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that our grist mill has not capacity to do the work required for the agency. Our Snet(?) machine is worn out and we must have a new one. The mill building is not large enough to furnish the needed room. I ask permission to put an addition and to purchase in open market a sett (sic) of burrs about 3 1-2 feet in diameter and a Smut machine with bolting, the burrs used at present could be placed in another part of the mill and the new one put in the place where the old one now stands and the elevators, belt, and all the machinery for the flouring would be readily adjusted p 195 to the proposed arrangement and a belt ~~not~~ ~~running~~ running from a pulley on the main shaft to a pulley where the old burrs are sett, which burrs would grind our coarse grain and would make up the expense.

The whole cost would not exceed one thousand dollars and could be paid (with your consent) out of the money now on hand rec'd from various sources and taken up as miscellaneous funds.

This improvement needs to be made immediately so we may be ready for the incoming harvest.

Please answer me by telegram that I may proceed immediately in making the improvement and purchase.

I am sir

Your obedient servant

James H. Wilbur, U.S. Ind. Agent.



Office Yakima Indian Agency

Ft. Simcoe W.T. May 30th, 1879

Messrs Hawly Dodd & Co. Gentlemen

Your letter of May 23d stating you had finally failed to procure a 30 inch under runner mill and that you send a 30 inch Northdyke Marnon Mill which ~~could not~~ cannot be beat is received. I took extra pains as you know to go with you to see and knew Waymen's Mill of the same size and learned through you and the Miller, Secor, that , that said Waymen's mill would grind 72 bushels the hour and make good flour. Now if you can guarantee this Northdyke Marnon mill will do as much work and as well as the ones I purchased and paid for, I will receive it; otherwise I shall insist on the mill purchased. I shall wait to hear from you before receiving the mill sent.

Yours truly etc.

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Office Yakima Indian Agent, Fort Simcoe, W.T.

June 5, 1879.

to: Hon M.H. Hoyt (?) (commissioner)

Sir:

I have the honor to call your attention to a letter from this office dated Feb. 6, 1879 announcing the arrival of the Piute and Shannock Indians and request permission to keep Sarah Winnemucca , an educated woman, as interpreter and if I could open a school for said Indians I could use her in the double capacity of interpreter and teacher and to pay her at the rate of \$500 per annum. The school has been opened(see report of superintendent of teaching) and Sarah is employed. I again request she may be approved as teacher and paid for from the fund apportioned for the support of the schools from the 10 day of Feb. 1879 . If not approved as teacher let her be approved as interpreter and inform me what fund I shall use in paying her. An answer is requested immediately that I may pay at the end of the quarter.

I am, your obedient servant.

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Indian agent.



Office Yakima Indian Agency

Pt. Simcoe W.T. June 11th 1879

H. Dustin, Esq. Sir:

Your letter of May 1st ~~scottd~~ relating to the keeping of High-ni and party and requesting information how his miller is to get his pay is rec'd.

~~Let-the~~ Indians were not coming to this agency by my order. Had it been so, I would have given them a paper to be kept with their horses.

I think the government will pay yet I am not in funds nor am I authorized to settle said bill. I ~~am~~ expect to be at Goldendale in a few days and will see you in relation to this matter.

Yours truly, etc.

July 9th, 1879

Hon H.A. Hayt, commissioner

Sir:

I have the honor to call your attention to a letter written to you on the 6th of March and your reply dated March 17th, 1879.

You say the matter in regard to the employment of Sarah Winnomucea (sic) as interpreter and teacher will form the subject of another communication, "that other communication has not been rec'd."

She was employed on the 10 day of Feb at a salary of five hundred dollars per annum out of what fund is she to be paid? She has done a noble work in the school room, out at the school, instructing the Piute women and girls how to cut and make garments for the children of the Piute school and themselves and doing me essential service as interpreter.

Please approve her appointment or rather her employment at said salary and instruct me out of what fund I shall pay. I want the instruction. So she may be properly reported with my quarterly papers now being made up.

I am sir, etc.



Hon W. W. Upton  
2nd Comptroller

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the recep't of your letter of Sept. 22d in reply to mine of Aug. 30th in which you say "The differences have been forwarded and ought to have been received before this time." The bill of differences has not come to hand, and I am unable to determine what is needed in the matter of the accounts under bond of Aug. 30, 1873 to close it finally. If your Hon. will send the differences, explaining fully what is required to close said bond and P 323 and settle my accounts up to the last papers you have examined, I will promptly give an explanation. I am anxious, exceedingly anxious to close the accounts finally.

I understand my accounts were not examined and settled beyond Dec. 31st when I was at Washington, but I did suppose then that all up to that date was fully and finally settled. I trust I shall have time to explain by letter or to come in person and explain before it goes out that James H. Wilbur is a defaulter!!

I am sir, your obedient servant

James H. Wilbur

U.S. Indian agent.

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Hon E. A. Hayt  
Commissioner

Sir:

I have the honor to request (as a favor) that you would let one of your efficient clerks look after my accts. as they pass from your office to the final settlement with the 2d comptroller and give me a full exhibit of what is needed in an explanation of their final settlement. I know this is asking

something outside the regular order of business but please do do  
me this favor.

I am sir etc.

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Hon W.W. Upton, comptroller

Sir:

Oct 17th 1879

Your Hon. Says "if the original certificate for the \$3.70 has  
not been forwarded, to the secretary of the treasury, please  
forward it immediately." Do you mean the receipt I obtained of the  
Secretary of the Treasury for the \$3.70 as being the discrepancy  
in my accts. up to Dec. 31st, 1875. You have a copy of said receipt  
in your office. If it is necessary the original be sent, I will  
do it when informed. I am sir, etc.