

Monsieur L' Administrateur:

As injurious as it can be (sic nothing erased) the preface of Bill No. 17 I do not see any reason to bother with it for, as I had the honor of telling in preceding letter, this bill has been rejected with a majority of 25 or 26 voices to 3 or 4. This rejection is the nicest reputation. I have finally received a letter from Father Pandosy and by what you have written me, I see that things were told you as they happened. Father Durieu is better and F. Pandosy is not idle. We would like so much to know if this priest will be able to go back to the west (l'Ouest) of the Cascades. Have the kindness of telling me your opinion on this subject. F. Chirouse has also written me. It is a reflection of what he had told you.

I do not know if the ~~Pioneers~~ will make known that Collins has found two savages' heads in Olympia. What a lack of tact. Undoubtedly such a spectacle will not be given to the public any more. No one approves of such an act, everyone was horrified. I cannot tell you with certainty where and by whom these savages have been killed or beheaded. The newspaper will certainly say it. You understand through experience that it is difficult to know the truth in the country where we live, we cannot trust the reports of particulars nor of the newspapers. You will have seen the letter ~~Godt~~ put in the Pioneer about Seattle. What to say then when everything brings us to believe that this famous attack and battle of a whole day has been only put on to amuse the public and there is only a real fire to pay and a dead victim, not of the war on the part of the savages but judging by appearances, of a single vengeance.

First the Puget Sound Courier of the 8th of February let us understand that the enemy savages are for nothing in this affair. Several particular efforts made us suspect the mystery. Finally if we could trust someone who comes from Seattle itself and who stays there; there is no doubt that this could be a fine comedy, played with great art. According to the report which has been made to us, a few days before the

supposed attack, a sailor had been killed by an opponent and it seems that the day of the comedy a friend of the sailor without knowing who, would have shot the opponent, and such would be the blood spread in this famous day. Now for the houses burnt and sacked it is still a mystery. And, as the government must pay everything, what risk is there in someone taking during the night everything in the house and might put it in fire at the decided time. We will end by knowing all. It was said that the savages had sent a child saved from the massacre and that the savages charged to accompany the child had advised the inhabitants of Seattle of the future attack. But this child is in Steilacoom and not in Seattle.

..Me. the administrator, I am writing you this as a friend and not in quality of public officer or judge. I am telling you purely and simply the things as they have been told us without guarantee for nothing. And as I have told you, it is impossible to assure nothing according to the reports from particulars nor through the newspapers themselves. All I pretend is to reassure you and not to believe that the danger is around here such as someone could tell you.

I was talking of 600 savages, others would say 1,000. Finally no one knows anything for several so many say there number to be 200 all retired to the woods and ~~clearing~~ desiring peace. Has it been notified officially that the peace would be signed only when the murderers

would be given in. It is what I have not heard of. My friendship to Mr. Bayard.

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