

Washington Superintendency

Headquarters Dalles of the Columbia, Oregon, 31st March, 1853

Benj. Alvord, Capt. 4th Infy, 1st Major U.S. A Comdy.

Bvt. Maj L. Townsend, assist Adj. Gen. Headquarters of the Pacific Division
San Francisco

..I convey it to be my duty to submit through the general commanding the Pacific division to the government...my opinion as to the importance of entering as soon as practicable into treaties with the Indians of Oregon and of the Cascade mountains, to extinguish the Indian title, ~~and~~ setting such reservations for the Indians as may be deemed necessary. There being no Indian agent in this region (and there has been none for months previous to my arrival in September last) the army regulations make it my duty to act in that capacity...

By an act of Congress on the 5th June, 1850 the President was authorized to cause negotiations to be made with the Indian tribes for the extinguishment of their claims to lands west of the Cascade mountains...

It would seem therefore to be conformable to custom (if not necessary) to obtain further legislation of Congress prior to the commencement of negotiations with the tribes east of the mountains...

...in the meantime he and his agents (supt. of Indian Affairs in Oregon) have only to tell the squatters that they must be careful to be on good terms with the Indians....

The number of emigrants arriving in the whole territory last year was probably about twelve thousand...

Many of the tribes from the day of Lewis and Clark into the country to the present have been extremely friendly to the Indians..

No 5, Roll 23--Application for license to Gov. Isaac I. Stevens of Wash Territory to trade with Flathead and Pend D'Oreille Indians in the St. Mary's Valley and the Coeur d'Alene and Spokane Indians on Spokane River...
Capital of \$4,000, B. Owen, Francois Fader, Baptiste Lolo (W. B. Owen)
Oct. 1, 1853.

No. 31, 1853, Vancouver, O.T. Feby 23, 1853

Application to Anson Dart, supt of Indian Affairs, Ore. by to trade with Wallah Wallah and Cayuse Indians, to locate at head waters of Wallah Wallah river at or in the vicinity of the old Whitman Mission, We are partners, name of our firm, Brooke, Bromford and Co. or the Wallah Wallah trading and farming co. We have a third partner, John F. Noble, a native of Pennsylvania, now in the states who will join us.

Will employ following: James Gogan, ~~Frank~~ Patrick McLaughlin, Paul Eubanks, discharged soldiers; John Hanna, a soldier soon to be discharged; John Howard; Owih, a Sandwich islander; Djalma, a Sandwich islander; Peter, Jim, Indians..

Lloyd Brooke, George C. Bromford, Rufus Ingalls and Ulysses S. Grant, firmly bound in sum of Two ~~thousand~~ thousand dollars. (third enclosure No. 31)

Invoice of goods proposed to be used: 1/2 bale green blankets, 25, \$87.50, do blue, same; 50 yards green baize, \$37.50; 20 broad scarlet belts; ~~24~~ \$25; 12 scotch bonnets, \$15; 10 dozen cotton handkerchiefs. \$25, 4 nests tin kettles \$50; 4 do pans \$20; 4 gross pipes \$16; 4 doz foxtail feathers, \$72; 6 lbs vermilion, \$18, moccasins, cord trousers, 1 gross gunworms; 1 m gunflints, 100 lbs lead and bullets \$15; 10 buns \$140; 2 gross Indian awls \$5; 10 yards scarlet cloth; twist tobacco, etc. total \$913.75.

No. 41-George Manwypenny, commissioner to Joel Palmer, Supt. Indian Affairs, Milwaukie, Ore. June 7, 1853, advises (March 18, 1853) he has been appointed by president and consent of Senate supt. of Indian Affairs for tribes residing within territory of Ore and commission enclosed by L. Lee Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Department of Interior) of importance of entering into treaties, Congress appropriated \$12,000 for west of Cascades, asks for estimate, June 7 of money required for other treaties "deem necessary or advisable".

E.A. Starking, Indian Agent for District of Puget Sound, writing from Steilacoom, W.T. June 15, 1853 advises Palmer

"I rec'd a letter lately from Gov. Stevens in consequence of his being ordered to explore for a route for a railroad across the plains. He will be unable he says to reach the territory before August..

Small pox reported among the "McCaw or Flattery tribe of Indians in this district. It has however ceased. .."ordered prevention of spread by prohibiting Indians from trading for blankets, shirts etc. or having intercourse with neighboring tribes (half the tribe carried off) may not be small pox but similar. Some whites have it...

No. 84 Joel Palmer, supt to Hon George M. Manypenny, commissioner etc. June 25, 1853.. "I beg leave to call attention of dept to the propriety of removing a band of the Klickitat Indians who have been ~~been~~ roaming through the Willamette and Umpqua Valleys for a few years past, to their proper country north of the Columbia.. Band consists of about thirty warriors with their families. "They have not the least show of claim to any portion of country in these valleys."

Roll 13, Dalles, July 13, 1853, Jos K. Williams, special Indian Agent to Joel Palmer, complains of Indians at the Cascades in "a very drunken state... it is supposed there is a white who resides among the Indians and supplies them with liquor... Yakimas attempting confederacy with Cayuse and Wallawalla and other tribes against the whites "but were unsuccessful.." (same with Nez Perce.)

Letter July 8, 1853 from Supt Indian Affairs D.T. to Ind Bureau, Wash, "suggest the importance of early negotiations with Walla Wallas, Cayuse, Nez Perces, Wascopams and Deschutes or Fall River Indians for extinguishment of their titles to territory.. this would secure to us the country traversed by the route of emigration that include extensive tracts of country well adapted to pasturage and agriculture.. which will soon be occupied by enterprising citizens.. the settlement of

country by the whites there without the consent of the Indians would instantly provoke their hostility....."

Philip ~~XXXXX~~ F. Thompson, sub Indian Agent to Joel Palmer from Uvilla (~~Ma~~ Umatilla, Aug 16, 1853) Indians indignant at no presents.. "The imig: on is coming in health but slow having lost a great amount of stock on Snake River There are some 250 wagons passed. Some of the Indians are light fingered but they are surpassed by the whites..."

W.W. Raymond, sub Ind. Agent to Gen Joel Palmer, from Tansy Point, Mouth of Columbia River, Oct. 17, 1853 (Roll 13).. The principal tribes are as follows: Clatsops, located at Point Adams; the Cathamutty, living near the head of Cathlamette Cay on the Col. River, the Tillamooks between Tillamook, x head and Cape Foulweather on the sea coast... Ardent spirits has been a great auxiliary in destroying them for though they are quite when sober when intoxicated are perfect maniacs--judging the future from the past they will soon become extinct.. They have been very much troubled by reports in circulation they are to be removed east of the Cascade mountains.. death would be preferred.. strongly opposed to selling lands but will enter into almost any arrangement to be allowed to remain on the soil of their forefathers, they say they will soon be dead and leave the country in the possession of the whites..."

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1 microfilm note: Oregon and Washington Superintendency

The Ore & Washington Suptcy was divided by act of Congress of Feb. 8, 1861: See March 2, 1861, commissioner of Indian Affairs to Wm. W. Miller. Notifies him of his appointment as superintendent for the territory of Washington. ("Letters received from Commissioner; 1861")

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File E

Secty. of State, Olympia

Indian Wars Cannister 185-5-60

No. 12

Spokane Falls W.T. July 25, 1878, Governor E.P. Ferry, Walla Walla W.T.

From A.J. Cain. 5 pps.

Explains unsettled conditions among Moses, Columbia River Indians, Spokanes etc. "...The only lands to which the Indian title has been extinguished are under that treaty (Yakima treaty)...the war of 1855-56 prevented the making of any new treaties or the confirmation of the Senate of those made which were not finally confirmed until the spring of 1859...In the meantime--in 1858--the land laws were extended over Eastern Oregon and Washington.

With the exception of the lands ceded by the Yakima treaty we find the remaining portion of Eastern Washington encumbered with whatever original right the Indians had to occupancy... the land laws of the United States and the reservations for the N.P.R.R.Co. ..

File F

Roll 12, 1951 No. 84

Department of the Interior, Office of Indian Affairs, April 12, 1851
 L. Lea, commissioner, to Anson Dart, esq Supt of Indian Affairs, Oregon City,
 Oregon Territory

..A recent act of congress abrogated the offices of the Commissioners appointed to negotiate treaties with the Indians in Oregon and their functions in that capacity will determine on the delivery to them of the enclosed letter. The same act requires that hereafter all Indian treaties shall be negotiated by such officers and agents of the Indian Department as the President shall designate for that purpose...the persons designated to negotiate with the Indians in Oregon are yourself and Agents Allen and Spalding...

Roll 12-1851 No. 24-A.F. Royce, Oregon City, May 1, 1851 to
 Anson Dart, supt. Ind. Affairs in Oregon...understanding that you are about to establish an Indian Agency upon the Umatilla Valley this spring I beg leave to request a license to trade with Indians at that point..

L. Lea commissioner to Anson Dart, supt. Ind Affairs Oregon City O.T.,
 May 9, 1851 (Roll 12, No. 86) ...in the event of actual hostilities against the Indians in Oregon it will be necessary that one or more of the officers designated for this duty (commissioners) shall accompany each detachment of troops sent against the Indians so as to be in readiness to act in the capacity of negotiators should occasion require...

Roll 12, No. 35-June 4, 1851, Office Supt. Indian Affairs, Oregon City
 ...Nathan Olney and William Craig, bound "unto the United States of America in the sum of \$2,000..Anson Dart, supt grants to Nathan Olney a license dated 4th June, 1851 to trade for one year with the Wascomams, Dechutes, Walla Walla and Klickitat tribes of Indians...at the Dalles of the Columbia.

Roll 3, P 133-Office SuptInd Affairs, Oregon City, July 14, 1851,
Anson Dart, Supt. to L. Lee, commissioner, notifies of return after absence
of 45 days "I established the agency house at what is called the Lower
Crossing of the Utilia. This is on the emigrant road about sixty miles
west of the summit of the Blue Mountains. It is thirty miles south from
Walla Walla..."

Roll 13, Ore. City, July 20, 1851, Anson Dart to Lea, asks advice, that
"Mr. Craig having received a license to trade with the Indians at the Dalles
of the Columbia" received notice from Lt. Wood, now in charge there, that
Craig must move off of military reservation, being one hundred square
miles, "covering all the country upon which a trading post could be
established." sutler at the post had right to all the trade on the
reservation.. sutler claims the right to keep and sell liquor...
Lt. Wood is the only officer at the Dalles "and he is a temperance man..."

Roll 3, Utilia Station, Sept. 14, 1851, Elias Wampole, writes to Dart,
complains that a sub agent had at his trading post this side of Fort Hall
a sign "brandy liquor etc. for sale" and he sold 10 barrels to one Ely..
"indeed all the upper country where the trouble has been has an abundance
of liquor sold in it..."

(P.S. the building cannot be finished without one more keg of 10
penny nails, will you have them sent to the Dalls (sic) immediately)

~~Onxxxx~~ March 16, 1852, W.A. Tallman, bill submitted through
Elias Wampole for W.A. Tallman, contract for Umatilla Station,
painting shutters, dressing putting in washboards around lower stoves,
finishing south room floor, laying upper floor, door in upper floor, nailing
knot holes around the building #3, third coat paint, rough partition, etc #113
Elias Wampole other bills, 1851, furnish 10 meals to Otter Skin, Cayuse chief
on official business #5, furnishing 12 meals in relation to chief of
the Deschutes in relation to Olney #6, horse hire to visit river Indians #4

Dec. 24, 1851, to 8 meals Stockwelly on return visit from Loweitz lodge, very cold night #4; Jan 31, four meals to Elit-pa-mus (Elitpalmer) chief near Weshutes on C river #2

Dalles, June 17, 1852 (No 48) Hon J.P. Gaines from I.I. Woods, 1st Lt arty, comdy post, complains Indians have not been paid for horses and cattle used by whites during Cayuse war, going to Willamette Valley and "I have advised them to call and see you in reference to it" (rest repetition of earlier scannings)

July 12, 1852 (No. 57) Letter from L.H. Judson, sub agent at Clatsop to Putnam C. Dart, to Dart, "acting supt. Indian Affairs A.D. Interim .. (writing that he has not learned if "your father came in the last mail steamer or not. I went to Astoria on Tuesday the 8th ... she did not come in till next morning I failed of seeing her. If the doctor has already arrived I hope to be able he will write to me in advance of the next mail..

"Rev. James H. Wilbur of Portland will come down the first of next week and will come directly to Lexington so that a letter to me would come without delay if deposited with him. He lives at the Academy at Portland...

...The Indians are still able to get liquor and I do not know how I am to prevent it..."

Letter No. 69, ³pp(s) from E.A. Starling, Indian agent, Steilacoom, Aug. 13, 1852 to Dart at Milwaukie, O.T. more liquor complaints.. brought in by vessels, "they touch on the shore when there are no whites, sell it and are off and the Indians I think traffic it among themselves. While at New Dungeness I arrested Mr. Madison and destroyed all the liquor in his possession, some four or five gallons in the presence of the Indians and settlers. I also destroyed three barrels of whiskey I found on board the brig Daniel lying in Sequim Bay on testimony hardly sufficient to indict him... the introduction of liquor to this part of Oregon ought to be prohibited entirely...

Document D of No. 80,...license to trade, June 10, 1852
granted by Elias Wampole, Indian Agent for Upper Oregon, Umatilla Agency,
granted to William McDean, bond of \$1,000 given by Father Casimere
Cheroise (both of Williamstown, O.T.)..to trade with Cayuse, Walla Walla,
Nez Perces, Spokane, Pelouse, Yakimas, Chamnapain and Snake Indians at
Williamstown within the boundaries of the country occupied by the Cayuse
(bond filed by McDean with the Rev. Father C. Cheroise as surety)
John McDean interpreter, Loupaine Morrisett, herdsman, boy David, ~~cook~~ cook
their employees

File H

Letters from Walla Walla re murderers and Nez Perce, 1850, William M. Bean, Gov. Joseph Lane and Nez Perce. "Ellis, our head chief is dead," ask when Gov. Lane is coming to visit them so they can elect a new chief.

Maj. Tucker, Dalles of Columbia July 30, 1850 to General Joseph Lane, Oregon City ...I am in possession of positive information that the man by the name of Olney who has had a hand at this point has contrary to law brought liquor up to this point and is selling the same to Indians and soldiers... (asks that U.S. marshall proceed to "this point that the offender shall be taken and turned over to him." (have no jail or safe place for keeping "him.

Anson Dart, supt. Indian Affairs, Oregon to Henry H. Spaulding, Indian Agent bond approved (October 14, 1850) orders him to Umpqua Valley and particularly to Rogue River ...I would next call your attention to the suppression of the whiskey trade among the Indians in that quarter. I apprehend that this traffic has been productive of much of the trouble existing in the Umpqua country and I would here strictly enjoin on you that no person be allowed to trade or traffic in that manner among the Indians in your agency... Copy of Intercourse Law enclosed..

Anson Dart Supt Indian Affairs, Ore to commissioner of Ind Affairs, Oct. 22, 1850-...on the first ~~xx~~ day of October I started on a journey up the Willamette river and proceeded as far as the Callapooia country, one hundred and ~~xxx~~ thirty miles distant (from Oregon City) I find scattered through the beautiful valley the Chinooks, a numerous though well disposed tribe..a very large portion of these act as servants or laborers among the whites and are becoming very useful in this thinly settled country. I therefore do not believe it is the wish of the people here to have ~~xx~~ the attempt ~~also~~ made to remove them east of the Cascade mountains...The Chinooks claim all the country from the mouth of the Columbia to Fort Vancouver on both sides of that river as well as the valley of the Willamette between the Cascade and Coast ranges of mountains. There are however

remnants of tribes inhabiting parts of the country described who also lay claim to such positions as they occupy...

...A part of my business to the Calapooia valley was to meet Mr. W.H. Spaulding the only full agent in the territory. I delivered to him his commission...this information with the knowledge that large quantities of whiskey was on the way to the Upper Columbia induced me to start on the 8th inst. for the Dalles...at the Cascades...at this point I overtook the traders with whiskey and took possession of it..having accomplished the main object of my journey I returned on the 16th inst. I shall leave soon for Astoria to prevent if possible the landing of liquors at that place and effectually to stop its further progress into the country either by way of the river or otherwise....asks further instructions in relation to licenses..the Hudsons Bay company claim the right to trade under Treaty Stipulations How shall I disseminate between traders in the villages and those in the back country? It being all Indian country I do not know where to draw the line...I have received from Governor Gaines the papers and blanks left with them by ex Gov. Lane...

H.H.Spaulding Agent S.W.O.T. Nov. 15,1850 McKenzie Fork to Dr. Anson Dart...("about Indians frequenting the Umpqua and the region lying between the Umpqua and Cascade Range and the country of the Upper Wallemett"....they are few in number and miserably degraded. I find but two languages as yet, viz the Molalle and the Calappoya, the former a dialect of the old Cayuse and the Molalle the descendants of that tribe retaining their features most strikingly...The Cayuse informed me (15 years ago) that a band had left them some three years before and crossed the Cascade Mountains and that the Molalles were their descendants...

Letters from L. Lea, Commissioner to Anson Dart, supt. Indian Affairs, 7 pages long, ~~Oregon City, July 21, 1850~~...regarding Umatilla country, agency there, duties of agents and Anson Dart to Elias Wampole from Oregon City, July 21, 1850.

Oregon Suptsy Roll 15 No. 2, letter 143

Head Quarters Dept of Pacific

by Command of Brig Genl. Clarke

Signed W.W. Mackall official G Wright Col 9th Infy.

Orders No. 87-Until orders to the contrary are received from the War Department no white person will be permitted to settle in the Indian country east of the White Salmon River or north of the Columbia in Washington Territory or East of the river Des Chutes in Oregon.

All white persons now settled north and east of the line above indicated with the exception of those who settled under the Donation Law and the Agent of the Hudson Bay Company will be removed.

This prohibition does not extend to the Colville Miners.

Commanders of posts will notify the Indians in the limits above given that the treaties made with Gov Stevens are not ratified and are not binding and be at pains to explain to the Indians that they have the same right to their country now as they had before those treaties were made. ...the introduction of spiritous liq^r into the Indian country is prohibited. Violators of this prohibition will be removed from the country and the liquor will be destroyed.

Roll 8-Office Supt. Indian Affairs Portland, Dec. 17, 1860

Edward R. Geary, supt Ind an affairs to A.B. Greenwood, Commr. Indian Affairs

(letter 214) Application , license and bond of Charles Pope to trade with Yakima Nation of Indians on the Yakima Reservation, with provisions of act of June 30, 1860...Allegations have nevertheless been made to this office in regard to the official condut of Agent Lansdale who is the son in law of Mr. Pope that deserve an early investigation..request defer a^ction till further advised...

Dalles O.T.M, rch 28, 1857, A.H. Robie special Indian agent to J.C. Geer

directed on a rival at Simcoe to temporarily take charge of the friendly Indians in that section

Fort Simcoe W.T. April 6th, 1857, J.C. Geer to Col J.W. Nesmith, supt. Indian affairs...concerning official status of J.C. Geer at Fort Simcoe....previous to Gen Wool's orders in regard to settling upon the public domain being extended to this section I had invested the proceeds of two years labor in seed and farming implements and at an enormous expense had transported the same to this valley and had commenced farming operations...

Office Indian Agent Dalles, Nov. 4, 1857 from A.P. Denison, Indian Agent to J.W. Nesmith, supt. Ind. Affairs

Since taking charge of the Yakima District Washington Territory which was formerly in charge of Special Agent Noble I have made myself somewhat acquainted with the wants and necessities of the Indians... estimate submitted, for purchase of provisions etc \$2,500; for purchasing of clothing etc \$2,000.

6 pp letter on missions, Dalles, Whitman, losses, value etc.

(undated and unsigned but precedes letter of date, April 11, 1852) includes description of ruins of Dalles Mission, adobe house reference, dirt fence, Nathan Olney aff statement that he arrived at the Dalles about 23 days after the Whitman massacre.

J.W. Nesmith, supt Indian affairs Ore. and Wash Territories
Salem Ore. Nov. 19, ~~1856~~ 1857 to A. Dennison, Indian Agent, Dalles, notifying him that Agent R.H. Lansdale "is placed in charge of that portion of Washington Territory east of the Cascade Mountains and north of the Columbia River..."

Office Supt. Indian Affairs, Salem Oregon, March 22, 1870,

A. B. Meacham, supt. to E.S. Parker, commissioner, 3 pps, Expedition to Priest Rapids. "Smokeller".

J.W. Nesmith, supt. Indian affairs to Charles L. Mix, Commissioner,
Roll 7, P.295 from Salem Ore, Nov. 12, 1858

...referring to your letter of August 30 enclosing a copy of a letter from Thos Casbery recommending that the Yakima Indians be congregated and placed in charge of Father Pandosey and directing me to "carefully consider the same and report to your office my views..."

Having never had the pleasure of meeting Father Pandosey ...the fact however is within my knowledge that Father Pandosey, as Mr. Casbery (sic) says "has attended and instructed the Yakima Indians for some years back"

I must in candor say that in my opinion no beneficial results appear to have flowed from the Father's administrations to that tribe..his location was prior and up to the latter part of the year 1855 in the Yakima country... the first acts of hostilities in that year were perpetrated by the Indians over whom Mr. Casbury (sic) represents that the father exercises so much influence and control. Those were the murderers of Matice and others and the same...cold blooded and inhuman murder of sub agent Holon and when Major Haller of the U.S. Army proceeded with a command of U.S. troops to punish the murders he was attacked and defeated by Father Pandosey's Indians and within a short distance of the father's residence...

during fifteen years residence here I have never known but one Indian who gave any evidence of knowing or caring anything about the Christian religion ...(in the month of November, 1855 I had occasion to visit the Yakima country as colonel in command of the Oregon volunteer force then in the field against the hostile tribes and visited the mission formerly occupied by Father Pandosey..While Father Pandosey failed to exert his influence and control over those Indians in 1855 I do not wish to be misunderstood as intimating that he incited them to or encouraged them in hostilities for I do not believe that such is the fact...

...And the fact is notorious that thus far the seeds of the Gospel sown among those people (Indians in Oregon and Washington territory) is a bountiful

crop of dissipated abandoned murderers, thieves, vagabonds and prostitutes....I do not believe that any wild Indian destitute of the forethought essential to supplying of his own physical wants is capable of entertaining any very accurate conception of the plan of salvation about which intelligent white men differ so much among themselves..I do not believe that the employment of Father Pandosy or that of any other priest or preacher to teach the Yakima Indians the abstract truth or practical workings of the Christian religion will result in any practical good to the Indian or the movement..."

J.W.Nesmith to Charles E.Mix, commissioner, Salem Ore.Sept. 30, 1858
by advice from Walla Walla I learn that the command of Col.Wright ~~xxx~~ had a battle with the combined hostile tribes at the Four Lakes in the Spokane country on the 1st inst in which 57 Indians are reported as known to have been killed without any loss on the part of the troops ...

J.W. Nesmith to Charles E.Mix , commissioner, Salem Ore.Nov. ~~18x~~ 19, 1858. Enclose copy of General Orders issued by Brigadier General Harney commanding this department and bearing the date October 31, 1858...while the order on the face seems only intended to invite and authorize settlement in the neighborhood of military posts, the practical effects resulting from it will be to throw open the entire Indian country within the superintendency, excepting only the military....to immediate occupancy and settlement...the act of Congress making donations of land to actual settlers expired by its own admission on the 1st day of December, 1855..Under its operation but few settlers have established themselves east of the Cascade mountains ...

...the Constitution of the U.S. gives congress the exclusive powers to regulate commerce with the Indian tribes; 2nd the ordinance of 13th of July, 1787 provides in its third section that the utmost good faith shall always be observed towards the Indians, their lands and property shall never be taken from them without their consent etc...but "founded in justice

and humanity shall from time to time be made for protecting wrongs being done to them" 3rd the people of Oregon in their act organizing a provisional government ...1845..reenacted the very language above quoted from the Ordinance of 1787; 4th Congress on the 14th day of August, 1848 incorporated one provision of the 14th section of the laws of Oregon extending the Ordinance of 1787 over said Territory. The same law and same section also give force and vitality to the act of the provisional Government making it the law of the land. 5th I beg leave to refer you to the act of Congress of June 30th ~~1822~~ 1834 which in its 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th sections not only protects the rights of the Indians but provides for furnishing persons who infringe them and makes it the duty of the military and officers of the Indian Department to enforce them...

J.W. Nesmith, supt. Ind. Affairs to Brig. Gen. W.S. Clarke, U.S. Army commanding the Department of California, Tenecia.. Salem Ore. Dec. 13, 1858--Letter of Nov. 3d acknowledgement "you have urged upon the government the necessity of confirming the treaties negotiated by Gov. Stevens east of the Cascade Mountains..(appreciation expressed of disposition to consult and confer with officers of the Indian Dept....I have to regret that your successor has seen fit to adopt a policy marked by so wide a departure from that what is at least due to courtesy at the same time violation of the Acts of Congress in relation to our Intercourse Laws and in the utter disregard of the wishes of the Department and the rights of the Indians..."

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Oregon Suptcy Ind Affairs Miscellaneous papers Roll 30

Walla Walla Washington Terry. May 18, 1866

...George P. Thomas J.S. Ruckle to William H. Barnard esq. U.S. Indian agent..asks that the two of Wasco County Oregon, doing business under the name of Thomas and Ruckle ask permission to cross the Umatilla Ind. Reservation at the several places designated in the annexed diagram for the purpose of conveying the U.S. Mails across the Blue Mountains, being the connection between Boise City, Idaho, Walla Walla Wash Territory and the Dalles, Wasco County.

(Indian Reserve..Stage Station north of Crawford Station.
on
Walla Walla road runs west to Rickey's. Wild Horse Creek. Umatilla Road runs from south to State Station. Reserve line to north.

Roll 18 17-Letter from B.F. McCormack and W.J. Terry, complains from Walla Walla Jan. 12, 1859 to Nesmith "I have been humbuged by the military officers of this post..Some time in March 1855 we obtained permission from Co. Steptoe to build and erect a billiard saloon and ten pin alleys..shipped materials, owing to mining excitement unable to build. Last fall commenced and ordered to desist. Left Valley with 3,500 lbs. Arrived at Dalles, rumored that Wa Wa valley thrown open. Went down and told Harney situation. He told me to return. Also not to sell whiskey to Indian or soldier if he were drunk. Said orders No. 3 directs encouragement of settlements in valley. On such assurance shipped 500 gallons of whiskey, on arrival commenced sale, open a few hours Major Grier called and told me to give it to the sutler or he would confiscate it. Closed business. raised question has the sutler of army right in violation of military and civil law to keep a train of waggon constantly on the road between the Dalles and this place loaded with spiritous liquors through an Indian country and can the use a military reservation as the sole market for the sale...

allowed a party to pack 200 gallons of whiskey through the Yakima country last fall... "no sir, in view of the above facts will you be so kind as to instruct me what should I do and oblige...etc...

Oregon Suptcy. Dalles, Ore. March 1, 1858 A.P. Dennison to J.W. Nesmith

Lieut Allen, assistant quartermaster at Fort Simcoe, had conversation with Sklome..told he he is ready to give up the murderers of Mattice, Deland and others, if he could be allowed to do so in his own way and time, that they were all in the country at the present ..that if formal demand was made upon several chiefs by the military these murders would hear of it and make their escape to the Blackfoot country where they could not be found...also it was the desire of Kamiankin that these ~~murders~~ murderers should be given up..Sklome says he and Kamialkin are both ~~anxious~~ anxious to settle all matters of differences between them and the whites and live on terms of friendship so they can visit the whites without fear of being molested....

Fort Simcoe W.T. May 20, 1858 to Col J.W. Nesmith from A.H. Morse, inquires for appointment for special Indian agent "at or in the vicinity of this place, should you think it proper to establish an agency here...

Dalles, Oregon, April 24, 1858, A.P. Dennison to J.W. Nesmith..

..on the 29th day of March last I obtained from Capt. Thomas Jordan an at Fort Dalles 16 government teams for the purpose of moving the Wasco tribe of Indians to the reservation. Loaded and started the same day.

Started myself with the pack team belonging to dept. with Indians on the 30th, we arrived at the reservation on the evening of the 3d April without losses or serious difficulties..Indian located upon land, soon as shown the land they were to occupy they commenced in good earnest to clear it off and prepare to occupy..thickly covered with brush and small growth of timber requiring a deal of labor..Indians placed upon the reserve last year are improving rapidly in agricultural pursuits..

A.P. Bennison, Dalles, June 29, 1858--(no address given, but apparently to NesmithDavid McLoughlin and his party of about 135 in number left here last Saturday for the mines by way of Walla Walla.. I have no doubt they will go through safe...

Dalles, ~~xxxxx~~ June 28, 1858, A. P. Dennison to J.W. Nesmith
 Roll 16--Official information was received by Col Wright last evening that the party of miners who started for the mines by way of Fort Simcoe has had a fight with the Indian near Priest Rapids (further north, in Wenatchee country), the result was two miners killed and nine wounded, two of them will probably die of their wounds. The mining party has returned to Fort Simcoe. They report having killed 12 Indians, one of them a Palouse chief supposed to be Quil-ti ne-nock...(not Palouse)

Fort Vancouver W.T. Aug 22, 1858 W.W. McKall to W. Nesmith, Supt etc..On Aug 15 Major Garnett sent Lieut Allen to attack a party of Indians on the upper Yakima, the surprise was complete, 21 men, 50 women and children, 70 horses and 15 head of cattle were taken. Unhappily Lt. Allen fell. Nine Indians known to have been engaged against the miners were shot.

(August--no date from Simcoe, Lt. Jesse Allen Lt. 9th Infy. recommended to Nesmith ~~xx~~ E.F. Smith as "a suitable person to act as ~~xx~~ Indian trader for Washington territory..."

A.P. Bennison, Indian Agent, Office Indian Agent Dalles, Aug. 21, 1858 to J.W. Nesmith etc.."the failure this season to procure the usual quantity of salmon owing to their scarcity in the Columbia river and its tributaries and the partial failure of the crops on the reserve will make it necessary to partially subsidize the poor families upon the reservation the coming winter..."

Roll M

St. Helens Oregon, June 1, 1860 (Roll 18) petition of citizens asks that undersigned "residents of St. Helens and vicinity do petition that the Clickatats and Yakima Indians now living among us be removed from our midst to the lands reserved for them or wher soever else you deem expedient.

There residence here has long been a serious inconvenience and nuisance...the existence here is of no benefit to any save those who deal in whisky. (names signed)

Fort Vancouver, W.T. April 4, 1860 Gedinance Sgt Achenbach at Fort Simcoe complains that Mr. Lansdale, Indian agent has taken wood and lumber in his charge and threatens to use all other military property at that place.. stating further to the said sergeant that no person not on the Indian department service will be allowed to reside at Fort Simcoe except by his sufferance.. A. Pleasanton Capt 2d Dragons asst adj gen. to Edward R. Geary, supt. Indian affairs.

Letters from Walla Walla, about removing Indians to reserve. demand to break up camp of Sm -kol-low known as the Dreamer, at White Bluffs, citizens of Umatilla Valley building a fort and preparing for serious trouble.

White Bluffs, W.T. March 6, 1861, James Ritchie and Thomas Howe, complain that they have license for ferry at Priest Rapids on main route to Braiser River and Rock Creek from Dalles City (have charter) and that in danger of having property destroyed by Priest Rapids tribe, the Dreamer or the Prophet known here as Smohala, who is continually trying to raise trouble with whites & "he demands pay from us for permission to live here. (letter to Oregon Suptcy Roll 19

Fort Simcoe W.T. June 17th, 1861, Joseph Spink, writes to Geary, asking pay for services as blacksmith at Fort Simcoe.. indebted to I.O.O.F and A.F.M. and in arrears one year to both lodges... "now I would shall have to pay those if I have to work for 50 cents a day to pay them.." "firmly relying on what you say as a friend and brother."

Charles Hutchins, special agent for Yakima Nation to Dr. R.H. Lansdale, Ft Simcoe, W.T. June 29, 1861, learn Lansdale has returned to Yakima reservation "you were required to remove from this reservation without delay and your apparent compliance with that order now to return I regard as a flagrant violation of the legal orders of those having reservation in charge."

Fort Simcoe June 28, 1861, R.H. Lansdale Indian Agent W.T. to Charles Hutchins, Ft Simcoe. wrote that the President had superseded Edward R. Geary late supt Indian affairs for this territory by appointing William W. Miller supt for Wash territory. On Feb 8th, 1861 the President approved an act of congress enacting the territory of Washington into a separate superintendency of Indian affairs...

July 8, 1861, Letter from W.H. Miller, supt Indian Affairs Wash Territory to Edward R. Geary, Supt Indian Affairs, Oregon, notified that "as you were my predecessor in office up to the 14th of April on which day.. I entered into my duties as superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Territory of Washington.. notified he has asked Indian agents throughout Wash. Suptcy to submit reports, estimates to this office, (at Olympia)

Wm. P. Dole, commissioner, notifying "no action will be taken upon Supt. Geary's appointment of Charles Hutchins as special agent.."

W.H. Miller, supt, ~~xxxx~~ Olympia, to Edward R. Geary, supt of Indian Affairs, Portland "I have assigned Mr. A.A. Bancroft to the charge of the Yakima Indian agency as Indian agent over the Indians etc.. I have directed the agent at Simcoe (temporary in charge) to turn over all property yet

Washington Superintendency Roll 17

R.H.Lansdale, from Fort Simcoe, July 5, 1859 to Edward G. Geary

Concerns "death" in Columbia river of a son of Showaway by one Toos-a-ka-na, sentencing of "defendant" to be hanged at Walla Walla on August 2 at noon, "unless you interpose your authority to forbid execution of sentence

3 pp letter from Pinkney Lugenbeel, bvt maj. capt. 9th infy to E.R. Geary, from Colville Valley, July 15, 1859 ...under instructions I occupied this country with a battalion of U.S. Troops the 20th ultimo...reports on Palouse, Spokane, Colville, Lake, San Poils, Okinakans, some sketchy information...

R.H. Lansdale, Indian Agent, Fort Simcoe, July 27, 1859 to Edward R. Geary, supt. Indian Affairs, Portland, Ore., "... I have this day notified Capt. Black of the 9th Infy commanding Fort Dalles, Ore. of your disapproval of the sentence of Toos-ka-nee and have requested him not to deliver said prisoner to be hanged on the 2nd of August next. I have also requested him to hold the accused in custody till the 15th of August proximo, subject to the order of superintendent of Indian affairs alone... ...has had a more formal and equitable trial than sometimes falls to the lot of Indian murderers as vengeance is executed usually by relatives of those killers; this will no doubt be the lot of Toos ka nee when he is discharged...

(mostly of benefit for names of jurors

Elit Pah-ma, Looney, Weesahnepats, chiefs of Columbia River bands; Supelia, Towata, Skamowa, chiefs of Yakima bands Syimmahen, chief of Klickitat bands. Joseph Twyhelat, interpreter...

Edward R. Geary, supt to G.H. Abbott, sub Ind. Agent, from Portland, Nov. 7, 1859, directing him to proceed to Dalles and relieve Agent A.P.

Dennison and enter temporarily on charge of the Eastern District of this superintendency ..to investigate feelings at Warm Springs with Snake Indians and ascertain extent, if needed of military protection.

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(Mostly 1857) Washington Superintendency

Roll 6, Oregon Superintendency Ind. Affairs.

A. Hedges, supt. Indian affairs from Oregon City, Feb 6 (or 26th
~~1856~~ 1857 to R.R. Thompson, Indian agent at Dalles ... Sub agent
 W.E. Raymond has been designated to relieve you... I am sorry that you have
~~be~~ found it necessary to resign your office.. I fear that you are leaving
~~at~~ us at the very time when your influence among those Indians will be
 particularly needed...

reports from agents of indications of resumption of war

A. Hedges to W.W. Raymond, sub agent, from Office Supt. Indian Affairs,
 Oregon City, Feb. 26, 1856... directing him to proceed to Dalles and relief
 Agent R.R. Thompson..."the management of the Indians who will be
 committed to your charge will require the exercise of much prudence and
 care. The promises made them by Gen. Palmer have not been complied with for
 reasons which you are cognizant of and you will be governed accordingly
 in your dealings with them..."

A.H. Robie, special Indian Agent
 from Dalles, March 31st, 1857 to Isaac I. Stevens, supt of Indian
 affairs, Olympia "reports Indians friendly, low on food, subsisting on
 beef purchasesas regards matters in the Yakima...about the 23rd
 Skloom visited Fort Simcoe and turned over to the Q master 5 or 6 horses in
 part payment for the horses and cattle he took last winter and promised faithfully
 to pay for all.

Ow-Whi is at Kittitash plain as near as I am able to learn. He has
~~about~~ with him about 200 of his people. He cannot be considered friendly.
 He has visited Fort Simcoe but once since the troops have been stationed
 there which was about the 1st of February. He promised to come back again
 soon but nothing has been seen of him since...

There are about 600 in the vicinity of Simcoe as I reported March 2. Their general deportment is friendly but you know enough of their character to know that their intentions can not be judged by their professions..they are subsisting entirely upon roots and are doing very well..I cannot conceive that anything can be done for them to advantage in the way of farming until permanent arrangements can be made and their reservation established...

Pinkney Lugenbeel, bvt Maj Capt 9th Inf. from Fort Dalles, Ore., May 5, 1857 to Col. J.W. Nesmith, supt. Indian Affairs, Salem, Ore. , appreciates appointment of George Montuos as interpreter at Colville, he in British Columbia but have written him.. "I accept the appointment of Acting Agent and will endeavor to perform the duty satisfactory... I leave here on the 14th inst. and hope to be in the Colville valley by the 10 of June...

Wash Suptcy. Miscel. letters rec No. 5, Roll 23, Dalles City, May 18, 1857, William McWhirk, resident of Walla Walla Valley applies for tradin license , to operate at point near post lately established and now occupied by a portion of the U.S. Army under command of Col. Steptoe, amount of capital proposed \$2,000..memorandum of stock with clerk H.P. Isaacs in charge, 3pp list includes shirts, 300 sleigh bells, 25 pair blue blankets, 20 scarlet, 20 white at 6.50; 20 pr Hudson Bay blankets 3 point at 9, needles, brogans, 12 doz mirrors, 50 lb seed beads; 50 lb fancy beads at 1.75 and 1.50; 1 doz broad hats, 2 doz common blk hats; 4 cases oysters; 1 doz navy caps, 6 gross military buttons etc., value \$4,056.31.

Letter, applying for "vacancy" to Col J.W. Nesmith, refers to "the sudden and melancholy death of my much lamented friend Jas. Doty which occurred the 24th ulto (letter dated July 4, 1857) Doty committed suicide by shooting himself...

Letter from John A Packard from Nesqually Ferry, July 12, Thurston Co. 1857, recounts accidental death of Indian shot by trap shot for potato rooting hog, "if you may me I wxx shall think you did not mean to kill him.. if you do not I shall think you killed him on purpose." referred to Mr. Tolmey (ie) who settled for 15 blankets, asks Nesmith to relieve him of promise to pay for the blankets...

Roll 5, Wash Suptcy. Miscellaneous Letters rec'd, Jas. C. Geer Jr. to Nesmith, asking for "post in Indian department," letter from Simcoe". Skloom sent me word a day or two since that he was coming here to pass the winter with me at Simcoe. I believe him to be a brave and honorable Indian. Such another Indian is not to be found in the two territories. What he does not know it is not worth while to try to teach him. He ~~me~~ has never deceived me...U

Corres. Maj. R. S. Garnett and Nesmith regarding traders at Simcoe, "eviction" and "sentry" posted on Conner, the trader.

Ore. Suptcy, Roll 7, Nesmith, Salem Ore, Sept. 23, 1857

to Ami P. Dennison Sir: The special agency at the Dalles will be dispensed with at the close of the present quarter. Special Agent A. H. Robie has been directed to turn over to you the public property in his charge. You will also assume the charge of the Indians recently embraced within the special district...

Nov. 19, 1857, from Salem, Nesmith to A. Dennison, Indian Agent Dalles
 "Sir. Agent R. H. Lansdale is placed in charge of that portion of Washington Territory east of the Cascade Mountains and north of the Columbia river.. clarifies area.. country east of the Cascade Mountains and north of the Columbia and Snake rivers. I have not deemed it necessary in this division to follow out the Oregon and Washington boundaries but have accepted the more natural one of the rivers..

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Record Group 75, Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs

letter from Yakima Mission, rec. Jan, 1857, from Father Pandozy to M. Mezpeil,
pries of Catholic Mission at Fort Dalles, Yakkimaw country, April 1853 (sic)
translated (In J. Ross Browne papers) (3 pps, tells of plots)
later, Pandozy rev S J. to rev. Mesplie, pastor the Dalles, Oregon.

Wash Suptcy, Misc. Letters Rec'd Roll 23, Chinook
census, 1857, reference to slaves in census, also marriage to white man of
Helen Smith; Chiefs or head men listed.

Report of A.J. Polon, annual report for 1854, Central District
Report of A.J. Polon, special agent, in the district to Isaac I. Stevens
will be found in File P

Reports on meeting chiefs, Shawawai, Sklome and Te-I-Yas. Owahi, the brother
of the last was in the buffalo country and Kamaiya-kan, the most important
of all was not to be found.

meeting with Sklome and statements
opposed to Rum. Council in Nez Perce country discussed
"I gave Te-i-yas a commission as head chief of the Upper Yakamas and
to Shu-shoos-ken, a man selected at his request, one as a sub
chief .

Wiss-ham, now reduced to 270, having lost 257 by small pox during
the past year...between the Dalles & Cascades the band is reduced to 21...

...the purchases must be made in advance and the reserves laid off
distinctly...it will be of the greatest importance that any treaties
with them not be rejected or their arrangements left unfulfilled
and I am fully satisfied that any interference with their women will lead
to bloodshed and that the introduction of ardent spirits will produce the most
disastrous results

...the use in common with the whites of the salmon fisheries should
also be secured to them and enough ground enough in the vicinity to dry
their fish . Upon the lower Columbia and the small streams the Indians have
been virtually excluded from some of their principal fishing stations
or compelled to carry their salmon to a distance for curing...

...I have as yet given papers to but four head chiefs and five
sub chiefs in my district. They are as follows:

Spikan Harry, head chief of the Spokans.

Te-i-yas, one of the head chiefs of the Yakamas.

Kolwas and Sonnewas, head chiefs of the Wishams

Sho shos kan, sub chief of the Yakamas.

Slak-kish, Yet-tap-pum, Skammot, Wat-tamsh, sub chiefs of the X Wishams

Of the total number of Indians in the middle district, from causes already assigned, I can only speak from general observation. I do not think they will fall short of 7,000. It is a fact, singular so far as I am aware, that the Yakamas are rapidly on the increase. I saw even as many as ten children in some of the lodges and the tribe will undoubtedly regain its old strength should no damage again intervene

Olympia, Wash Territory Sept. 30, 1854