

Yakama Agency Wash. Ter.

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Gen R H Milroy

US Indian Agent

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Sir

I have the honor to submit the following report of the operation of the Police Force at this Agency for the Quarter ending this date

The general efficiency of the force has been well maintained - Owing to the system established by you - i.e. - the organization of the Reservation into districts, and the appointment of justices of the Peace in each district, with one or more Policemen subject to the orders of each, the operations of the force have not been so immediately under my observation as heretofore - The system however has worked admirably and the justices bear willing testimony to the zeal and efficiency of the Police.

The system alluded to, also provides for regular Sessions of the Reservation Court, consisting of three judges with clerk, and the usual officers of a court of law - This Reservation

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Court, takes Cognizance of all serious offenses, decides appeals from the ^{several} justices Courts &c and sits once each two months - Two sessions of this Court have been held, and all the Police Force have been in attendance -

It is impossible as yet to form a just estimate of the advantages of this judicial System to these Indians, but sufficient has already been demonstrated to prove that it has been an immense step towards civilization -

During the Quarter the Police have made several trips outside the Reservation for the arrest of offenders, sometimes acting in conjunction with officers of the several Counties adjoining, and in every instance by their discretion, fidelity and good behavior, have earned the commendation of all

Owing to the reasons above given, it is impossible to state the number of arrests that have been made -

By far the greater number have been by order of the justices, and for petty

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offenses = There have been some two
or three arrests for stealing, some
eight or ten for Polygamy, and several
for adultery, besides the smaller class
of offences tried by the Justices of
the Peace

The Police Force has proved itself
to be indispensable to the preservation
of order on this Reservation

Very Respectfully
J. H. Birchfield
Chief of Police

Approved
B. A. Mikoy

U. S. Indian Agent