

Refer in reply to the following

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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON, June 14., 1881.

J. H. Wilbur
U. S. Indian Agent.
Yakama Agency. Wash. Terr.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication wherein you state that in the Spring of 1879 while you were making arrangements to have Chief Moses come to this city in pursuance of orders from this office, he was arrested by the Sheriff of Yakama County as being accessory to the murder of Lorenzo Perkins and wife; that you employed Counsel in his behalf and paid

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them \$100; that he waived examination and was admitted to bail, and you asked to be reimbursed for counsel fees as above.

In reply I have to say that this Department is explicitly prohibited from employing counsel by Section 189 Revised Statutes of the United States, and I see no way by which you can be reimbursed for said expenditure save by act of Congress for your relief.

Very respectfully
A. Price
Commissioner

G. H. A.

June 14th 1881

Jb Price Comm^{rs}

Referring to amount paid
for Counsel fees for
Moses \$100 - cannot
be paid by the Dep^t