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Dictated to C.

North Yakima, Wash'n, June 13 1889

Hon. Thomas Priestly
Yakima Indian Reservation
Dear Sir:—

Billy John, an indian living on the Ah-ta-mum had a house burned on June 6th 1889 by fire, which was caused by sparks from an engine of the N. P. R. R. Co. The claim for damages is in my hands for collection. I communicated to Superintendent Prowell about it and on yesterday he came down here with a view to settle it and examined the premises. At present there is such divergence of views between the indian and the Superintendent that there seems to be no hope of having the matter settled amicably. We therefore ask to have it arbitrated and ask to have the time fixed when you and the Superintendent can meet together and arbitrate it. Any time will be satisfactory to me after the middle of next week. I would thank you if you would have your clerk to make me a copy of the entire contract between the indians and the N. P. R. R. Co.

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by which the indians yielded the right of way
to the railroad across the reservation. I have a
part of this that I received through your courtesy.
but I would like to have the whole contract so
that I can be informed of the rights of the indians
as between them and the Railroad company.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Snively

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Pres. Atty

Requesting Copy of Contract
between NRR Co & Yak. Res.
^{also}
Concerning Disputed Claim
Billy John & asking Arbi-
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