

Wash'tn Suptcy. Colville. Roll No. 20

For Colville W.T.

February 8th, 1868

(Excerpt)

// Fox who is an unprincipled vagabond and thief was compelled to leave the mining districts of Boise to escape being hanged for his misdeeds by the Vigilance committee and arrived here about one year ago. From July last up to the time of his expulsion he lived with the Indians on the Fools Prairie some twenty five miles from here and caused much trouble....as Fox was the only white man living in the lodges of the Indians it was found to be impossible to procure other than Indian evidence against him for violation of the intercourse act and for the other offences enumerated. This kind of evidence has no utility whatever in examinations before the justice of the peace in this country and as ~~the nearest federal~~ the nearest federal judicial authorities are two hundred and sixteen miles distant and almost inaccessible during the winter season and being apprehensive that the growing dissaffection in the band might result in something serious unless promptly checked I ~~accepted~~ addressed a communication (of which the enclosure marked A is a copy) to the commanding officer of the troops stationed here, requesting his assistance in removing the man Fox from the band. The request was promptly acceded to and this mischievous and dangerous person after being furnished with a small supply of provisions was escorted beyond the Spokane River and the Indians referred to have become very quite and manageable. I..I am etc. G.A. Paige Special Indian Agent. to T.J. McKenney, esq. Supt. Indian Affairs, Olympia, W.T.

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Fort Colville, W.T.

February 8, 1868

Sir: Referring to your letter of September 10, 1867 authorizing the purchase of supplies to maintain the Indians up to the time and during the time the distributions are being made and also to enable those living at a distance to reach their homes without suffering, I have to state that about seven thousand pounds of flour and six thousand pounds of beef will be necessary for the purpose. This estimate is based upon the supposition that from ~~from fifteen hundred~~ fifteen hundred to two thousand Indians will be present at the distribution. Flour and beef can be purchased here in open market at the same rates as that contracted for last summer viz Beef 12 1/2 cents per pound and flour \$2.45 per hundred pounds. I have already made bargains with ~~parties~~ parties here to furnish the supplies at the above rates subject to your approval.

It is my intention to make the distributions as soon as the disappearance of the snows in the mountains will enable the Indians to collect at this place say about the middle of April.

Very Respectfully

Your obt. svt.

G.A. Paige

Special Indian Agent

To T.J. McKenney, "sq. Supt. Ind. Affairs,
Olympia, W.T.

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Fort Colville, W.T.

March 30th, 1868

Sir:

I will respectfully call your attention to the necessity of purchasing a light two-horsewagon for the use of the Department here. In this country there is no other way of freighting except in waggons or on pack animals and as there is always more or less light freighting to be done for the department a wagon would soon pay for itself. The cost of one in Walla Walla which would be suitable for use here would be from 130 to 150 dollars coin.

To T.J. McKenny, esq.

Supt. Ind. Affairs,

Olympia, W.T.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.

G.A. Paige

In Charge Indians

Fort Colville W.T.

May 9th, 1868

Sir:

I have the honor to state that I have just completed the distribution of presents to Indians as contemplated in your instructions of Sept. 10th and November 17, 1867. All the Colvilles except about twenty, most of the Pend O'relles, a few Spokanes, Okinakanes and Sam Poells amounting in all to nine hundred and seventy six were here and received their presents. A great deal of difficulty was experienced in persuading many of them to receive their presents as an impression had for some time prevailed among the more distant bands that the distribution was to be made in payment for their lands and that by accepting the articles they would forfeit all right to the soil and be removed to some reservation. Every effort in my power has been made to disburse them of this impression. The messengers employed to notify the Indians of the distribution, men of good standing among the Indians speaking their language perfectly and also bearing a good reputation among the ~~whites~~ whites for fidelity, were ~~specifically~~ specially instructed to use their utmost exertions to combat ~~that~~ feeling and assure them that the distribution was intended simply as a present from the government, the same as the articles issued here during the past three years.

Quite a number of Spokanes among whom was Garry were present and drew rations but declined to receive presents in goods; several councils were held with them in which I explained matters as fully as I deemed consistent but they appeared to have a suspicion that there was something behind so large a distribution affecting their right to the soil, and up to the present time a majority of them had refused to receive anything. It is gratifying to be able to state that amongst the numbers collected here, drunkenness or riotous conduct was observed on the part of one Indian who was promptly arrested and

turned over to the tender mercies of the military authorities-but that all received their presents and dispersed ~~from~~ to their homes well satisfied. On the assembling the Indians and after their being rationed it was deemed important to prepare a very careful rooll, one that would be useful for future reference as showing an accurate account of the numbers in each family of males and females ummarried. To get up this roll correctly required time and necessitated the detention of the Indians several days in this neighborhood and also compelled us again to issue rations to subsist them during the process of enrollment and distribution. The roll was carefully prepared by myself assisted by the interpreter and three of the most reliable chiefs and may be relied upon as correct and shows a tolerably accurate census of the different bands as far as it extends. I was compelled to employ five assistants in making the distribution, their time covering from six to eight days at \$2.50 per day. It was also found absolutely necessary to purchase a small quantity of tobacco for the use of the Indians in their council on (to them) such an important occasion.

As information has reached me that numbers of Spokanes and Okinakanes who were unable to come before are on their way in on foot and anxious to receive presents I have deemed it best to keep the roll open for their benefit some two or three weeks longer.

Should they come they will be subsisted from the annual supplies as those recently contracted for are nearly exhausted.

Enclosed I send you vouchers of McKenzie, Hening, Longshore and Perkins for services rendered. Please pay to Messrs Millard and Van Schuyver, Portland Oregon, the amount due on vouchers....amounting to \$110. Other papers shall be forwarded by next mail. Very respectfully
Your obt. svt. G. A. Paige, special Ind. Agent. Genl. T. J. McKenny,
supt. Ind. Affairs., Olympia, W.T.

Wash'tn Suptcy. Colville. Roll No. 20 Fort Colville, W.T.

May 23, 1868

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith vouchers amounting to \$44 which with those forwarded on the 9th and 16th inst. cover all expenses incurred in the distribution of goods.

I desire to correct a statement in my letter of the 9th inst. in reference to the number of Indians at that time enrolled. This number should have been eight hundred and eighty-six instead of nine hundred and seventy six.

The Indians still continue to come into receive presents in small scattering parties and have run the number up to about one thousand.

Very respectfully

Your obt. svt.

G.A. Paige,

Special Agent.

Genl T.J. McKenney,
Supt. Ind. Affairs,
Olympia W.T.

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Headquarters Fort Colville W.T.

PLB 417

July 19th, 1868

T.J. McKinney esq. Supt Indian Affairs W.T.

Sir:

I have a painful duty to discharge in reporting the death of Mr. G.A. Paige, late special Indian agent for this district. He died this morning of inflammation of the bowels after an illness of about five weeks.

Mr. Paige having had no assistant and believing it to be in accordance with custom and your u..lies also I shall assume charge of the Indian business and property here until I can receive instructions from you. Should you desire me to close up Mr. Paige's act. and settle the Department business here I respectfully request authority to employ a clerk to assist me.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt.

W.C. Manning

1st Lieut 23rd Infy. Comdy post.

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Fort Colville, July 20, 1868

General T.J. McKinney

Superintendent of Indian Affairs:

Sir

There being a vacancy in the office of special Indian agent at this place, we the undersigned citizens of Colville Valley respectfully ask you to appoint some resident of this valley to fill the vacancy, we would recommend Mr. Henry Wellington as a suitable person. Mr. Wellington is a man of unblemished moral character, honest, upright and intelligent and is well qualified to fill the position. The citizens of Colville Valley would esteem it a great favor if you will appoint Mr. Wellington Special Agent at this place.

Park Winans

W.V. Brown

Henry E. Young

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Fort Colville, .T. Aug 22, 1868

General:

Judge Nyche and others have written me informing that they had recommended to you the appointment of me as Special Indian Agent [sic] for this district. If you can consistently appoint me, I will try and do my duty.

I am very respectfully

Your obedient servant

Park Winans

To Gen. T.J. McKenny

Supt. Indian Affairs, "ashington Territory.

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Fort Colville, W.T.

Oct. 9 , 1868

T.J. McKinney, Esq.

Supt. Indian Affairs, W.T., Olympia, W.T.

Sir:

Having been relieved from duty here and ordered to Fort Vancouver I have transferred the Indian Dept. property and records over to my successor in command, 2nd Lieutenant H.Y. Houston, 25 Infantry.

The retained copies of the papers appertaining to the 2nd quarter , 1868 are on file in the office and the records also show in detail issue made by me in the 3rd quarter since the death of Mr. Paige. I shall also make up and take with me the usual form of return with abstract etc and shall take receipts from Lieutenant Houston for the property remaining on hand and turned over to him.

The issues have been confined to the sick and destitute and have not been large. I have persistently refused the young and those able by labor to supply their own ~~wants~~ wants. Since the cold season commenced--five weeks since the number of applications for assistance has been constantly increasing and tody some two hundred or more Indians, principally of the Colville tribe come with the expectation of a distribution such as occurred the last spring.

The distrust that they were in some way compromising their claims to the boundry by accepting annuity goods which obtained among the Indians to such an extent last spring has disappeared and they are anxious now to reap all the benefits of the present liberal policy to Indians pursued by the Department. I would recommend that the stores of clothing and blankets now on hand be distributed very soon, not later than the 1st of November but ~~of xxx~~ if given out now except the special and necessitous cases they would be gambled and traded off.

Dr. Davis, the post surgeon and attending surgeon to Indians was relieved by Dr. E.Y. Chase on the 5 August, the latter has attended the Indians assiduously since that date, since the death of Mr. Paige. I have been assisted in the administration of Indian affairs by Mr. F.H. Perkins of Colville who had been long familiar with Mr. Paige's records and has a personal knowledge of most of the Indians, in the district. The ~~xxxxxxx~~ records after the 2nd quarter were prepared by him as are also those during the 3rd quarter.

Although not authorized to employ a clerk my duties were necessarily so much divided between my proper military work and Dept. business that I could not alone give proper attention to the numerous demands made upon me. As the greater part of the actual work including much hard riding was performed by Mr. Perkins. I trust the department will see fit to recognize his services by a liberal salary for three months.

The Indians are looking anxious for their New Year and are behaving as well as usual.

Any communication for me will find me if directed as below.

I am

Very respectfully

Your Obedt. Servant

Wm. C. Manning

1st lieutenant and adjutant 24 Infy, Fort Vancouver, W.T.

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Fort Colville, W.T. 14 Nov. 1868

Gen T.J. McKenney, Supt. Indian Affairs,

Olympia W.T. Dear Sir:

On the 10th inst. I received a visit at this Agency from Victor, headchief of a band of about 150 Pon de Oreilles. After a reception of about an hour during which time I treated the whole party to a smoke, I offered to present the company with 500 pounds of beef and flour in proportion but they respectfully declined and took their departure. They came (The Lower Pon d'Oreilles) from a distance of about seventy miles to pay their respects to the new agent.

Respectfully

J.G. Parker,

Special Indian Agent.

(Parker was appointed to succeed Paige.)

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U.S. Fort Colville, W.T.

21 Nov. 68

Gen. T. McKenny [Thomas J. McKenny sq]

Supt. Indian Affairs, W.T. Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the following sub vouchers for money expended
on my trip from Olymia to Fort Colville at ~~current~~ currency rates

Hillory Dutler State, Olymia to Monticello \$20

"m. Pumphrey, state station, \$3.25.

R. Huntington, dinner .75

Steamer Julia, Monticello to Portland \$2.25.

Cosmopolitan Hotel, Portland \$5.00

Str. Fannie Toop, Portland to Vancouver \$1.50

Pacific Hotel, Vancouver \$4.50

Steamer Cascades, Vancouver to Dalles and Str. Nez Perce Chief,
Dalles to Wallula \$30.00

Empire Hotel at the Dalles \$1.50

State fare and meals, Wallula to Walla Walla \$8.50.

Oriental Hotel, Walla Walla \$9.50.

James Howard for span horses and buggy, outfit for camping
blanket, Walla Walla to Colville 170.00

--- 256.45.

"170 currency seems to be a high price for a driver,
span of horses and buggy to make the trip from Walla Walla to Colville
but the driver furnished a complete outfit and paid all the expenses such
as food, ferriages, meals, toll bridges etc--\$150 coin is the usual
price charged passengers furnishing their own outfits. Capt. G.L. Browning
of this post has just been ordered to San Francisco and he leaves on
23. He just told me that he had engaged a team to take him to
Walla Walla and had to pay for the same \$150 coin and furnish his

own outfit. I think it would be true economy for you to buy for this agency either at San Francisco or Portland either a Downing or Abbott's Concord Express Wagon with springs and pole and a set of Hills Concord harness with breeching. The wagon should have a break [sic] on it, the bed be sufficiently large to carry four persons, a dozen pair of blanket, two sacks oats and a supply of flour, bacon etc. Such a wagon is really needed at this agency and when you come up if you would bring one with you to Walla Walla. I could meet you there or send a man down with a pair of horses and you could ride up and back in the wagon. There are many bands of Indians in this district that can be reached by wagon roads for great distances and having a light strong wagon to use we can often dispense with the two necessary pack horses. The ride from Walla Walla to Colville, some 220 miles, is a long tedious one--one way is the mail or horseback route which averages a house or cabin every night or every 50 miles and is not feasible as the mail riders change on the route and have a fresh horse daily for themselves but none for you and you are barred from carrying anything in the way of clothing. The other is the wagon road and the houses are as far and the accommodations as miserable that old travellers on the road pack their own blankets and camp out. Though I have requested Messrs Houston and also Mr. Perkins to forward you the acts of Dr. Ordway Messers, Paige, Manning and Houston, and they have promised to do so, they are very slow but I am promised by both parties to say that the accounts and statements shall surely be ready by next mail--seven days. If you can refund me the amount of my expenditures of trip from Olympia to Colville by currency draft on Portland or San Francisco I would be much obliged to you as I am in need of some money.

Respectfully yours J.C. Parker

Special Indian Agent.

Wash'tn Suptcy. Volville. Roll No. 20

Office Indian Agency

U.S. Fort Volville Wash Ter.

24 Nov. 1868

Gen. T.J. McKenny, Supt. Indian Affairs, Olympia W. Ter.

Sir:

Enclosed please find a rough sketch or diagram of the U.S. ~~Fort~~ Fort Volville post or garrison. I think it would be adviseable for you to apply to Gen. Crooks, U.S.A. (Portland) requesting him to transfer the two log buildings, A and B to the Indian Department to be used by the same here after one for an office and the other for a storeroom. At present they are both uninhabitable for office use, though I am endeavoring to make the house " comfortable for the winter by plastering the open crevices with mortar and flooring and ceiling part of the house for an office, all at the expense of the Indian Department.

The former Indian agent, Mr. Paige, was allowed to use the lathed and plastered house for ~~the~~ his quarters. That is now occupied by Dr. Chase. The commanding officer offered to let me occupy for an office the vacant building west of him, providing that I vacated the same upon the arrival of a Lieut. Rice who was expected during the winter. But having the house to clean and wood to provide and store for the winter, I concluded to do so as I have. The adjoining building B is only ~~xx~~ partially in use, as a tin shop and though an old, open log building, it could be repaired at no great expense and made suitable for a store room; and fitting this (the one I now occupy) for an office, it would be desirable as the two would then be together. Respectfully yours, J.G. Parker Jr., Special Indian Agent.

Building

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Fort Colville, W.T.

Jany. 24, 1870

Brevet Col. Saml. Ross,
Superintendent Indian Affairs W.T.

Sir:

I have the honor this day to receive
yours of the 27th ultimo appointing me industrial instructor for
Colville, Spokans and other Indians east of the Cascade
mountains (parties to no treaty)

In accepting the position I beg to ask if the appointment
gives me the same powers that have heretofore been exercised by
agents or farmers in charge.

Awaiting your further instructions

I am sir

Your obedient servant.

Wm. P. Winans.

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Fort Colville, W.T.

January 29, 1870

Bvt. Co. Ross, U.S.A. Supt. of Indian Affairs for

Washington Ter.

(~~ex~~cerpt)

p...efforts toabate the nuisance[liquor] is that almost every one in the country is engaged either directly or indirectly in the sale of liquor and are personally interested in ~~preven~~ preventing its supression. Our friend P. Winans is no exception to this rule as he brings largely the axtrate into the country--has a branch store about fourteen miles from this place and although a profe sion is made that his firm sells no liquor to the Indians the fact is notorious that around that store and the store of Openhimer and Co. almost any day drunken Indians may be seen and but a day or two since a chief was stabbed not far from there by a drunken Indian. My friend I have long held my peace in rega to the appointment of P. Winans to a position at this place for fear that you might accuseme of interested movies but I cannot feel that I have done fairly by you if I should longer keep silent. I consider Park Winans as one of the most unfit of men for Indian agent for the following rea ons and I think his best friends will agree with me if they would frankly state their true feelings--first personally he is weak, afraid to o fend for fear he might loose some trade in his store and in my opinion will utterly fail to command the respect of the Indians who need a strong and steady hand to keep them in anything like proper subjectake [sic/] also he is amerchant engaged in trade and this is also a strongpoint against him. He sells whiskey both at his store in Colville and at this one on the river not in small quantities but largely and his partner is perfectly unscrupulous. I do not believe any one should be appointed at this place who is not entirely untrammaled and as Mr. Howaeey would

not [name just listed appears on close examination to be Harvey]
~~probably~~ probably throw his official influence altogether in
 favor of our friend Montgomery who is also a merchant in Colville
 I think his appointment could not fail to give dissatisfaction. I
 received your copy of P. Winans appointment and you no doubt will soon
 instruct him as to his duties and also direct me what to do with the
 property I now hold--are his powers administrative or only ~~advisory~~
 advisory? I would not give a cent for him unless he does what I do not
 believe he will do, sell out his store and particularly ^{the} his whiskey
 part and get up some backbone. Could you not come here next summer and
 see for yourself how things work and what is needed and in the
 mean time let things remain in status quo. I don't ask for any
 additional pay and am willing to act as agent as long as you may
 desire. Would like to finish up the whiskey cases now on hand in a neat
 and workmanlike manner and retire with a grand flourish of jewsharps
 ... I have to inform you of the sudden and ... death of the
 white yourse you sent by V. Montgomery. He was in the blacksmith
 shop to be sho d and idied in a few minutes of the colic ^{He} had not
 been used for several days. ...I have placed an Indian boy as apprentice
 to the blacksmith Wade and have agreed upon the part of the Indian Dept
 to furnish him clothes and see that he is well treated--time three
 years.. ^{He} seems to be a bright good dispositioned boy and no doubt
 will be found useful in the futur when a reservation is set off for the
 Indians..... I think this constant change of agent to ~~xx~~ very much
 impair the influence for good over them. As soon as they bein to know and
 feel that the age t is their friend and learn to respect and fear him
 a new one comes along and all has to be done over again...

..... E.Y. Chase.

Fort Colville, W.T.

May 5, 1870

Col. Samuel Ross, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Sir:

I have the honor to address a few lines to you requesting instructions upon a certain matter that has been presented to me. I have received a communication from a certain party asking me for a permit to take up and settle upon certain lands in Paradise Valley, said valley is located between the Spokane and Snake Rivers, ~~and~~ in the southeast portion of Stevens county. Said parties state that they have been prevented from settling in said valley by the Indians residing in the vicinity who claim said lands as their camas ground, where they provide themselves annually with their winters supply of camas food.

The country never having been treated for, nor surveyed, I am somewhat at a loss to know what course it is my duty to pursue. Therefore I would most respectfully ask instructions upon the matter.

Upon my arrival here I found many complaints from the white settlers of the lawless conditions of the Indians I at once proceeded to undertake a new policy towards them. I called a number of the most prominent chiefs around me and gave them to distinctly understand that I should hold them strictly responsible for the acts of their people. In the case of an Indian committing a crime against a white person they must capture the criminal and deliver him up to me to be tried by the civil authorities and in the case of an Indian against an Indian the chiefs must inflict the punishment. I am confident that it is the best policy that could be adopted with these Indians....

It appears that through the ~~bad~~ influence of bad white men, and Indians, that the San Poile tribe have had false impressions made upon their minds in regard to the policy of our government towards them, they have been led to believe that it is the intention

of our government to take their farms, stock and every thing they possess from them, and then drive them all north out of the country. Some of them who believe this and knowing such a course to be unjust in a spirit of revenge are in favor of doing all the damage they can before they are driven away but are prevented by the better judgment of some of their tribe.

A number of different tribes meet in council about eighty miles south of here on the 15th of the present month, believing it to be my duty to visit them upon all such occasions and to remove if possible all prejudice from their minds and believing that I can easily extirpate all false impressions that may have been instilled into their mind I shall therefore meet them in council and explain to them the policy I propose to pursue with them and do all that I can, consistently, to make them more law abiding people.

I shall make them no promises but such as I feel confident will meet with your approval.

This morning I received a message from a number of the chiefs requesting me to meet them in council. Hoping that the course I am pursuing will meet with your approbation, I am sir, your obedient servant,

George W. Harvey

Farmer in charge of Colville and other Indians east of the Cascade mountains, parties to no treaty.

(map ENCLASURE)