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Office Supt. Indian Affairs,
Waxton S. I. July 18th 1856.

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit a letter written by Rob^t. C. Buchanan, Lieut Col: 4th Infantry, Commanding ^{the} Military forces, in Southern Oregon and Northern California, announcing the close of the war in that District. Also two orders - one relative to disposition of the U.S. Troops, the other directing the removal of white men from the Reservation, &c.

In addition to the ten or twelve Indians mentioned by Col. Buchanan as having fled to the mountains, I am informed by Mr. McGuire, just arrived from that District, that there are several families scattered about in the mountains but who will undoubtedly consent to come to the Reservation after having heard of the safe arrival of those who preceded them. No further difficulty, I am persuaded, need be apprehended from those left behind; but, so long as they are in that vicinity their presence will doubtless be made a ground for constant alarm and insecurity, and enable the lawless and vicious portion of the white population to commit acts of violence and depredation, and fasten them upon the Indians. We will ^{undoubtedly} be able during the

season to gather them up and place them upon the Reservation. -

An exact enumeration of the bands which came up in the last Steamer gives a total of 729 souls - 183 of whom are warriors, 300 women, 72 boys, 71 Girls, and 103 Infants; all of whom have been furnished a limited amount of clothing, and have, to-day, left this place for the Coast via Grand Ronde

I have been for the last few days, quite indisposed, but will this afternoon, accompanied by Captain C. C. Auger, U.S. Army, proceed to the Grand Ronde and thence to the Coast and south as far as the Yah-quo-na; thence across the mountain to a valley on the head of Seletz river to ascertain its adaptation for a settlement of Indians and the establishment of a temporary Military Post.

The Indians gathered from remote parts give us but little trouble at the encampments, but many of those who have heretofore resided in the vicinity of the Grand Ronde are often running away, which requires the constant employment of messengers, and sometimes troops, to hunt them up. I have good reasons to believe they are enticed away by whites, who desire the benefit of their labor; but of this ~~I~~ I have no positive proof beyond the statements of the

Indians, whose evidence is inadmissible in
our Court, of law.

The fish seines ordered from San
Francisco have been received and are taken over
to the Coast to ~~assist~~^{aid} in their subsistence. Two
of the largest have been transferred to Agent
Thompson at the Dalles for those of his
District.

I am happy to think that, in a
general point of view, all our operations on
the Coast Reservation will be crowned
with success.

Most respectfully
Yours truly
J. P.

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To
Hon Geo W Manning
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