

Grand Ronde Indian Agency
July 31st 1856.

Dear Sir

I have the request that you will direct the bands of Indians under your charge to remain at present on the south side of Selity River, say at the southern angle of the bay and behind the sand hills unless indeed they may choose to stop a few miles farther south where I think is a better camp. The goods designed for those Indians have been sent down by the teams and are to be delivered to Mr Walker to be put up in shape for packing down the coast. But if all the bands come up in the vicinity of Selity River the business of packing can be dispensed with as the teams can come down in that stream. I have directed Mr Walker to cause a new house to be erected on the North bank of Selity River near the coast. As soon as practicable after you have selected a camp I wish you to procure two canoes and go up Selity River to the prairie go as far as where the trail from Yagwona strikes Selity River, examine the number and extent of prairie below the one through which this trail leads, from the crossing of the river by this trail it is about nine miles to the upper large prairie a country abounding in grass and well adapted to an Indian settlement. I am

satisfied this valley is the best suited for the entire Snake River, Apple Gate, Gallies Creek and Unpeques, that is to be found on the Reservation, I wish you to take bill and a few other leading men with you and give them an opportunity to ascertain its advantages. In examining the country above tide water and below the trail referred to, it is important that the practicability of a wagon road be established - It is as much for this object that the trip is to be undertaken as any other as it is presumed the supplies for that settlement must go up Snake River and above tide water it is not navigable. From the upper Long Prairie it is about twenty five miles to Kings Valley a point selected for the middle military post at which post is stationed Capt Auger 4th infantry & 2 men.

After the arrival of goods you will distribute to each man a blanket - pair of pants and flannel shirt to each woman a blanket, linsey or calico dress, three yards sheeting, to boys and girls articles as you may deem requisite. In giving rations you will be governed by the circumstances, so as to meet the supply on hand either beef or flour or both if a supply should be on hand. a little sugar is sent over but designed for hospital use.

Refer to me the number and condition of the Indians under your charge at as early a moment as possible, making requisitions for such articles

as you may need. The Caquills under business
if they choose may crop delicately kind.

Advise me whether your Indians have found any
location along the coast desired by them as a place
of residence. If I find it practicable I
will come down during the coming week.

The probability ^{is that} the Hedges will assume the duties
of sub-Ind. office at the end of one month. In the
mean time we must strive to give up the Superintendence
is as prosperous a condition as possible.

J. M. B. Hedges
Sub-Ind. Agt.

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R. B. Metcalf

Sub. Ind. Agent.

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