

Office Superintendent Indian Affairs
Doyleton A. D. September 28th 1850

Sir

My letter of 26th inst^{nt} advised you of your appointment as special Indian Agent for the Tribes in Oregon and I now proceed to give such instructions as I regard essential ~~to said~~ ^{you} in the discharge of that duty. Very much however must be left to your discretion which ~~by your~~ ^{by the} knowledge of the country and the Indians inhabiting ~~that part of the district of your~~ ^{it} will enable you to act efficiently.

Henceforth very much of the country East of the Cascade Mountains lying in our Territory has not been attached to any particular district. Our limited knowledge of the country and the hostile character of the Indians who inhabit ^{therein} ~~it~~ as shown by their repeated aggressions on the persons and property of our citizens render ^{it} necessary ~~an additional agent~~ ^{that} you will therefore be assigned to duty in that part of the country lying East of the Cascade Mountains and between our Southern boundary and the 44th parallel of latitude. It is supposed this line strikes the Cascade Mountains in the vicinity of the snow-beds commonly called the Three Sisters; running East crossing Snake River at or below Fort Boise Dept ending to the Snake Mountains. Mr M R Thompson who now has charge of all that portion of country our Territory north of this line will act in concert with you, but whose extent of district and amount of labor necessary to acquire an accurate knowledge of the country and people who occupy it will not permit him to Tarry long in your district.

The present hostile attitude of the Indians along Snake River will doubtless render it necessary that you should remain during the winter if it be practicable in that vicinity, and as military operations have been directed

against them for the purpose of bringing to justice such
 as have been engaged in the recent outrages - and those
 aiding and protesting them and all others who are found
 hostile to our people - whilst you will give every
 possible facility to bring ^{them to} speedy and retributive justice
~~those monsters guilty of the heinous crimes committed~~
~~on our people this summer and all aiders and abettors~~
 you will equally strive to protect ~~the~~ and encourage
 those known to be friendly. The numerous ^{acts of} ~~acts~~ ^{letter} ~~of~~ ^{of}
 aggression of long standing, and frequent repetition
 committed by those savages against our people, without any
 effort to bring them to punishment - has doubtless impressed
 them with a belief that this omnipotent ~~power~~ is from weakness,
~~or~~ ^{consideration} an indifference to the wrongs done ~~on~~ ⁱⁿ
 our cities. Having great confidence in their own
 ability to defend themselves against us - they will doubtless
 require marked evidences of our ability to punish
 them before being disarmed on this subject. and whilst
 every effort on your part should be rendered to accomplish
 it you will at the same time strive to lessen the
 sacrifice of human life - by separating the band or
 bands who have thus offended from those the surrounding
 tribes. and let this punishment be rather as a matter
 of stern justice than revenge. ~~you~~ should not
 forget that we are a civilized and Christian people
 and thy ^{savage} indignation ~~and~~ ~~on~~ an indiscriminate
 slaughter of women and children would not seem
 necessary to convince them of our power. A distinction
 should always be made between the guilty &
 innocent else no stimulus is given for good
 conduct. The season is so far advanced that it will
 be impossible to forward you any considerable amount
 of supplies of Indian goods nor do I think that you

will need very much - as your efforts this winter
 will be chiefly directed, after the event of operations,
 toward the establishment of friendly relations, in the acquiring
 such information as may enable us to act intelligently
 hereafter, with this view you will strive to ascertain
 more accurately the character of the country - the number
 and location of the various bands of Indians,
 their condition, means of subsistence, their feelings toward
 the whites. &c. It is apprehended ^{the cupidities of} and ^{infused} persons
 may have contributed to the present state of affairs in that
 region you will strive to ascertain whether there be any
 just foundation for such suspicious reports have
 reached me that persons in the service of the Indians
 lay camped at Fort Brazeau here, since the murder of
 an citizen near that place by Indians, furnished them
 with arms and ammunition and received in return money
 supposed to have been taken by them from the murdered
 persons. Should you find this to be the case, if it is
 not already done, you will cause the arrest of such
 persons or persons and send him or them to the settlement
 to be tried and punished by the proper authority - and
 in connection with this subject I would suggest the
 necessity of closing the doors of that fort - as against
 any trade in the services of the ^{to} the camp.
 No license has been granted them nor do I think
 it proper to grant license to any one in this since
 on to any one ^{heretofore} ~~can~~ connected in the remotest manner
 with them. Such an indulgence is in violation of
 the laws of the country and deemed dangerous to the
 peace and good order and security of our citizens.
 It is very possible male minded persons in the employ of this company
 may by a mistaken notion entertain it ^{in their} duty intent
 of this company to prejudice the minds of the Indians against
 our people in order to retain their friendship and trade

will need very soon - as time of the month
 will be chiefly devoted, after the out of office
 and the establishment of friendly relations, to the
 which information as may enable us to act
 therefore with this view you will think to effect
 from examining the character of the country
 the location of the various lands to be
 with the assistance of means of authorities
 It is apprehended that the
 may have concluded to that extent of affairs in that
 region you will show a greater interest than in any
 first preparation for such business
 reached us but persons in the
 by company at Fort Snare have
 our citizens - but place of
 with some and committee
 supposed to have been taken
 persons. Should you find this to be the case, if it is
 not already done, you will cause the extent of such
 persons and send him or other to the
 to be held and funds of the proper authorities
 in connection with this subject of road suggest the
 necessity of clearing the doors of the fort as against
 any trouble in the summer of the 10th company
 has been but has pointed out some other steps
 to be taken in regard to the
 to be taken in the present season
 with the
 the laws of the country and should be
 persons and good order and beauty of our
 it is very possible that persons in the
 of the company the interest of the
 in order to retain their interest and

~~It is not unlikely that many may have been committed~~

It is not unlikely that many may have been committed by our own citizens on the persons of those Indians, as we too often have reckless persons who, regardless of their own or others safety, commit acts of violence against all Indians with whom they come in contact, you will of course strive to remedy this, and when an injury has been done seek to redress that wrong, and in return demand on the part of the Indian such a reparation as the circumstances will seem to require for wrongs done by them.

It is my purpose during the coming season to enter into ^{if possible} conventional arrangements with all the Indian Tribes in the Territory, for the extinguishment of their title and their removal ~~to~~ and colonization to proper districts, where they may be instructed in the arts of agriculture and civilization and with this view you will examine such portions of ~~your~~ the district assigned you as may hold out inducements for an Indian settlement. It will be very desirable if possible to locate them entirely remote from the settlements and away from the thoroughfare leading from the States, to Oregon California & Washington Territory and yet so convenient as to be accessible with a view of transporting their supplies of subsistence and merchandize. I have recently made an examination of the country around Flameth Lake, and from the information derived from Indians of the country around Toquo Lake and a stream emptying in from the East I am inclined to believe this Lake and stream and Flameth a very desirable location for the Indians of this & upper valleys in addition to those now occupying the

that country, it is also very likely it may afford
 sufficient extent of agricultural land to gather in
 the adjacent bands of Diggers ~~leading~~ to the East of them.
 The altitude of that district is ~~one of~~ perhaps the greatest
 obstacle in the way of such a settlement and yet with proper
 improvement it may be less objectional than lower districts.
 It is desirable that the numerous small bands scattered over
 the country should be congregated - and the greatest possible
 number assembled in one district. Thus avoiding the
 necessity of so great a number of Agents, farmers
 mechanics - Teachers &c. Before any definite
 plan can be adopted, it is important ^{that} ~~the~~ ^{one} ascertain accurately
 the number of men, women, & children, in the respective
~~districts~~ ^{tribes}. This will be one of your first objects - and advise
 me from time to time as you may progress, giving
 such other information as may in your judgment may be
 useful. No enumeration has been made of the number
 from the Eastern boundary of country claimed by the Plains
 by which we can ~~obtain~~ ^{by any means get} ~~an approximate~~ ^{an account} and the estimate
 given in my annual report, a copy of which is herewith
 enclosed, may prove very erroneous.

You will advise me at the earliest moment of
 the condition of affairs in your district - and set
 forth the kind and quantity of supplies necessary
 to enable you to act efficiently - as well as the
 time needed. A bond which you are
 requested to cause filled up and signed is herewith
 forwarded and should there be no person ~~officially~~
 legally authorized to administer the oath of office
 you will call on a Mr Thompson who will administer
 the requisite oath - and then transmit to Judge Almy
 for his certificate of sufficiency of security - with
 instructions to forward to this office

