

Oregon City July 30<sup>th</sup> 1856

Dear Sir

The dried fish belonging to the Indians Chiefs Thomas & John mentioned in my last, was spoiled before there was an opportunity to ship it to Dayton -

The Capt<sup>n</sup> of the Steamer Franklin informed me that the first trip the steamer made, after the fish was left at the ware house of the Willamette transportation Co., was so offensive that he could not get his men to put it on board the Steamer.

Mr. Woodcock informed me that he had three horses in his possession and that there are three or four more in the neighbourhood (easily obtained) belong to the Molalla & Klamath Indians

I have made several unsuccessful attempts to find the horses belonging to Soup-ker a member of the Clackamas band of Indians - I can hear of that class of horses, but they are either claimed by citizens, or that steps are being taken to take them up as Estrays.

I find there are seven horses on an island on the Columbia Slough near David Powell, also some sled saddles, Blankets, & other property in an out-house of Mr. Powell's belonging to the Indians who resided on the Slough.

I requested the son of Mr. Powell to keep eye to horses & property until taken away by the Indians, or called for by the



proper authorities.

The oxen claimed by Aleck (a member of the band of Indians on the Stough) I was unable to find, until I procured the services of John Crosby.

Through his service they were found, though much difficulty in obtaining them, owing to the obstinacy of Mr. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Cully who pretended he had claims, this circumstance together with the condition of the oxen, both being blind, induced me to sell them. They were sold for seventy dollars, it being the best price I could get.

After spending two or three days with Mr. Cully he was induced to give up the ~~tax~~. by my paying him twenty dollars for which I hold his receipt.

In accordance with your instructions I accompanied the Inds. to Vancouver, looking after property left at the time of their removal to the Coast Reservation, and have seen them safe return to the Grand Ronde.

Yours Respectfully,  
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