

In reply to your enquiry "whether I have any personal knowledge of the circumstances attending the loss of a horse belonging to W. D. Wright which was killed by some person or persons in the summer of 1857 whilst in the service of Benjamin Wright Special Indian agent. and whether the horse at the time it was killed ~~had~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~was~~ in the service of the Indian department. and whether the killing was in consequence of that service" ~~I have to state that~~ a man by the name of Irish if so, please state what kind of service the agent was engaged in that would it necessary to employ a horse. and all the circumstances <sup>in my knowledge</sup> attending the same" D. C.

The facts as I understand them are as follows a man by the name of Irish was, charged, and he was generally believed guilty of furnishing the Indians <sup>along the coast at and near the mouth of the Saginaw River</sup> with guns, ammunition, and liquor, along the coast about the mouth of Saginaw River and between that point and Port of Ford complaint was made to Mr Wright the Special Agent. and he proceeded to the mouth of Saginaw River where he arrested Mr. Irish, and whilst on his way with him to Port of Ford in the Trustees office. in the night time whilst at ~~the~~ a point called the 3 sisters or Lutes on the coast. the Prisoner made his escape.

Mr Wright made diligent search for him for several days. and finally employed two Indian chiefs at Port of Ford to aid him. they finally got track of his whereabouts in the vicinity of Port of Ford as he was about to leave the neighborhood, there ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> Indians were put out as ship. Mr Wright's horse and one belonging to one of the Indians were <sup>turned</sup> ~~kept~~ out <sup>to</sup> near the coast above the Saginaw some <sup>two</sup> ~~one~~ <sup>3</sup> miles from Port of Ford. in the night the horse

