

Portland on Wallamut

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Genl Joel Palmer.

My dear Genl.

Yours of the 12
inst received. I cannot give you the infor-
mation you ask. I am not aware that
the U.S. court has jurisdiction to punish crimes
committed on the reservation, because
of the place where committed, nor upon
an Indian because of the person upon
whom committed, except in the case
of giving him liquor.

I supposed that crimes committed by
one Indian upon the person of another
were punished under the Indian law
administered by or under the direction
of the Agent in charge, who represents
the U. S.

I merely write this by way of suggestion.
You must apply to the District attorney

or more properly to the Court of Indiac
affairs, or perhaps the Superintendent and
through him to the Court.

Wishing you well and hoping to hear
good things of you I remain

Your friend
Matthew Deady

M. P. Deady
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