



1st Day

Masco council ground June 23<sup>d</sup> 1855.

Indians Present

Nascoes - Wapan D Sam & shoots John Day Min Indians, Dog sim and Cascade Indians. Council met at 5 1/2 P M

Genl Palmer opened the council by saying

That when our great chief speaks to the red people, he calls them his children. I speak for him and I call you my children. I do not expect to say much to night, but we have come here to see you, we have something to say to you. Our great chief the President of the United States has directed me to meet with his red children and by his order I come among you. The first thing to be done is to select good interpreters, men who will state correctly what I may say to you, and interpret correctly what you may say to me in return. Have you any persons that you would wish to act as interpreters? I have selected

Doffa and John Plett are you satisfied with these men as interpreters if so they will be sworn. The persons named ~~were~~ then ~~sworn~~ took the following oath - You do each of you solemnly swear that you will well, truly and correctly interpret all that may be said to the Indians assembled in this council by Genl Palmer Capt and Affairs on the Part of the United States - and all that may be said by the chiefs on the part of their respective Tribes so help you God.

after which Genl Palmer said - My friends, these men have called God to witness that they will interpret correctly, and should they tell a lie our laws would punish them for it. I expect they will speak correctly.

You have been told a long time ago that by and by a chief would come to buy your lands. none has even come until now. The President has directed me to do so and I am here. I have just returned from holding council with the Nascoes, Mullanallos, Coyages and the Wunatillas they have all sold our chief their lands. except the reservations which has been designated for them to live on

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a number of years and then time will be devoted to your interests. The Mills and farms will also be paid by the Government and will be used for you. all will aid and assist you to live better than you do now. you can have bigger and better fields. better fences. better houses. you can always have plenty in your houses for your women and children to eat. clothing to cover them from the storm and cold.

but I will read and have explained a treaty which I have drawn up for you. you will then know what we want and can think about it. - here the treaty was read section by section and ~~explained~~ - interpreted to them.

Mr. Palmer then said. The reservation here described is in your own country. it is sufficiently large to afford every man a farm. and possesses capacity for grazing to supply all your animals. It has a good deal of good land it is not far away. I understand some persons have told you that if you were to sell your country that you would be driven away into some strange land perhaps on to an island where you would all starve. Now you know this is all a lie. You should pay no attention to these flying reports. we have some people running about who are great fools they tell you lies. I have explained in part this treaty tomorrow we will meet again and I will talk more to you. I think when you hear it all you will say it is good. A portion of your chiefs have heard what was said at the mallumali council ground. The same provisions are contained in this treaty that are in the treaties with those people. we wish to treat all alike. This is the first day that we have met. we will not say too much at this time. Mr. Harpner will supply you all with beef and tallow. we have invited you here. we will feed you. and shall charge nothing for it. Tomorrow after breakfast we will meet again. The council is now adjourned. but we have a song -

Council closed 7 o'clock

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