

Steamer Belle, Columbia River

April 12, 1855

Dear Sir,

I received an Express yesterday from Mr. Doty with the pleasing information that all the Yakima Chiefs are ready to treat and will meet me in May. Mr. Doty was on the 7<sup>th</sup> instant to have left Walla Walla for the Nez Percé Country. I am now only afraid that as regards the favorable moment for the treaty, <sup>Mr. Doty indicates the 1<sup>st</sup> of May as the best time</sup> the 20<sup>th</sup> May is rather late. I see no alternative but to adhere to that period the 20<sup>th</sup> of May.

I hope you will be able to make your arrangements to attend the Blankfort Council.

Truly yours

George H. Mason  
Gen. & Super

Gen. Joel Palmer

Superintendent Indian Affairs

Dayton O.

P.S. I shall intercept the next mail at Reynier and if funds come to in Portland on Wednesday April 25<sup>th</sup>



Letter from W. Stearns  
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by Stearns

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Business April 19<sup>th</sup> 1855