

Office Dept Ind Affs
Dayton 10th, July 10th, 1855.

Sir
My ^{prolonged} absence from the office upon business connected with
the negotiation of treaties in middle Oregon has prevented me
till now from taking steps for the creation of buildings
on the Table Rock Reservation.

The accompanying copy of instructions

To George H. Ambrose Esq, Indian agent - will indicate the intended
action and preparations for the erection of the public buildings
on that Reservation.

I have omitted to take action in relation
to the Unpapa Reservation until I can make ^{a more thorough and} personal examination
of the contemplated Reservation on the coast, anticipating that in
the event that be made a permanent Reservation the location of
the Unpapas & Colofocas, and those of the Willamette Valley
within its limits.

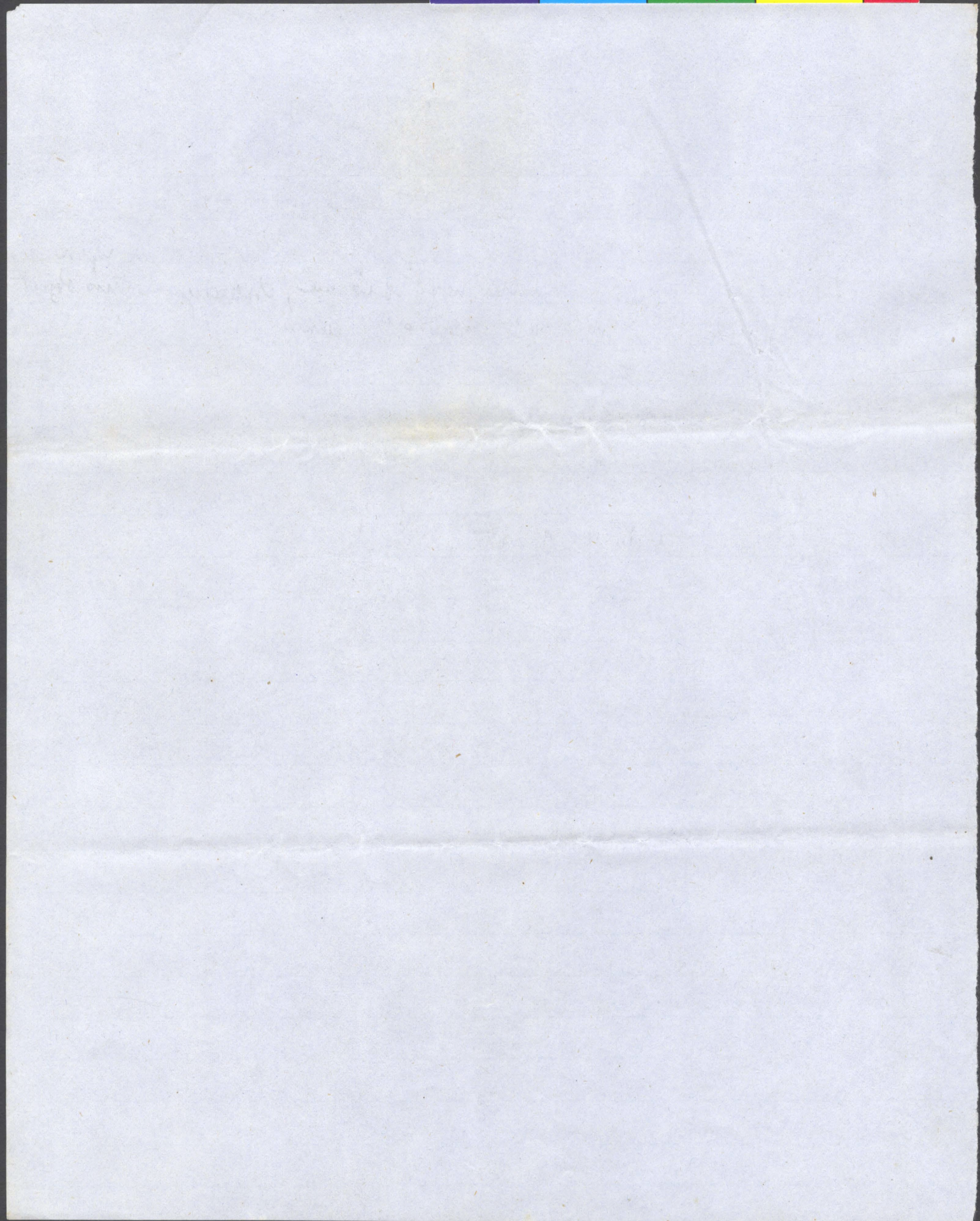
There are four small valleys, believed
to be within the limits of the tract designated, which from the
description given by travelers are well suited to the settlement
of Indians. I allude to those on or near the head waters
of the ~~Unpapa~~ and ~~Colofocas~~ rivers. Their isolation from
the valleys immediately along the coast, being divided by a spur
of the mountains, and yet sufficiently near to be within the
reach of the same agents. and at the same time separated
from the settlements of the whites by a high chain of mountains
peculiarly adapts them to the settlement of the Indians of the
Unpapa and Willamette valleys. A few claims have
been taken in these valleys by whites - and the usual

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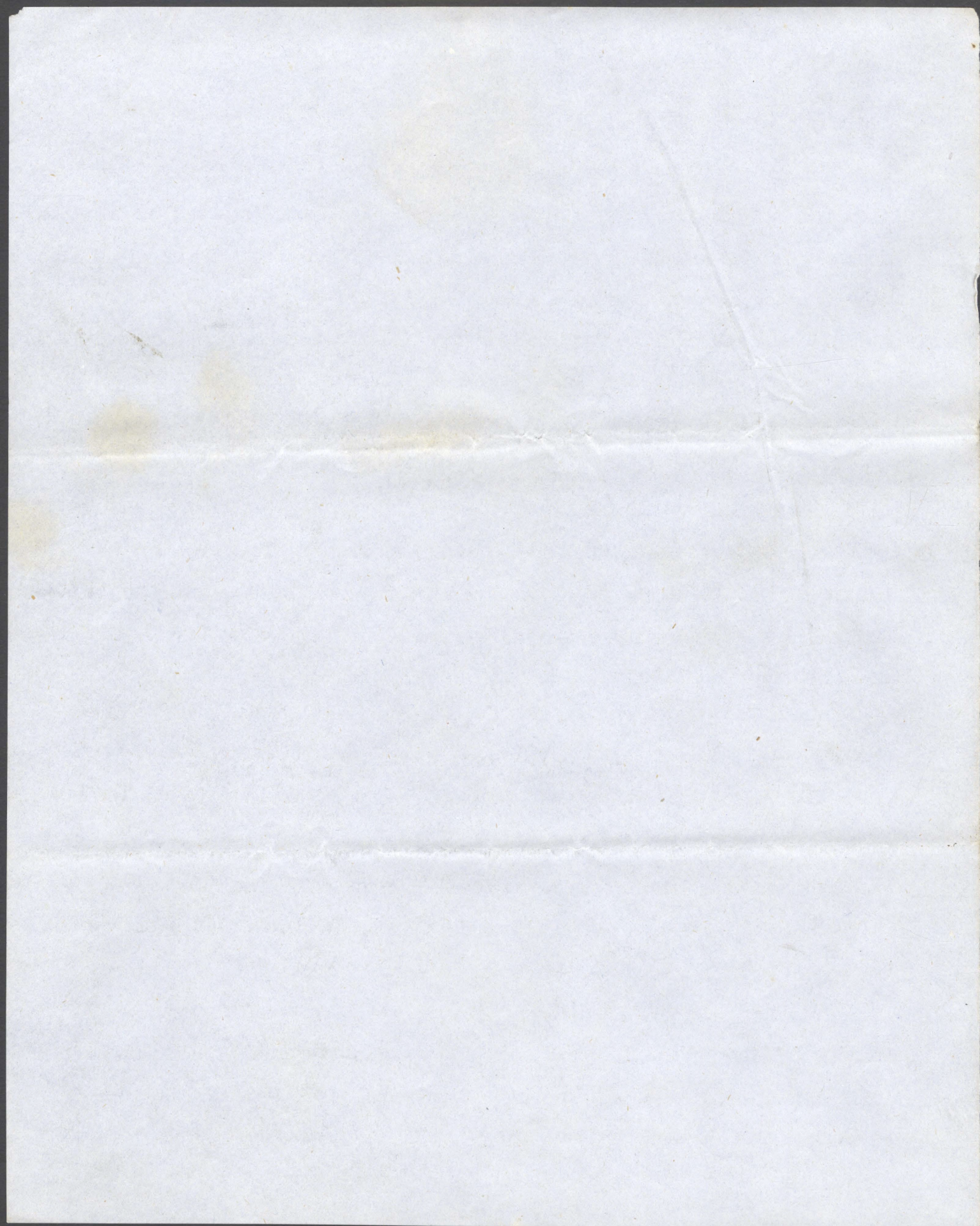
about the 18th of this month, for the purpose of negotiating with the
 "Chickasaw" Indians for the extinguishment of their title to the land
 claimed by them. I propose shipping the goods designed for the Indians
 South of Coquille; by steamer, to Port of Call, and for those around
 Coos Bay, mouth of Umpqua and Siuslaw, send by pack animal
 to Scotts Landing. These down the river by steamer to Umpqua City,
 and for the Indians between Siuslaw and Tillamook, pack across
 the mountain by way of South Yam Hill, and Rechesma
 to the coast. Those on the Tillamook and adjacent streams
 pack ^{over the mountains} by a trail opened last season. Those residing on and
 adjacent to clatsop plains by small steamers to Skip a nowa
 on the Youngs Bay.

Whilst engaged in this business I shall be able to make
 a more accurate examination of the coast reservation, and judge of
 its adaptation to the settlement of the tribes designed to be settled upon
 it, ^{as I shall} diverge from the line of trail so as to examine the valleys
 on the waters of Clatsop and also. If I find the country
 unsuited to the settlement of the Umpquians, having in view the
 great object to be attained - I shall be able to perfect such
 improvement upon the reservation designated by the Treaty of
 29th Nov. last. Before the setting in of the rainy season, as
 will give assurances of an intention on our part to comply
 fully the promises of the Treaty, and provide comfortably for the
 of the Indians as many locate thereon during the season. but in
 the event of being satisfied that the interest of the Indians would be



promoted by locating them as before indicated. I would suggest the distribution of such of the annuity goods as their most pressing necessities might require. Allowing them to remain upon their present locations until the next season, thereby for this object upon the fund for "negotiations &c" leaving the annuity goods to be distributed after their removal to the reservation - and husbanding all the defensible resources to be expended in permanent improvements. This would postpone the annuity payments so that the funds might be invested in the Eastern markets in the fall and ship so as to arrive on the coast in early spring, as indicated in your letter of 10th April last. Indeed this plan may be adopted if the old reservation be adhered to. The Indians parties to the Treaty of 10th January last might also be supplied with such articles as are most needed from the fund for negotiating Treaties. But in the event of drawing thus heavily upon that fund for the first payment of annuities, an additional appropriation for negotiating Treaties in Eastern or upper Oregon would necessarily have to be made. The amount of which I shall be able to determine on my return from the contemplated trip along the coast.

Should you decide against the proposition to purchase in the Eastern markets and ship via San Francisco to supply the Indians parties to the Treaty of 10th September 1853 - and the confederated bands created with on the 18th November 1854. An earlier annuities for these

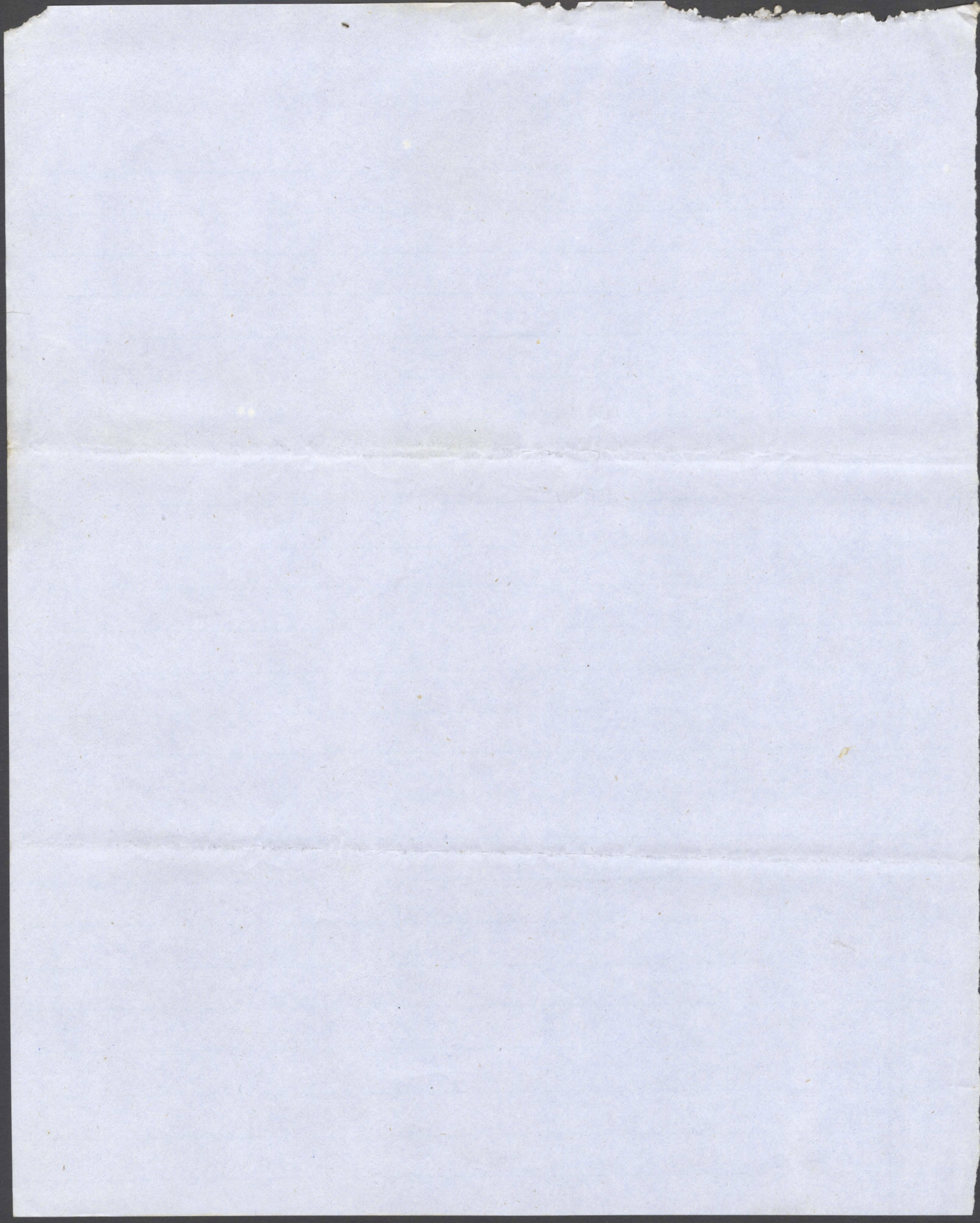


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objects should be made so as to enable me to make the requisite purchases in surprise. The purchase of amity goods by contract in the Oregon markets would be inimical to the interests of the Indians.

The horses, chestnuts, game crops, and maple sugar should be paid at the same time and in the same kind of goods. But a considerable portion of their amity may judiciously be expended in making improvements upon the reservation and subsisting them during the coming winter. There can now be purchased in this valley in quantity at the mills, at forty dollars per ton. These prices may or may not continue. But in anticipation of a rise in the price and the certain demand for use of the various Indian tribes during the winter I have ~~decided~~ ^{thought} if ^{would be} ~~it~~ ^{more} to contract conditionally for the delivery of ten or fifteen tons of plaster at suitable points to be transported by the teams needed for use on the several reservations.

The cost of transportation is a material item in this country, and where it can be done by teams which may be used for the erection of public buildings ^{on the reservations} or transferred to Indians on account of treaty stipulations; as a matter of economy it should be done so. The ordinary system of contracting by soliciting bids



is by no means the simplest mode of insuring economy
 on promptness, either in the transportation of property or
 the purchase of annuity goods so far at least is applicable
 to this Territory. ~~Now are~~ the location and condition
 of the various Indian agents ^{with reference to the limits of the country} and sub agents such, as
 to enable them to purchase on contract for the
 delivery of merchandize, ~~to the~~ ^{To the} Indians within their
 agencies and until the Indians are removed to
 the reservations and the whole business systemised,
 a little discretion ~~will~~ ^{is} given to the ~~superintendent~~
~~administering~~ ^{giving} the general rules would ~~be~~
 demanded not only as a matter of economy to
 the Government but to ~~isolate~~ ^{isolate} the Indians from
 just right. There is perhaps no portion of the United
 States where a more general opinion prevails among the people
 that the Treasury of the United States is a proper and legitimate
 subject of plunder than in portions of this Territory - on
 which a more reckless disregard for the rights of Indians
 is manifest. The civil authority being in the hands of that class of
 persons, an attempt to enforce the Intercourse Laws ^{would} ^{be} ^{mere} a mockery -
 but that class of people are franked. and may not long remain
 among us

