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Office Capt. Ind. Affairs
Dayton O., Nov 26th

Dear Sir

I have just perfected an arrangement in the
citizens of the Grand Grand on the head waters of South you will
know by which I have secured a tract of land to be attached
to the coast reservation designed for wheat farms and
the settlement of a part at least of the Indians of this valley,
I propose putting in one hundred and fifty or two hundred
acres of wheat this winter and in order to do so we
must have some one to superintend the business.

I therefore desire you, if practicable, to come
up and take charge of this business. There are
already several houses which will answer for Paul's
others must be built for the Indians, and a general
preparation for the next seasons operations, ^{entirely upon}

I would prefer, if you design doing so at all
that you would bring your family so as to
make a permanent beginning. You will have new
neighbors, I design establishing a school as
soon as we get the Indians on the ground. and that
may be in six weeks. Messengers have been sent for
the friendly bands in Oregon River and Umpqua Valley
designing to winter them at the point above named
and in the spring locate them on Salmon River
near the coast. The latest intelligence received

of the goods and souls shift for those Tribes, they
had arised in surprissses and was being put on
the Charles Devens to be brought up to Portland
whether she is in or not I have not ^{heard} ~~heard~~

This Indian man is playing ~~trick~~ ^{trick} with
all my arrangements, but we may be able
to save a portion of the Tribes from utter
annihilation. I have lost all hope of
being able to carry out the provisions of the
Treaties upon the Sable Rock, and Whipple,
reservations, and therefore design transferring
them to the ^{ridges of these districts} ~~coast~~ reservation.

If you desire to do so come up and
see the point - before moving your family;
it is one days ride from this office -
and over a good road.

Very respectfully

Yours

Jed Palmer

Supr. Ind. Affs.

Jeffers of Astoria

P.S. you will remember that no person will be supplied
to service among the Indians, who use profane
language drinks as a beverage & commit heinous, or
holds illicit intercourse with their women.

Settlement, and by passing down on the North side of Snake River you will be able to form a correct opinion as to the practicability of its becoming a thoroughfare for emigration passing to Washington Territory - or its adaptation to white settlements. Salmon River has been represented as possessing greater facilities for the latter a knowledge of this may have a greater bearing on the selection of a future home for the Indians - It is evident a reserve - must be made on the status of Snake River - on its tributaries for the Cayuses Nezperces and perhaps Mollocks - but whether they can be ^{sociated} ~~associated~~ together on one reserve is yet uncertain - whether the snakes may not ultimately be united with these bands of Fishes and all reside contiguous - cannot be even surmised till we know more of them - The heretofore good conduct of the Nezperces gives hope of effecting arrangements tending to civilize and enlighten them -

Your good conduct at least entitles them to a supplicant consideration to be visited by an agent of the government - and by making your humanit. steps in the direction indicated very little additional expense will be incurred - on your return you will give me full details of your apprehensions and the conduct of office in your district

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Instructions to

the Hon. Mr. Haynes

Sept 28th 1854

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