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Office Supt Ind affairs
Dayton O.T. August 15th 1856

Dear Sir

Your letter of 13th inst dated at N. Belcrum has been received. And in reply, would state that the only funds on hand is a draft drawn by myself on the Interior department at Washington City, for Twenty five ~~hundred~~ dollars upon which the cash can be realized by going to Portland - And I would therefore suggest that you come over at once take the draft and go below for the coin - We sometimes have difficulty in finding coin - but it is presumed that amount may be had at this time. In regard to instructions I have to say that Mr Dodges the newly appointed Supt Ind affairs is here and takes possession this day. And of course will give such instructions as he may deem necessary and proper It is possible that I may accompany him to the coast - and will probably start tomorrow if so will doubtless see you before you leave the coast station. The ill health of Mr Metcalf prevents him from taking possession of business arrangements - at the

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Wallkers camp. And it may therefore be well for you to have an interview with Mrs Dodges before your return to Umpqua. It is understood here that Mr Walker desires to leave the business in which he is engaged so soon as any one is ready to relieve him. I have no instructions to give Agents, Sub Agents, or Local Agents; that duty will more devolve on Mr Dodges and I leave the office with a desire to see such measures adopted as may tend to maintain peace and advance these Indians in civilization.

I may add that in the event of my coming to the coast I will buy with me the draft so that if you decide upon coming down the payment can be made and exchange receipts

I am Sir Yr
respectfully
Yours
Joel Palmer
Supt Ind affairs

E. P. Drew Esq
Sub Ind agt