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Office Superintendent Ind Affs
Dayton March 29th 1854

Sir

I have postponed my visit to Rogue River so long, that it may be supposed by some that there is doubt of my going at all. The pack animals will however start tomorrow, I propose going to day, to Oregon City, and will return on Friday. but will not be in Salem before Monday. I shall come on the steamer with a view of getting G. C. Money, Horse, Saddle, & Bridle.

One object in remaining so long is that I may receive mail matter expected by the Columbia. Your Commission Indian Agent in place of S. M. Garrison was transmitted by last mail, a blank Bond also accompanying it, are both herewith forwarded to you, the latter I desire will have executed according to the requirements; necessary for accompanying me to Rogue River.

As that you cannot conveniently go by land you will be permitted to take steamer to Port Orford, where an Agent is much needed. Mr Smith the Special Agent having resigned, and leaving matters in an unsettled condition his indiscretion in permitting his report to me, giving the details of the Coquille massacre, to be published in the California papers, has called down upon his head the vengeance of those engaged in it, and he represents himself as being in great danger, and has consequently resigned his Post. I shall therefore be compelled to locate you

in that District for the time being. Should there be any insurmountable obstacles in the way of this arrangement I hope you will come down as soon as Saturday that we may arrange matters to suit the case.

I have just concluded a Treaty of purchase with the Suatatin Band of Calapooia Indians, for all the land claimed by them, and have obtained their consent to remove to such points as the Government may hereafter select for them, with the privilege of changing the mode and time of payments so as to conform to any system of policy hereafter to be adopted, leaving the Government wholly unembarrassed in the adoption of such measures as may be deemed advisable, and should it be ratified provides for their numerous wants, and looks to ultimate elevation in the scale of an enlightened and civilized community. It is but an entering wedge to great work before us, and if we can get early action upon it at Washington - may hope to accomplish soon beyond spending the amounts paid no farther.

Your Obedient Servant

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Salem O. T.





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