

Territory of Nevada
Executive Department
Carson City, February 3rd, 1863
Hon. Second Auditor of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In compliance with a circular from the Second Comproller's office, dated August 4, 1862, I enclose my report as ex-officio Superintendent of Indian Affairs for this Territory. Is it necessary to make out all these papers every month? If so, must I continue to make them out in triplicat, and send you two copies of each paper? Please send me general instructions as to my duty as Superintendent of Indian affairs. I have done the best I could since I commenced acting as such on the 27th of December, 1862, on which day Governor Nye left for New York, to be absent until next May.

The following have been presented to me as bills against the United States, dated at Walker River Reservation, Jan. 1, 1863:

Franklin Campbell, for services as teamster from Sept. 15th 1861 to March 15th 1862, six months @ \$40 per month	\$240.00
For services as local Indian agent on the Walker River Indian Reserve, from March 16th 1862 to Jan. 1st 1863, nine and one half months, @ \$50 per month	<u>\$475.00</u>
	\$715.00

James M. Brown, for serves as local Indian Agent, on Walker River Reserve from July 1st to Sept 15th, 1861, two and one half months, @\$40 per month,	\$100.00
For Services as teamster, from May 1, 1862, to Jan1st 1863, @\$50 per month.	<u>\$400.00</u>
	\$500.00

George Horne, an Indian of Pah Ute descent, for services as Interpreter for Pah Ute tribe, from Dec. 1st, 1860, Jan. 1st 1863, thirteen months, @ \$500 per annum.	\$541.86 2/3
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What shall I do with these bills?

There is dissatisfaction in same localities among the Indians, caused by the whites cutting down the pine nut trees, which furnish almost the sole dependence of the Indians for food. In view of the two facts that the wood is essential to the Whites, and the pine nuts essential to the Indians, I would be glad to know what are my powers and duties in the premises.

I told the harmless Washoe Chief who complained to me, and who said "after while Indian hungry", that I would write to the great chief at Washington, eastward over the mountains, three thousand miles away, and hear into moons, or maybe three moons, and then tell him. A promise made to an Indian is expected by him to be fulfilled, and I hope to be able to do something within the specified time.

I have information accompanied by a request for arms, from the Humboldt mining region, that the miners are likely to come in collision with the Pah Utes, from the same cause - cutting down the pine nut trees. This is a spirited, intelligent, fearless tribe. They are reasonably patient and willing to work, but formidable as enemies, from their number and warlike character.

I send you the extra copy of this letter, with the request that if there is anything in it which ought to be addressed to some other Department, you will please forward it to the proper department.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,
Orion Clemens,
Secretary and Acting Superintendent
of Indian Affairs, of
Nevada Territory.