

I shall make all expedition to collect my horses, pack up and be off, God willing I hope to be at Walla Walla next Saturday. Mr. Craig and two Frenchmen stop in the country, our company therefore will consist of Mrs. Spaulding and myself and three children, Miss Johnson, Messrs Hart, Jackson and Canfield.

I hope our little daughter has recovered her health and that through the interposing mercy of God we shall yet meet in the land of the living. Should you find it to be your duty to leave before we can come I desire that she may remain at the fort.

Your obedient servant,  
H. H. SPALDING.

P. S. I have just learned from the two who returned that the Cayuses have resolved should they learn that the Americans purpose to come up to arrange the death of those who have been massacred, that they will immediately fall upon myself and family and the other Americans in the country and kill all. If it is possible for you to delay till we can arrive, it may be the means of saving our lives. Should you leave before, they may feel no restraint. Moreover if a few of your men could come and meet us we should deem it a great favour and it would be a great protection. We throw ourselves upon your good judgement.

May the God of peace protect and deliver us all in safety at your fort.

Yours very truly,  
H. H. SPALDING.

FORT NEZ PERCE, Dec. 31, 1847.

REV. E. WALKER,

My dear sir, Mr. Stanley has promised to give you a recital of the melancholy massacre of the worthy Doctor and his wife and nearly all the inmates of the mission.

On receiving this account at Vancouver, and that many unfortunate individuals were still remaining,—the following day I started with 26 men and reached this place on the 12th inst. and since that period have been employed in rescuing the captives, and have succeeded in securing all that were taken prisoners, and shall now take my departure tomorrow for Vancouver in effecting this humane object, I have endured many an anxious hour and for the last two nights have not closed my eyes, but thanks to the Almighty I have succeeded. During the captivity of the prisoners they have suffered every indignity, but fortunately were well provided with food. I have been enabled to effect my object without compromising myself or others, and it now remains with the American Government to take what measures they deem most beneficial to restore tranquility to this part of the country, and this I apprehend cannot be finally effected without blood being made to flow freely.—So as not to compromise either party, I have made a heavy sacrifice of goods; but these indeed are of trifling value compared to the unfortunate beings I have rescued from the hands of these murderous wretches and I feel truly happy, let this suffice for the present.

On my arrival at the Dalles, Mr. Hindmans mission, the previous day, had been plundered of four horses in open day and in the presence of all the inmates of the mission, and on consulting me on the propriety of remaining or removing under the present distracted state of the country, I advised him to move, leaving a trusty Indian on whom he could rely, and who speaks the English language, to remain in charge of the establishment, and he would have started the same day I left it. I trust this arrangement will meet with your approbation, under existing circumstances could not conscientiously give any other.

Yours truly,  
P. S. OGDEN.

Mr. Ogden's Address

To the most influential Chiefs in behalf of the American families, kept as hostages and prisoners by them.

I regret to observe that all the Chiefs, I asked for are not present, two being absent. I expect the words I am about addressing you will be repeated to them, and your young men on your return to your camp.

It is now thirty years we have been among you; during this long period we have never had an instance of blood being spilt until the inhuman massacre which has so recently taken place. We are traders and a different nation to the Americans; but recollect we supply you with ammunition not to kill the Americans. They are of the same

colour as ourselves, speak the same language, children of the same God—and humanity makes our hearts bleed, when we behold you using them so cruelly! Besides this revolting butchery, have not the Indians pillaged, ill-treated the Americans and insulted their women when peaceably making their way to the Willamette? As Chiefs, ought you to have connived at such conduct on the part of your young men? Was it not rather your duty to use your influence to prevent it? You tell me the young men committed these deeds without your knowledge. Why do we make you Chiefs? If you have no control over your young men, if you allow them to govern you; you are a set of Hermaphrodites, and unworthy the appellation of men or Chiefs. You young hot-headed men, I know that you pride yourselves upon your bravery and think no one can match you. Do not deceive yourselves. If you get the Americans to commence once, you will repent it, and war will not end until every man of you is cut off from the face of the earth.

I am aware that a good many of your friends and relations have died through sickness—the Indians of other places have shared the same fate. It is not Doctor Whitman that has poisoned them; but God has commanded they should die. We are weak mortals and must submit, and trust you will avail yourselves of the opportunity and so doing it may prove advantageous to you, but at the same time remember you alone will be responsible for the consequences. It is merely advice I give you. I hold forth no promise should war be declared against you. We have nothing to do with it. I have not come here to make you promises or hold out assistance. We have nothing to do with your quarrels. We remain neutral. On my return if you wish I shall do all I can for you, but I do not promise you, to prevent war. If you deliver me up all the prisoners I shall pay you for them on their being delivered; but let it not be said among you afterwards that I deceived you. I and Mr. Douglas represent the Company, but I tell you once more we promise you nothing.—We sympathise with these poor people and wish to return them to their friends and relations by paying you for them. My request in behalf of the families concerns you, so decide for the best.

THE YOUNG CHIEF'S (Tawatoc) REPLY.

I rise to thank you for your good words. You white Chiefs command obedience with those that have to do with you. It is not so with us. Our young men are strong headed and foolish. Formerly we had experienced, good chiefs, these are laid in the dust.—The descendants of my Father are the only good Chiefs. Though we made war with other Tribes yet we always looked and ever will look upon the whites as our brothers.—Our blood is mixed with yours. My heart bleeds for the deaths of so many good Chiefs I have known. For the demand made by you the old Chief Teloquoit is here, speak to him; as regards myself I am willing to give the families up.

TELOQUOIT'S REPLY.

I have listened to your words. Young men do not forget them. As for war, we have seen little of it, but our fathers know something of it. We know the whites to be our best friends who have all along prevented us killing one another, that is the reason why we avoid getting into a war with them, and why we do not wish to be separated from them. Besides the tie of blood, the whites have shown us a convincing proof of their attachment to us by burying their dead along side of ours. Chief! your words are weighty—Your hairs are grey! We have known you a long time. You have had an unpleasant trip to this place. I cannot therefore keep these families back, I make them over to you, which I would not do to another younger than yourself.

SERPANT JAUNES' REPLY

I have nothing to say: I know the Americans to be changeable, still I am of the same opinion as the young chief the whites are our friends and we follow your advice; I consent to your taking the families. Mr. Ogden here addressed two Nez Perce Chiefs in behalf of Rev. Mr. Spaulding and party; that they should be delivered to him on being paid, and spoke to them at length; the result was that both Chiefs (James and Himinilpilp) promised to bring them provided

they were willing to come and immediately started to effect the same having a letter from Mr. Ogden to Rev. Mr. Spaulding.

(Translation.)

To His Excellency, George Abernethy, Governor of Oregon Territory.

—Please your Excellency,—The Cayuses, in a moment of despair, have committed acts of atrocity, which without doubt, you must have learned already, and which I am certain must have grieved you as much as it has afflicted me.

They have massacred Dr. Whitman, his wife and the Americans who lived with him.

Mr. Brouillet, vicar general of this Mission, who went to Wailatpu, arrived there on Tuesday evening, and therefore the first time heard the painful intelligence. On Wednesday he had the dead bodies clothed and buried, and before starting demanded of the Indians not to harm the women and children, whose fate had not been decided. But he could obtain no assurance that this demand would be complied with, as the chiefs were not present. After his arrival here, and, as soon as I had been informed of what had happened, I instantly sent for the two chiefs, whose lodges are near my house.

After having made known to them, without delay, how much I was grieved in consequence of the commission of such an atrocious act, I told them that I hoped the women and children would be spared until they could be sent to the Willamette.

They answered,—We pity them, they shall not be harmed,—they shall be taken care of as before.

I have since had the consolation to learn that they have been true to their word and that they have taken care of these poor people.

A few days afterwards, I do not know under what pretext, two other Americans, who were sick, were also massacred.

On the arrival of the Chiefs Sahaptin, Trumilpilp and Sepianahkeit (Nez Perces,) I was enabled to make new efforts to save not only the women and children, but also the Rev. Mr. Spaulding, his family and the Americans at his station. After an interview with the chiefs separately, I succeeded in assembling them in council, which was held yesterday, and lasted four hours and a half, each of the chiefs delivered a speech before giving his opinion. The document which accompanies the present will show you the result. It is sufficient to state that all these speeches went to show that since they had been instructed by the whites they abhorred war, and that the tragedy of the 29th had occurred from an anxious desire of self preservation—and, that it was the reports made against the Doctor and others which led them to commit this act. They desire to have the past forgotten, and to live in peace, as before.

Your Excellency has to judge of the value of the document which I have been requested to forward to you nevertheless, without having the least intention to influence one way or the other, I feel myself obliged to tell you that by going to war with the Cayuses, you will undoubtedly have all the Indians of this country against you. Would it be to the interest of a young colony to expose herself? But that you will have to decide with your council.

Mr. Spaulding's letter, which I have the honor to forward to you, merits consideration.

Receive the assurance of the high consideration with which I am

Your Excellency's  
Very humble and most ob't. serv't.  
Aug. Mage/ALEX. BLANCHET,  
Bishop of Walla Walla.

Youmatilla, 21st. Dec. 1847.

(Translation.)

The principal Chiefs of the Cayuses in Council assembled, decide:—

That a young Indian, who understands English and who slept in Dr. Whitman's room, heard the Doctor, his wife and Mr. Spaulding express their desire of possessing the Indians lands and their animals.

He also states that Mr. Spaulding had said to the Doctor: "Hurry give Medicines to the Indians, that they may soon die."

That the same Indian told the Cayuses, if you do not kill the Doctor soon you will all be dead before spring.

That they buried six Cayuses on the following Sunday the 29th of November, and three the next day.

That the Schoolmaster, Mr. Rodgers, sta-

ted to them before he died that the Doctor, his wife and Mr. Spaulding had killed the Indians.

That for several years past they had to deplore the death of their children, and that they according to these reports, were led to believe, that the whites had undertaken to kill them all.

That these are the motives, which led them to kill the Americans.

The same Chiefs ask at present:

1st. That the Americans may not go to war with the Cayuses.

2d. That they may forget the lately committed murders, as the Cayuses will forget the murder of the Son of the great Chief of Wallawalla, committed in California.

3d. That two or three great men may come up to conclude peace.

4th. That as soon as these great men have arrived and concluded peace, they may take with them all the women and children.

5th. They give assurance that they will not harm the Americans before the arrival of these three great men.

6th. They ask, that the Americans may not travel any more through their country, as their young men might do them harm.

Place of Tawatoc, Youmatilla,  
20th Dec. 1847.

Names of the Chiefs. { TILOKATE,  
CAMASPALO,  
TAWATOE,  
ACHEKAIA.

SIGNED,  
L. P. ROSSEAU, D. } Witness-  
G. LECCLAIRE, S. D. }

True Copy,  
L. P. G. ROSSEAU,  
Missionary.

LIST OF MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN,  
FROM DR. WHITMAN'S MISSION.

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|----------------------------------|----------|
| Joseph Smith, }                  |          |
| Hannah Smith, }                  | Parents. |
| Mary " 15 years old.             |          |
| Edwin " 13 " "                   |          |
| Charles " 21 " "                 |          |
| Nelson " 6 " "                   |          |
| Mortimer " 4 " "                 |          |
| Mary Saunders, Mother.           |          |
| Helen M. Saunders, 14 years old. |          |
| Phoebe L. " 10 " "               |          |
| Alfred W. " 7 " "                |          |
| Mary Jane " 4 " "                |          |
| Mary A. " 2 " "                  |          |
| Harriet Kimball, Mother.         |          |
| Susan M. " 12 years old.         |          |
| Nathan M. " 12 " "               |          |
| Byron S. " 8 " "                 |          |
| Sarah S. " 6 " "                 |          |
| Mina N. Kimball, 1 " "           |          |
| Josiah Osborn, }                 |          |
| Margaret " }                     | Parents. |
| Nancy " 9 years old.             |          |
| John L. " 3 " "                  |          |
| Alex. A. " 2 " "                 |          |
| Rebecca Hays, Mother.            |          |
| H. Clay " 4 years old.           |          |
| Joseph Stanfield.                |          |
| Sally Ann Canfield.              |          |
| Hellen Canfield, 16 years old.   |          |
| Ascar " 9 " "                    |          |
| Clarissa " 7 " "                 |          |
| Sylvia A. " 5 " "                |          |
| Albert " 3 " "                   |          |
| Eliza Hall, Mother.              |          |
| G. Jane Hall, 10 years old.      |          |
| Mary C. " 8 " "                  |          |
| Anne E. " 6 " "                  |          |
| Rebecca " 3 " "                  |          |
| Rachel " 1 " "                   |          |
| Elam Young, }                    |          |
| Irine " }                        | Parents. |
| Daniel " 21 years old.           |          |
| John " 19 " "                    |          |
| Miss L. Bewley.                  |          |
| " E. Marsh, 11 years old.        |          |
| Mission Children.                |          |
| Catharine Sager,                 |          |
| Elizabeth " "                    |          |
| Matilda J. " "                   |          |
| Henrietta N. " "                 |          |
| Mary A. Bridger.                 |          |
| Eliza Spaulding.                 |          |
| From Mr. Spaulding's Mission.    |          |
| Mr. Spaulding,                   |          |
| Mrs. " "                         |          |
| Henry " "                        |          |
| Martha " "                       |          |
| Amelia " "                       |          |
| Mr. Hart,                        |          |
| " Jackson,                       |          |