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Office Superintendent Indian Affairs  
Dayton 19 Sept 1854

The known hostility of the Indians inhabiting the country west of the Cascade mountains and bordering our southern boundary has induced me to take steps preferably, in establishing an Agency in that region. My object in addressing you is to ascertain whether in your opinion, your brother Parry, if appointed to an Agency, would accept and remove to that district. My acquaintance with him points him out in my opinion, as the most suitable person in Oregon for that district, and I have so expressed myself in a letter written thursday to Genl Lane, but stated to him, that before recommending him to the President through the Indian Department I would ascertain whether he would accept and remove to that district. At present J L Parry has resigned - and the appointment if made, would be to fill that vacancy. Will you favor the kindess to inform me of the conduct that you consider him as to his acceptance; if you desire to be the propagator, I shall at once designate him as a special agent and appoint him to duty, and at the same time recommend him for appointment to a full agency. His residence being at the Dalles would

cause great delay were to write him. I do  
not desire to give great publicity to this matter, as  
it should be impeded doubtless by a host of opposi-  
tions whose fitnes for such an office are not always  
to be taken and measured by their own estimation

and it will be better and safer to have the house  
built at present and finished as at first to be done six  
months ago and to be in time for  
the old set  
of us to return, living in Joel Parker  
~~and Cyrus Avery~~ and at the department  
and then in Oregon City.

To take tributes  
to his trait or his memory would bring  
all men of sense, to think that such an effort is now  
best to put into this, and it is not ~~done~~ to say that  
such a thing is best, and at least two more  
tributes in brief and separate, will be  
done. That is the opinion of  
all friends - & they are all anxious  
at present, about the time & expense  
of the work, and it is now decided to proceed  
as far as the first year to have a permanent  
place, & that will require two years time  
and tributes will be made as soon as  
they can be found to furnish it up.