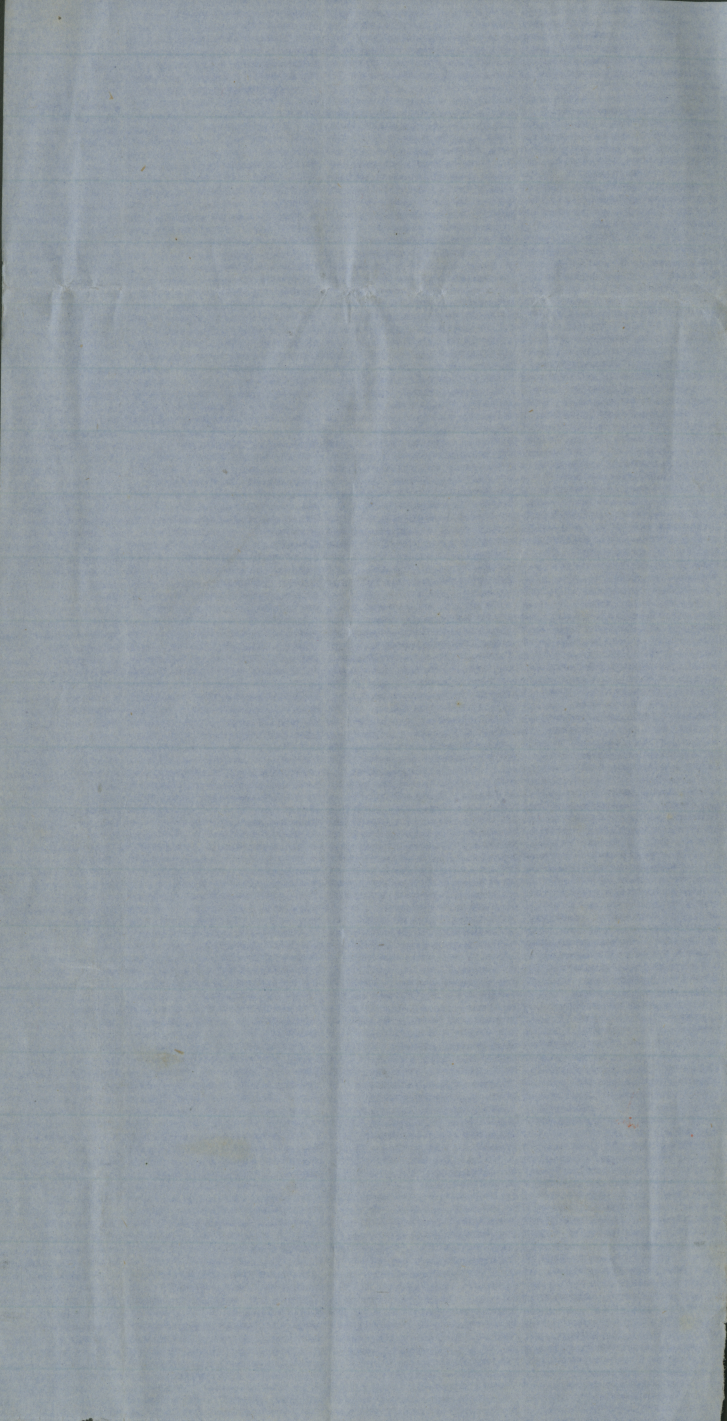
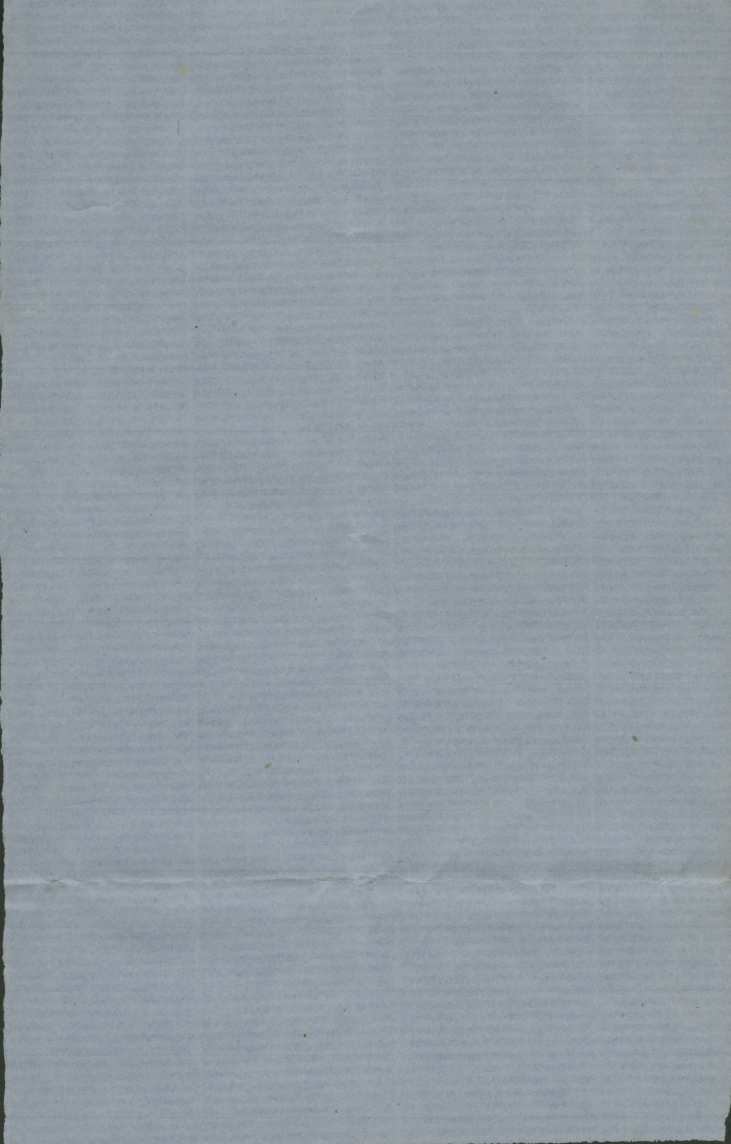


The constant irritated state of feelings among the Indian Tribes in the northwestern portion of Oregon and the constant apprehension of the settlers, has impressed me with the importance of some immediate steps being taken to place our relations with these Tribes on a more firm basis. The great number of persons flocking to this region in search of gold, and the restless character of portions of that mass who are roaming and traversing the country in all its parts, heedlessly disregarding the rights of the Indians, seizing every favorable opportunity in our way, insult, plunder and murder them precludes the possibility or hope of much longer maintaining peace



Sammy then ² short of a purchase
of their county and proper provisions
for their removal to some designated
points remote from the mining
districts or confined within
^{limited} specific bounds and provisions
for their protection as well as
to restrain them from acts of
violence ^{against the whites} usual among savages
which is the only action of the
Government in fixing permanently upon any
policy ^{to be pursued} towards the Indian Tribes
in Oregon and the dispersal, condition
of an scattered population - in
many of the districts results in the
loss of the lives of many valuable
citizens - and that of many Indian



such purchases could be made
 so as to leave the government
 unimpaired in regard to their
 future policy. It is equally
 evident that a mere treaty of
 peace unless by the distribution
 of large amounts of money
 among them and the supplying
 their numerous wants could
 not secure for any considerable
 length of time tranquility.
 Besides the long a treaty
 of purchase is proposed, they
 are inclined on the other
 to leave their homes.
 notwithstanding the increase
 ofupidity with which they
 divide away.

It in visiting them such a
 willingness is manifested on
 their part to dispose of their

regardless of the future they look only to the present. and are willing to conform to any terms which may be prescribed leaving them residence on or near their homes of their fathers.

I doubt not, but start with a few of the remnants of tribes who have nearly lost their nationality. They might, profitably be permitted to reside among the settlers if power were given the Superintendent to assign to each family a small tract of land say 40 acres. and aid and encourage such families by furnishing them teams, tools and the necessary farming implements seed &c. If such a policy were adopted there are yet basins tracts upon which such families might be located. which would not be seriously objected to by the settlers and as they are already ^{increasing} would by separating them into families apart from each other and mingling with the white settlers tend much to civilize them and elevate them.

It is questionable however whether such a policy could be safely adopted short of giving discretionary power ^{to the Superintendent} to cause the removal of such families should they

