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Richland Dec 29th 1856

My dear Mr. Scholcraft

Dear Sir

Mr. Seth Rice recently from
Maine called me lately (longing) many testimonials of his moral & reli-
gious character who expresses a wish to be united among the Indians & be-
gins to labor in the capacity of a farmer & would engage himself to you
to go on the reservation or elsewhere for a reasonable compensation to commence
the following spring & continue as long as his services may be wanted.
He has wife & children which he wishes to be on the ground with him. I think
when he may board and should you wish he would board other persons
I am what I could discover of Mr. Rice he is said to be a man of enter-
prise & a real friend to the Indians. He is willing to be his self-
instructed & to meditate their condition. He desires to know soon what
encouragement you could give him that he may make the necessary
preparation.

After Sunday papers containing instructions etc. have been received
I am early attention to which will be given.

On the first of Nov last I am invited to purchase of about 230 acres
of Superior land for the residence of those Indians who are ready to
remove to the use of ardent spirit. The tract of land is situated within the
limits of Barry County & contiguous to the line which separates the major
part of the village of Richland on South Prairie. As soon as suitable
preparation for the final removal of the Indians, I started with part of my fam-
ily & reached our new home on the tract. We were soon joined by families of the
Indians who with you as soon as the remainder in the spring. I feel con-
fident that a brighter day will dawn on the prospects at least of many

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~~of money~~ ^{of things} there. We have been visited by the natives of different villages & so they
have at last concluded to unite with us in the ensuing Spring. We are encouraged
~~by a dense population~~ & particularly comforted of those who love God & therefore
cannot hate the poor Indian. He is now erecting many buildings & he has
the land we allow some improvement, to affect which we hope to receive not only
the labors of our board but also of the U.S. Government.

The Indians have not received \$200 for their improvements, they will be sensible to the necessity of spending most of their funds for building & the purchase of necessities but first while making improvements, consequently I am compelled to advance the most of my funds. It were rare to come to them & leave until the Indians can repay the money I advanced to them. I should be happy to receive a share of the annuities as a reward for missions & also a small sum for agricultural purposes in their

Our removal from the Redoubt - situated where we are, is not more than 50 miles from one of the Villages of the natives, nor will our change cause our Labor to be more confined than it was before. We intend in future to restrict our mission among them as it will be to help by the Mission and God to be more useful. We have hitherto been too much engaged in the subject of instruction in letters & a intellectual pursuits.

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some trivial ~~thing~~ ^{thing} ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~inclined~~ ^{inclined} to go on to their ~~re-~~ ^{re-} ~~ca-~~ ^{ca-} ~~tion~~ ^{tion}. I ~~should~~ ^{should} ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~glad~~ ^{glad} ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~many~~ ^{many} ~~will~~ ^{will} ~~con-~~ ^{con-} ~~form~~ ^{form} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~negotiation~~ ^{negotiation}. I ~~am~~ ^{am} ~~sure~~ ^{sure} ~~you~~ ^{you} ~~would~~ ^{would} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~glad~~ ^{glad} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~lose~~ ^{lose} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~chance~~ ^{chance} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~seeing~~ ^{seeing} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~King~~ ^{King} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~future~~ ^{future} ~~if~~ ^{if} ~~he~~ ^{he} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~able~~ ^{able} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~do~~ ^{do} ~~so~~ ^{so} ~~as~~ ^{as} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~bring~~ ^{bring} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~affair~~ ^{affair} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~its~~ ^{its} ~~proper~~ ^{proper} ~~close~~ ^{close} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~bring~~ ^{bring} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~King~~ ^{King} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~point~~ ^{point} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~seeing~~ ^{seeing} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~King~~ ^{King} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~future~~ ^{future} ~~if~~ ^{if} ~~he~~ ^{he} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~able~~ ^{able} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~do~~ ^{do} ~~so~~ ^{so} ~~as~~ ^{as} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~bring~~ ^{bring} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~affair~~ ^{affair} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~its~~ ^{its} ~~proper~~ ^{proper} ~~close~~ ^{close} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~bring~~ ^{bring} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~King~~ ^{King} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~point~~ ^{point} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~seeing~~ ^{seeing} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~King~~ ^{King} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~future~~ ^{future} ~~if~~ ^{if} ~~he~~ ^{he} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~able~~ ^{able} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~do~~ ^{do} ~~so~~ ^{so} ~~as~~ ^{as} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~bring~~ ^{bring} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~affair~~ ^{affair} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~its~~ ^{its} ~~proper~~ ^{proper} ~~close~~ ^{close} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~bring~~ ^{bring} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~King~~ ^{King} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~point~~ ^{point} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~seeing~~ ^{seeing} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~King~~ ^{King} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~future~~ ^{future} ~~if~~ ^{if} ~~he~~ ^{he} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~able~~ ^{able} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~do~~ ^{do} ~~so~~ ^{so} ~~as~~ ^{as} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~bring~~ ^{bring} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~affair~~ ^{affair} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~its~~ ^{its} ~~proper~~ ^{proper} ~~close~~ ^{close} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~bring~~ ^{bring} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~King~~ ^{King} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~point~~ ^{point} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~seeing~~ ^{seeing} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~King~~ ^{King} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~future~~ ^{future} ~~if~~ ^{if} ~~he~~ ^{he} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~able~~ ^{able} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~do~~ ^{do} ~~so~~ ^{so} ~~as~~ ^{as} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~bring~~ ^{bring} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~affair~~ ^{affair} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~its~~ ^{its} ~~proper~~ ^{proper} ~~close~~ ^{close} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~bring~~ ^{bring} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~King~~ ^{King} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~point~~ ^{point} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~seeing~~ ^{seeing} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~King~~ ^{King} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~future~~ ^{future} ~~if~~ ^{if} ~~he~~ ^{he} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~able~~ ^{able} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~do~~ ^{do} ~~so~~ ^{so} ~~as~~ ^{as} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~bring~~ ^{bring} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~affair~~ ^{affair} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~its~~ ^{its} ~~proper~~ ^{proper} ~~close~~ ^{close} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~bring~~ ^{bring} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~King~~ ^{King} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~point~~ ^{point} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~seeing~~ ^{seeing} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~King~~ ^{King} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~future~~ ^{future} ~~if~~ ^{if} ~~he~~ ^{he} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~able~~ ^{able} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~do~~ ^{do} ~~so~~ ^{so} ~~as~~ ^{as} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~bring~~ ^{bring} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~affair~~ ^{affair} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~its~~ ^{its} ~~proper~~ ^{proper} ~~close~~ ^{close} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~bring~~ ^{bring} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~King~~ ^{King} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~point~~ ^{point} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~seeing~~ ^{seeing} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~King~~ ^{King} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~future~~ ^{future} ~~if~~ ^{if} ~~he~~ ^{he} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~able~~ ^{able} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~do~~ ^{do} ~~so~~ ^{so} ~~as~~ ^{as} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~bring~~ ^{bring} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~affair~~ ^{affair} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~its~~ ^{its} ~~proper~~ ^{proper} ~~close~~ ^{close} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~bring~~ ^{bring} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~King~~ ^{King} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~the~~

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Referring to our leaving the fields the Indians leased their houses fields
together with their saw mill to different individuals that no inquiry may be
sustained until the appraisal should be made by Govt. Last evening I re-
ceived information that five commissioners were determined to take possession
of the houses & fields & also the mill, on account of our leaving, & declare that
they will not desist from their purpose without the consent of Indian Affairs
Sanctions the authority of the Indians to hold their immovables till appraised
& paid. Should you have the goodness to say what shall be done in relation
to this matter.

L. J.

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Mr. Henry J. Patterson

Superintendent of Indian Affairs

Carlisle (Pa.)

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Wm. Edward Wilson

Laganawla

Mr. address, I'm at
 Laganawla. Mr. Henry, from
 us that the other town all was
 Indian. I hope at this place
 you had never read any
 letters on the subject. I wish
 to know, as all his answers
 are almost the same to
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