

HENRY SHEPARD.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

Papers in the claim of Henry Shepard,

JANUARY 18, 1890.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Depredation Claims and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, January 16, 1890.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of a communication of 30th September last, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, inclosing certain papers in the depredation claim of Henry Shepard, No. 2447, which claim was transmitted to Congress in January, 1889. (See Ex. Doc. 103, Fiftieth Congress, second session.)

The papers referred to were returned to the Indian Office from the House of Representatives on the 24th September, 1889, and are as follows:

Affidavit of Henry Shepard, the claimant; joint affidavit of Henry Keile and John Switzer; office report of June 11, 1880, and Department letter of December 13, 1880.

The Commissioner states that this testimony does not in the opinion of his office justify any change in the conclusions heretofore reached in this case, and, in compliance with his recommendation, the papers are herewith returned with request that they be filed with the above claim.

Very respectfully,

JOHN W. NOBLE,
Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, September 30, 1889.

SIR: On June 18, 1888, this office made a report on depredation claim No. 2447 of Henry Shepard, amount \$3,595.93; the same was approved by Department letter of June 21, 1888, and the claim, with the office

report and all the papers then on file, was transmitted to Congress, January, 1889 (Ex. Doc. 103, Fiftieth Congress, second session).

On the 24th instant, the following papers were returned to this office from the Clerk of the House of Representatives, pursuant to act of March 3, 1885:

Affidavit of Henry Shepard, the claimant; joint affidavit of Henry Keile and John Switzer; office report of June 11, 1880, and Department letter of December 13, 1880.

This testimony does not, in the opinion of this office, justify any change in the conclusions heretofore reached in the case, and I have the honor to recommend that these papers (which are herewith inclosed) be transmitted to Congress to be filed with above claim.

Very respectfully,

R. V. BELT,
Acting Commissioner.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, June 11, 1880.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a claim of Henry Shepard for \$3,636 on account of the loss of property alleged to have been destroyed by the Yakama Indians in Washington Territory. The claimant in his sworn declaration says that on the 26th and 27th days of March, 1856, during the Washington and Oregon Territory Indian war, and at the time of the Cascade massacre, the above named Indians burned, stole, and otherwise destroyed property belonging to him to the amount of \$3,636.

Henry Keil and John Switzler, in a joint affidavit, aver that they are acquainted with the claimant, and that they are knowing to the loss of his property. Another joint affidavit in the case by F. M. Vanderpool and J. T. Bowles, in regard to the depredation, contains nothing more in effect than that of Keil and Switzler. Neither claimant or witnesses name the place where the alleged depredation was committed, nor do they state any other facts in the case which would convey the idea that they have any personal knowledge of the theft. I therefore respectfully recommend that the claim be disallowed.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. J. BROOKS,
Acting Commissioner.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

STATE OF OREGON, *County of Multnomah, ss:*

On this 16th day of February, 1871, personally appeared Henry Shepard, who upon oath says that during the Oregon and Washington Territory Indian war of 1853 and 1856 he lost the following-named goods, chattels, and property on the 26th and 27th of March, 1856, at the time of the Cascade massacre, which property was lost by fire and otherwise destroyed by hostile Indians. That a list of which property is now on file in the Indian Office, Washington City, D. C., the same having been filed there by Governor, late General, Stevens, deceased, in 1857 or 1858, amounting to \$3,636. That the goods, chattels, or property mentioned in schedule "A" are nearly all he lost at that time. The schedule already filed in the Indian Office contains the amounts opposite each article, etc.

That this property was actually lost, or destroyed by hostile Indians, and that the same was a total loss to him.

He hereby constitutes and appoints McSelbut Bell his true and lawful attorney to collect said claim from the United States, with full power of substitution of other attorneys, and to sign his name whenever or wherever necessary.

HENRY SHEPARD.

Also personally appeared Henry Kiel and John Switzer, who upon oath say that they know Henry Shepard, the person who signed the above affidavit, and know that he is the identical Henry Shepard who lost property, chattels, and goods at the Cascades in March, 1856, and that we have no interest in this claim.

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HENRY X KIEL,
mark.
JOHN SWITZER.

Henry Kiel signed his name in presence of C. M. Carter.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and year above written.

[SEAL.]

C. M. CARTER,
Notary Public for Oregon.

Schedule of goods and property destroyed by hostile Indians at the Cascades, Wash., on March 26 and 27, 1856.

One house; one large shop, with carpenter's and joiner's tools, crockery, table, furniture, etc.; two stoves; two kitchen stoves; 300 bushels charcoal; an orchard, shrubbery, including a nursery; ten beds, blankets included; farming utensils; clothing, and some money, etc.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington City, December 13, 1880.

SIR: In compliance with the terms of the section of the act approved May 29, 1872, entitled "An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1873, and for other purposes," I have the honor to transmit herewith the claim of Henry Shepard, amounting to \$3,636, for compensation on account of depredations committed by Yakama Indians.

A letter dated the 11th day of June, 1880, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, reporting the nature, character, and amount of said claim, is accompanied by the evidence presented in support thereof, and shows the action taken by that officer under the rules and regulations prescribed by this Department for the investigation of such claims; all which is respectfully submitted for the consideration of Congress, as contemplated by said seventh section of the act aforesaid.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. SCHURZ,
Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.