

satisfaction as a sober, prudent, efficient Officer.

3. I read with surprise the general allegation that he has impeded any efforts for the enforcement of law and order. I am pleased to be able to say that notwithstanding many difficulties, the maintenance of law and order in that quarter has been secured to which result, under my directions, the Constable in his station, has of course contributed.

I may submit on the general question of the maintenance of order, the annexed copy of an unsolicited letter handed me by Mr. Field of the Church Missionary Society, just before my leaving the district for Victoria.

4. I should mention that a complaint was made to me, orally, in October last, by Mrs Loring, that the Constable had spoken disrespectfully to her husband Mr. Loring at a meeting of the Indians.

I immediately investigated the charge and came to the conclusion that the Constable had not done more than deliver the message entrusted to him by his Chiefs and I so informed Mrs. Loring.

I am sure the Constable would not be intentionally disrespectful to any one. I annex copies of the statements obtained by me on the occasion for my information from two independent persons (the first I met) who were present at the meeting referred to.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd.) N. Fitzstubbs.

S. M.