

survey, the metes and bounds of the claim of said American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and ask the privilege of performing this work.

Respectfully,

CUSHING EELLS,

*Attorney for American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.*

CHARLES HUTCHINS, Esq.,

*Indian Agent, W. T.*

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SIR: I hereby give notice to the Indian department not to make further improvements upon the land claimed by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, embracing the Clearwater or Lapwai mission station, situated on Clearwater river at the mouth of Lapwai creek.

Respectfully,

CUSHING EELLS,

*Attorney for American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.*

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*Indian Agent, W. T.*

C.

OFFICE OF NEZ PERCÉ INDIAN AGENCY,

*Lapwai, W. T., June 2, 1862.*

SIR: I am this day in receipt from you of a notice that you, on behalf of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, claim six hundred and forty acres of land, the same now embraced within and occupied by the Indian department as the Nez Percé Indian agency; and you state that you are now at this place for the purpose of establishing, by survey, the metes and bounds of the claim of said board, &c., and ask the privilege of performing this work. In reply, I would state that until this time no official notice has been given the Indian department that any title, or claim for title, for the tract of land now occupied as the agency, was held by any person or association, and, as the Indian department has been in undisturbed possession of these grounds for a term of years, I deem it my duty, before consenting to your request to be permitted to survey these lands, to submit your application and notice to the Indian bureau, and be governed by instructions as it shall direct.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

CHARLES HUTCHINS,

*Indian Agent, W. T.*

Rev. CUSHING EELLS,

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