on my way to this country with my family last fall I called at Fort Walla Walla to exchange my team & waggon for horses. There were at the Fort two Roman Catholic priests ~~as I judged from~~ M. During my stay of about two days Mr McBean in the presence of my wife said the fathers had offered to purchase ~~the Protestant Mission at Wallatpee~~ Dr Whitman's station, but Doct Whitman had refused to sell. He said they had then requested the Doct to fix his own price, & they would meet it. But the Doct had ~~refused to~~ sell on any condition. I asked him who he meant by the fathers. He said the Holy Fathers, the Catholic Priests. ~~He said further, We are determined to have the station at all events.~~ He said that the Holy Fathers were about to commence a mission at the mouth of the Utella, one in the upper part of Utella, one near Doct Whitman's station, if they could not get hold of the station, & in several other places which I can not name. They hired Mr Marsh whose logs I brought, to do off a room for the Priests at the Fort. He said Doct Whitman had better leave the country immediately or the Indians will

kill him, ~~for~~ we are determined to have ~~the~~ his station ~~at all events~~.

He further said, I think Mr Spalding will also have to leave the country soon,

As I was about leaving Mr McBeam said, if you can't pass as an Englishmen, the Indians won't not injure you. If they do disturb you, show them the horses & the mark & they will know my horses, & show by signs that you are from the Fort & they will let you pass. The Indians noticed the mark ~~of the~~ on ~~Fort~~ my horses & did not disturb me.

John Kinney

Subscribed and Sworn to before me at my office in Tualatin County Tualatin Plains this 28th day of August 1848.

David T. Lenox

Justice of the Peace

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