

Petition of Howell others for guns

April 8, 1856

To the County Auditor of Multnomah County in Oregon Territory –

Sir: -- We, the undersigned citizens of Sauvies Island in said County apprehending danger from the Indians and being almost entirely destitute of the necessary means of defense, and having been informed that arms and ammunition have been forwarded here by General Government for equitable distribution among the citizens of the Territory and also, that County Auditors have been legally authorized and required to make an impartial distribution of the same among the citizens of their respective Counties upon verbal or written application being made to them, do, therefore, hereby, most respectfully request you to send us by the earliest opportunity what arms and ammunition you can in justice spare us.

Sauvies Island, O.T.

April 7th 1856

Dr. Benjⁿ. Howell

Capt. James Minzie

Ellis Walker

John G. Lisle

Martin Gillihan

James Charlton

John Whittle

Hiram Earnst

James F. Bybee

Samuel Gatton

Jackson Abel

Edwin Percy

Nathan Percy

William P. Miller

John Howell

A.E. Riddles

Mrs. Charlton

Horace McIntire

Edward Jewett

Leonard Jewett

William Bryant

Timothy [?]eese

Paul [?]