

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
Wiliam Bryant
Timothy [?]eese
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