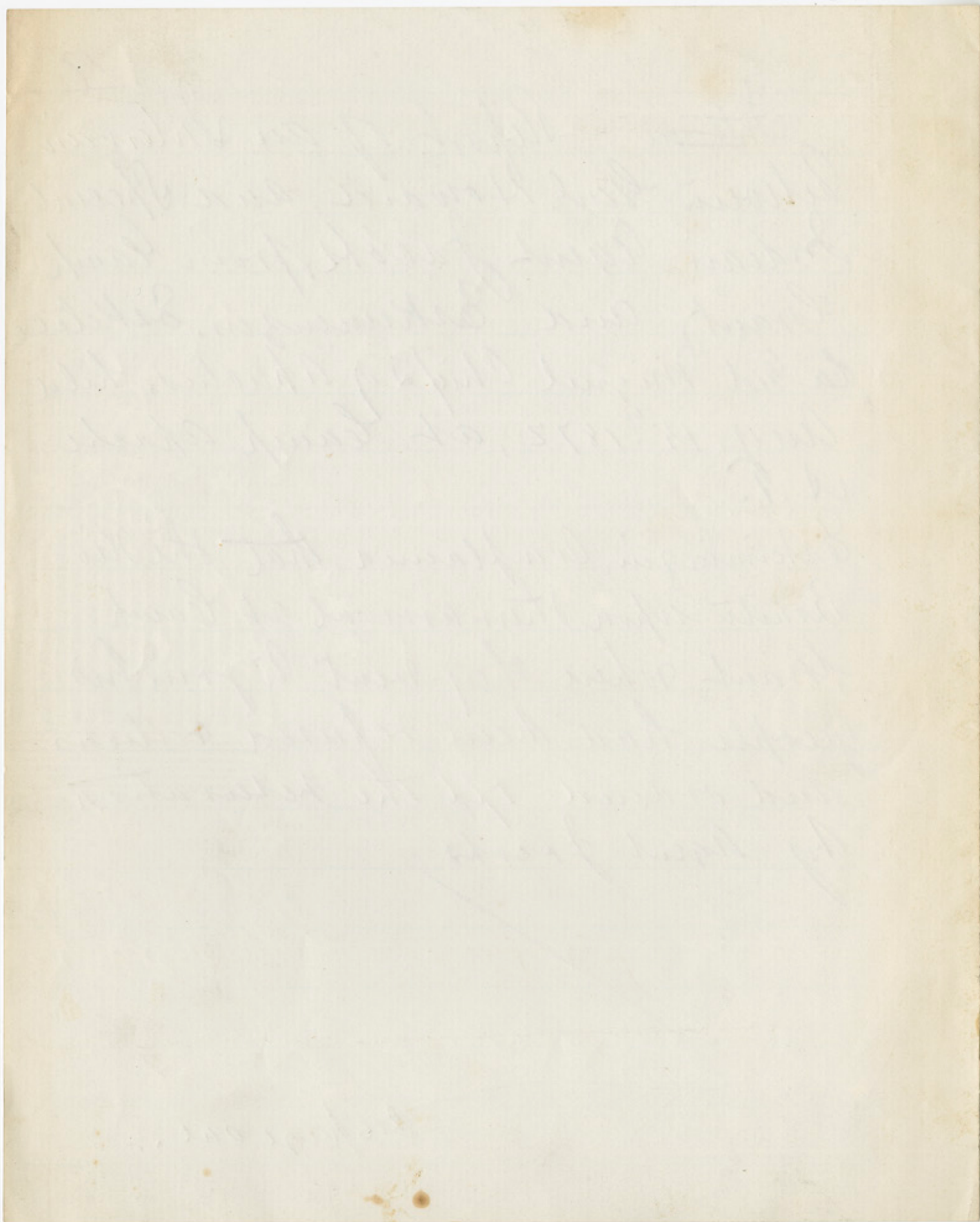


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~~Interview~~ Report of an Interview  
between Genl. Howard, and Special  
Indian Agent Jacobs, from Camp  
Grant, and Eskiminzin, Esketee  
La and Miguel Chiefs of Apaches, held  
Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> 1872, at Camp Apache  
A.T.

Eskiminzin complained that the Red  
Bontis upon their arrival at Camp  
Grant where they went to join his  
people had been refused rations  
and ordered off the reservation  
by Agent Jacobs.

See page one.



~~John~~ ~~with~~ ~~the~~ ~~Indians~~ ~~at~~ ~~camp~~ ~~Apache~~ ~~Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> 1872~~

Genl. Howard Mr. Jacobs says that every man whose name was on his list for rations were given rations by him - Those who were not <sup>given rations</sup> did not belong there. The Commandant <sup>then, Major Ballas,</sup> sent down to Camp Grant the names of all of Eskeliceles band, given him by Eskeliceles, but he directed Mr. Jacobs not to give rations to those who went on their own hook, and did not belong to his band.

(To Eskeliceles) Are any of your men <sup>here</sup> Eskeliceles - Some are here -

Genl. Howard Call <sup>him</sup> ~~him~~ <sup>one</sup> - Ask him if his name is on the list. Set me see his descriptive list - (She did not have it <sup>with him</sup> ~~present~~)

She replies - It is at home - on top of Yoder Mountain -

Genl. W. Did Mr. Jacobs refuse to give you rations -

Ans. Yes Sir - No Sir  
Genl. W. I promise <sup>you</sup> that if the Rio Bonito Indians come in upon the Reserve they can plant those grounds which they selected on the Rio Prieto by conforming to the rules - Eskimenzin ~~said~~ that they <sup>will</sup> ~~would~~ not come in while Mr. Jacobs remained, because they had been fired upon by his orders - ~~that~~ Mr. Jacobs had said wherever those Indians were seen they would be fired upon

Mr. Jacobs ~~said~~ no one was fired upon but  
Cochine - and ~~that he~~ simply asked for  
his arrest.

Genl. H. <sup>Howard</sup> ~~said~~ "I utterly condemn the firing  
upon Cochine."

Eskumizen ~~said~~ - ~~that~~ while I have been  
at the Anvika ~~has~~ have not heard of  
any depredations - ~~and I~~ have not heard of  
any stolen stock - ~~that they~~ <sup>we</sup> are at peace  
with every one and remain at the post -  
and yet ~~they~~ <sup>we</sup> are kicked by the Americans.

Genl. Howard ~~asked~~ who kicked ~~them~~ you  
Eskum - ~~said~~ - it is not the stones nor  
sticks nor the earth nor the sky nor the stars  
nor the sun - but it is the Americans at  
Anvika.

Genl. Howard I want their names.

Eskum - There are no Zuni Indians <sup>there</sup> - nor  
Navajos at Anvika <sup>nor</sup> ~~but~~ <sup>Indian Americans who are</sup> soldiers -

Genl. H. <sup>Not all soldiers are Americans</sup> If I can hear of a soldier doing  
this I will have a ball & chain put upon him.

Eskum - ~~said~~ perhaps he ~~is~~ mistaken -  
He does not know their fathers and mothers -  
but they are dressed in blue and are  
soldiers. When Genl. Howard <sup>was</sup> there he  
had many Indians - now ~~he is~~ alone - the  
Indians have been driven away - when  
Indians come there Mr. Jacobs asks if they  
have a paper and if they have not

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driven them away -

Mr. Jacobs ~~said~~ ~~that~~ ~~one~~ ~~case~~ ~~had~~  
occurred where an Indian had been  
maltreated by a soldier ~~but that~~ Col. <sup>the Commandant</sup> Riegley  
promised that if ~~the~~ ~~was~~ <sup>the soldier was</sup> identified he should  
be punished - but ~~that~~ the Indians could  
not identify him.

Estlin - ~~said~~ ~~that~~ when Genl. H. was  
present these things did not occur but  
when he had gone; but those who write  
letters to Genl. <sup>Howard</sup> from there say the Indians  
are doing well and everything is going  
on right.

The Genl. <sup>Howard here</sup> read part of a letter <sup>himself</sup> from Mr.  
Jacobs praising Estlinism -

Estlin - ~~said~~ ~~that~~ the Americans ~~can~~  
write and say the Indians ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> doing well,  
but as ~~the~~ (Estlin) can not write who is  
to tell you how the Americans treat the Indians.  
~~I have~~ <sup>I have</sup> often gone to the Agent's house  
and got very angry at what he said and ~~had~~  
have often thought of leaving the post.

~~He said that~~ The Genl. had invited <sup>one</sup> ~~him~~  
to go to the states, but ~~he~~ did not go because  
he knew the Indians would break out <sup>if I was away</sup>.

~~That~~ Mr. Jacobs himself had often  
driven them away -

Mr. Jacobs ~~said~~ - ~~That~~ The case referred to was  
when soldiers were at the Agency and  
he desired to keep the Indians away

~~Interview with Eskimenzin~~  
~~Aug 15<sup>th</sup> 1872 - Camp Grant - N.T.~~

~~Genl. W. 1<sup>st</sup> Do you want the Rio Grande, &  
Rio Prato (and the Forto Indians) to return  
to the Reservation,~~

~~2<sup>nd</sup> What do the Indians think of  
the place I selected for them on the  
Rio Gila and San Carlos, and when do  
want to go there.~~

~~2<sup>nd</sup> About the children.~~

~~3 About Bettelica & Palones band.~~

~~(Genl. Howard promises that if the Rio Grande  
Indians come in upon this Reserve, they  
can plant their fields, stock they  
selected, on the Rio Prato, by conforming  
to the rules.)~~

from them. That Mr. Jacobs had ~~those~~  
~~given~~ given orders to the soldiers to kick the Indians and drive  
 them off. — Eskimizing. Mr. Jacobs himself has  
 given orders to the soldiers to kick the Indians & drive them off.  
 Mr. Jacobs said that the Indian to my knowledge  
 have never been kicked or struck by a soldier  
 on the reserve. That Eskimizing had himself  
 suggested that a guard be placed at  
 the Agency when rations were issued.

Gen. Howard Ask Eskimizing how he likes the land  
 on Rio Gila which I selected for him  
 when I was here before.

Eskimizing said that all his people were  
 anxious to go as soon as possible to Rio  
 Gila because; there is good water and <sup>it is</sup> soil  
 at Arivipa. That men were sent there  
 to build a fort and were recalled. That they  
 want to go there at once.

Gen. Howard. What has Pedro to say.

Eskutecela said that the Indians of Pedro  
 want to kill ~~one~~ and ~~my~~ tribe — that they  
 have been talking about my horse and want to  
 kill ~~one~~ for that. That Pedro's band are their  
 enemies — I ~~do~~ would like to go to Arivipa  
 if Eskimizing desires it.

Gen. H. Ask Eskimizing about the Apache  
 children being educated at the reservation.

Eskimizing. It is very good.

Gen. H. Do the relations want the  
 children. The President says they may remain  
 there and be kept & educated if the tribe desire it.

Askew. ~~said~~ - ~~that that~~ ~~he~~ wished those children to be turned over to the Tribe at once -

Gen. W. The children shall be returned  
as the President directs.

With regard to those children held in Captivity still in Mexico, the President has promised to call upon the Mexican Govt. for them but he was not sure that the Govt. itself had power enough over its own people to obtain them -

Eskim. The white people can travel so fast  
and use letters, therefore, ~~he~~ <sup>he</sup> wishes the children  
will be schooled as soon as possible -

Gen. H. We could not go and get them  
at once without war and our Govt does  
not go to war for so small a cause.

~~Dear Sir~~ I feel very bad for Mr. Jacobs -  
for Mr. Jacobs <sup>for the</sup> speaks highly of Iskinimzine  
and trusts him by coming with him all  
this distance without a guard. Does not  
Iskinim-see that Mr. Jacobs intends to do  
right - he does not steal the rations.

Askinzine ~~he~~ <sup>I can</sup> not read and do not know how much I ought to have, but some rations have been kept back.

Genl <sup>Wood</sup> does not wish to say any-  
thing more -

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To the Indian

menadation of a powerful society ~~which is very great~~  
Estkin - When Estkin was at Amoske  
he said if I wanted advice go to Mr.  
Jacobs and he will help you - but when  
we went to him he sent us away - We do  
not like him. He is not our friend and does  
not give us good advice. He does not let  
me talk to him about my people. He had  
better go away.

