

Extracts of a Letter from J. D. Lee.

PAROWAN, Iron Co., March 13, 1852.

DR. WILLARD RICHARDS:—

DEAR BRO: Walker, the Utah Chief, on his return from the Moquich, Navihoes, and Welsh Indians, stopped with us two days; from him we had an interesting account of those tribes, and more especially of the country; he says that they live in houses, and farm, raise sheep, and manufacture clothes; their women tie up their hair like ours, and some of them have light hair and blue eyes; he says they speak the Spanish language, and have a knowledge of us from Walker, and want us to come and trade with them and see their country.

Two of the Piales killed an ox for Bro. S. Johnson; some 8 or 10 men pursued them; 4 of the number took them prisoners; (they had some of the beef with them) brought them near the settlements, when they tried to make their escape; one of them was killed, and the other wounded; the natives were much offended, and showed signs of hostility. Some sheep and horses were taken; one horse was mortally wounded; the sheep were killed; they also shot at the herdsman.

At their conduct Walker appeared displeased; took from their Chief a pony by force, and would have killed the Chief Quonarah, had not bro. J. L. Smith and myself prevented them; after the two chiefs took a knock-down, Walker preached to them, and told them of their meanness, and said he would tell the Big Captain (Gov. Young) of their conduct. Walker and his braves were so enraged, that they shot the pony that they had taken, for revenge. We kept them apart, and privately slipped old Quonarah, the Piele Chief, away; this we did, not believing him guilty.

Walker left us this morning, with friendly feelings; he is intending to visit your valley and city, and says he will return again at harvest, to go with a company to the Welsh Indians.

This little fracas, I verily believe, will result in good for us. We also learned from Walker, that uncle Sam had a fort and troops stationed on the Colorado river, and that they had made a treaty with the Navihoes.

JOHN D. LEE.