

To the Honorable The Mayor & Common Council
of the City of Portland
Gentlemen

Yesterday it was reported
to me that the Indians encamped in the
North part of the City on Couchs Claim
were infected with the Small Pox.

Upon conferring with His Honor The Mayor
& by His advice I immediately took the
proper steps to ascertain if such was the
Case.. I employed a person that had
formerly had the disease to inspect the
Camps and also got a Physician to make
a Professional inspection. The Physician
Dr J L Coombs has made 2 reports on the
Subject which are annexed to this
~~Circular~~ ~~investigation~~ Report Comma

By His recommendation I Refrat The
Indians under surveillance at their
Lodges yesterday & prevented them
from coming to the populated part of the
City..

The surveillance is now withdrawn
& I am happy to state that our fears
in regard to the disease being in
our midst were unfounded..

There has been some expense incurred
which I hope your honorable body will

take the proper steps to have paid

Respectfully

J. B. Boyd
Marshal of Portland

Portland April 11th 1866