

described in detail in the report, and it is believed that they will sufficiently account for many inaccuracies and omissions.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

CLAS. W. RAYMOND,
Captain of Engineers.

The CHIEF OF ENGINEERS,

United States Army, Washington, D. C.

ORDERS AND INSTRUCTIONS.

[Special Orders No. 54.]

HEADQUARTERS MILITARY DIVISION OF THE PACIFIC,
San Francisco, California, April 2, 1869.

Captain C. W. Raymond, Corps of Engineers, will proceed by the first opportunity, via Sitka and Kodiak, to Fort Yukon, Alaska, and will carry out instructions given from this office. Upon completion of these duties he will return to, and report for duty at, these headquarters.

By order of Major General Halleck:

JAMES B. FRY,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Official:

W. R. SMEDBERG,
Brevet Lieutenant Colonel United States Army, A. A. A. G.

HEADQUARTERS MILITARY DIVISION OF THE PACIFIC,
San Francisco, California, April 2, 1869.

CAPTAIN: In connection with Special Orders No. 54, current series, from this office, Major General Halleck directs me to say that the main object of your visit to Alaska is, the determination of the latitude and longitude of Fort Yukon. He directs, also, that, so far as practicable, you ascertain and report upon the amount of trade carried on by the Hudson Bay Company within our territory, reporting more particularly upon the quantity of goods brought by them from British territory. He further desires all information that you can obtain in reference to the resources of the Yukon and its tributaries, and with regard to the number and disposition of the native tribes on or in its vicinity.

The general directs you to make a report upon the number and condition of the public buildings at Michaelovski.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ROBERT N. SCOTT,
Breret Lieutenant Colonel and A. A. A. G.

Captain C. W. RAYMOND,
United States Corps of Engineers, present.