

itate the establishing of the Mission, and the carrying into effect the objects thereof generally.

I have the honor to be

My Lord,

Your Lordships most obed. servant

Geo. SIMPSON.

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Hudson's Bay House

London, 1st March, 1838.

Bishop of Juliopolis.

My Lord,

I had the honor to receive Your Lordships much valued letter of 13th October about a fortnight ago, and laid it before The Governor and Committee the same day, with strong recommendation that your request of a passage for two Priests to the Columbia should be complied with, and I have the satisfaction to acquaint you that their Honors have fallen in with your views, which I forthwith communicated by letter to the Bishop of Quebec, intimating that a passage would be provided for them in the Canoes to start from Lachine about the 25th of April.

In granting this request however, the Governor and Committee made it on positive condition that these gentlemen would establish their Mission on the North side of the Columbia, not the South side, and that they would be influenced by the opinion and advise of the Company's Representative at Fort Vancouver, as to the precise situation where the Mission will be formed. I think the Cowlitz Portage will be the best in every point of view, and I imagine the gentleman at Vancouver will decide on that place. The unsettled question of the boundary between the United States and British Territory is the objection to forming the Establishment on the Wilhamet or South side of the Columbia. Mr. Kerth has had the necessary instructions to make the Gentlemen as comfortable on the voyage as circumstances can admit. With regard to the two Canadian women for Red River, I imagine they have been engaged. The Company will pay their wages and Your Lordship has kindly undertaken to pay for their lodgement and maintenance and to conduct the School of industry in such a manner as you may consider most likely to be beneficial to the inhabitants. Two great advantages are likely to arise from this School, the one is that the introduction of home manufactures will relieve the people of a heavy item of expense in the purchase of imported goods, and the other is that will introduce habitudes of industry among the females, and I trust Your Lordship will impress on the minds of the people the deep interest the Governor and Committee as well as myself feel in their welfare and prosperity.

Pray convey to Mr. Belcourt and the other Gentlemen of