

LETTER OF CAPTAIN PLEASONTON.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF OREGON.
Fort Vancouver, W. T., June 1, 1859.

MY DEAR FATHER :

The general commanding instructs me to inclose a copy of his special order, No. 59, of this date, authorizing you to return to St. Louis through the different tribes of the interior, which you are so desirous to visit once again, for the purpose of confirming them in their good disposition towards the whites, as well as to renew their zeal and intelligence in the elements of Christianity,—the means so signally productive of good-will and confidence, in your labors of the past winter, requiring such self-denial and resolution.

On your arrival in St. Louis, the general desires you to report by letter to the adjutant-general at Washington, when your relations with the military service will cease, unless otherwise ordered by the War Department.

The general is anxious that I should communicate to you the deep regret with which he feels your separation from the service, and in making the announcement he is assured the same feeling