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that they begin to doubt the truth of it. At all events, they say, "he will not come until we are all dead, and then what good will blankets do us? We want something now." This leads to trouble between the settler and the Indians about him. Some plan should be devised by which a fund can be raised, and presents made to the Indians of sufficient value to keep them quiet, until an agent arrives from the United States.

A number of robberies have been committed by the Indians in the upper country on the immigrants, as they were passing through their territory. This should not be allowed to pass. An appropriation should be made by you sufficient to enable the superintendent of Indian affairs to take a small party in the spring and demand restitution of the property, or its equivalent in horses. Without an appropriation a sufficient party could not be induced to go up there, as the trip is an expensive one.

The immigration the past season has been much larger than any preceeding one—amounting to between four and five thousand souls. They have all arrived in the settlements, unless there should be a few families still at the Dalls and Cascades, and scattered themselves over the territory. The majority of them are farmers and mechanics. They will add much to the future welfare and prosperity of Oregon.

During the past season we have been visited by a number of vessels; some of them drawing more water than the vessels that have usually visited us. I am happy to say they received full cargoes on board and crossed the bar in safety. The provisions of the pilot law have been carried out, and its good effects are already visible. The able pilot at the mouth of the river has made himself fully acquainted with the channel and currents, thus diminishing the dangers that formerly attended vessels coming to the river. The time is not far distant when our river will be entered with more ease and facility than many of the ports in the United States on the Atlantic coast, and captains will wonder why the entrance was so much dreaded, forgetting that they are reaping the benefits of experience.

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*Proclamation by Geo. Abernethy, Governor of Oregon Territory.*

In consequence of the low state of the finances of this country, and the general impression being that the Indians in the upper country were not united, a small force was thought sufficient to proceed to Walla Walla to punish the Cayuse Indians, and a proclamation was issued by me for one hundred men; since which, information has been received here which leads to the belief that the Indians have united, and the force ordered out in that case being insufficient, I therefore call on the citizens of this territory to furnish five hundred men, and appoint the following persons brevet captains, to enrol such citizens as may wish to enlist, viz:

Wesley Shannon, John Ford, Thomas McKay—Champoeg coun-