

from Captain Wallen's explorations, is herewith enclosed. It is probable, from the distance of country to be passed over, that a suitable location for the post may not be ascertained in time to place the troops in position before the coming winter, in which event I shall cause all the preparations to be made, but defer the movement until early in the spring.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
W. S. HARNEY,
Brigadier General, Commanding.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL,
Headquarters of the Army, New York city.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF OREGON,
Fort Vancouver, W. T., May 5, 1860.

SIR: The troops at Forts Bellingham and Townsend having been withdrawn to Fort Steilacoom, I have the honor to report, for the information of the general-in-chief, that I have offered the use of the buildings at those places to the superintendent of Indian affairs of Washington and Oregon for positions as agencies, with the condition that they would be relinquished if needed hereafter by this command.

A similar arrangement has answered a good purpose for Fort Simcoe, and I trust the present one will meet the approval of the general-in-chief and the War Department.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
WM. S. HARNEY,
Brigadier General, Commanding.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL,
Headquarters of the Army, New York city.

[Indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,
Washington, June 14, 1860.

Fort Bellingham was broken up pursuant to orders from the War Department; Fort Townsend by the orders of Brigadier General Harney. By abandoning this latter post, four companies are placed at Fort Steilacoom, where it is understood there are only quarters for three companies.

Respectfully forwarded to the adjutant general.
L. THOMAS,
Assistant Adjutant General.