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HEADQUARTERS, FORT ORFORD, O. T.,
District S. Oregon and N. California, June 24, 1856.

SIR : I have the honor to report that General Palmer, superintendent of Indian affairs, left here on the 21st, in the steamer Columbia, with the Port Orford and other friendly Indians, who have been on the reserve at this post for some months past, and all of the *lower* Rogue River Indians, who came in with me, except 18, escorted by Captain Augur's company "G," 4th infantry, for the coast reserva-

tion. They go by the way of Portland and Dayton, O. T., to that portion of the reservation allotted to them by the superintendent.

On the previous day, one of Old John's sons, a nephew and three others, came in to say that Old John and his band desired to surrender, and wished permission to do so. I told them that they might do so, and they said that they would meet any command that I might send out for them at the place where I encamped the night before our arrival here. Captains Ord and Reynolds' companies arrived here yesterday with 242 Indians who had come in to him at the mouth of Rogue river. Some of these Indians came up in canoes by sea, and the others by land. To-day I have sent back the same command to meet Old John, as this is the day on which he promised to be at the rendezvous. When these people get in there will only remain the *Chetcoes*, who have been driven into the mountains by the volunteers, and who will come in as soon as these gentlemen go away, which will probably be within a few days, as I understand that Gov. Curry has ordered them to be disbanded at once.

Agreeably to the instructions of General Wool, received by the steamer on the 21st instant, the following is the assignment of troops for the posts required near the coast reservation: Captain Smith, 1st dragoons, and Captain Floyd Jones, 4th infantry, with their companies, will garrison the upper post; Captain Augur, the middle; and Major Reynolds, 3d artillery, the lower, about the mouth of the Sinselaw. I have directed Captain Augur, on his arrival at the post now occupied by Lieutenant Sheridan, to leave his company there temporarily, and proceed to select his own post, which he will have done by the time that Captain Floyd Jones will reach his destination. The Indians remaining to be sent to the reservation will be divided as nearly as convenient into two parties: one, consisting of George and Lumpy's people and some others, will be escorted by Captain Floyd Jones and the detachment of company E, 4th infantry, under Lieut. Chandler; and *the other* by Captain Ord and Major Reynolds' companies. Captain Smith, with Lieutenant Sweitzer and Assistant Surgeon Crane, will proceed with part of his company to Fort Lane, for the purpose of getting his horses and settling their property affairs, and thence to his new post, which it is expected he will reach nearly as soon as Captain Floyd Jones. The detachment of "D" and "E" companies, 4th infantry, will then rejoin their proper posts, and the detachment of "F," 4th infantry, under Lieutenant Garber, at Crescent City, will join that company *via* Vancouver.

With regard to the posts of Forts Orford, Lane, and Jones, if the Rogue river war be considered by the General as closed, I do not see any necessity for the *two former*, and would respectfully recommend that they be broken up. The next Indian difficulties likely to break out between this and the Sacramento may be looked for in the vicinity of the Klamath; and *Fort Jones* is therefore, perhaps, in a very good position, and may be advantageously occupied. I shall consequently leave Major Wyse at that post, to be disposed of hereafter as the general may think fit.

Assistant Surgeon Milhau will accompany the detachment under Captain Ord, and will be left with Major Reynolds' company at the

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Sinsela until he can be relieved by some other medical officer. After all of the Indians shall have started there will be nothing further for me to do in *southern Oregon*, and I believe everything to be quiet in northern California. I suppose that the *district* will be broken up, when I shall be ready to receive such orders, in relation to my own movements, as the commanding general of the department may be pleased to issue. I should be happy to receive them by the return of the steamer.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
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