Feb 28, 1852

P. C. Almendinger

Rich & E. A. Almendinger

Oct 15, 1852

California City
Custom House, San Francisco.

Collectors Office October 18th, 1854

Sir,

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 27th, with its enclosures, and have to inform you, that on inquiry I learn that the rates of insurance of sailing vessel to Olympic will be 2 1/2%, and to the Columbia Bar across to Dayton by steamer 1 1/2%, and by sailing vessel 2 1/2%. The navigation of the Columbia, particular at its mouth is always difficult, and in the winter even dangerous for sailing vessels, and I therefore think it would be altogether preferable to ship for steamer for those points, in which case the insurance will be only 1 1/2%.

Very respectfully,

[Signature]

RICH. REDMOND

Collector.

[Signature]

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs

Washington City