

California Ins. A 715
Richd. J. Hammond
Collector Customs
San Francisco Oct 13 '54

Stating the rate of that
will be charged for in-
surance on Indian
goods by sailing vessels
& steamers. - Advises
the employment of steam-
ers

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16. Answer

Custom House, San Francisco.
Collectors Office October 18th 1854

Sir

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 29th with its Enclosures, and have to inform you, that on inquiry I learn that the rates of insurance of sailing vessel to Olympia will be 2%; and to the Columbia Barracks & Dayton by Steamer 1 1/2%, and by sailing vessel 2 1/2%. The navigation of the Columbia, particularly 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 per steamer for those points in which case the insurance will be only 1 1/2%.

Very respectfully

Your obedt. Servant

Rich^d Hammond

Collector.

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs }
Washington City }