

MILITARY ROAD FROM FORT STEILACOOM TO FORT
WALLA-WALLA.

MEMORIAL

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF WASHINGTON TERRITORY,

PRAYING

An appropriation for the Military Road across the Cascade Mountains.

MARCH 14, 1856.—Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Memorial praying appropriation for the military Road across the Cascade Mountains.

To the honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled :

The memorial of the legislative assembly of the Territory of Washington respectfully represents: That the completion of the military road across the Cascade mountains is of the most vital importance and interest to the citizens of the Territory of Washington; that said road connects the military post established at Fort Steilacoom with Fort Walla-Walla, which is the point upon the Columbia river where the great emigrant trail enters Washington Territory; that as a means of communication between the two sections of this Territory lying east and west of the Cascades, it would afford facility for the transportation of men and supplies in the event of necessity, and, in a military point of view, would be of incalculable advantage to the defence of this Territory; that the experience of the present Indian war demonstrates the necessity of a good wagon-road connecting the valleys lying east and west of said mountains, and the difficulties consequent upon the absence thereof; that the discovery of gold at Fort Colville, and the future development of the country, imperatively demand the completion of said work.

Your memorialists, therefore, pray your honorable bodies to pass an act appropriating thirty thousand dollars for the completion of the

military road from Fort Steilacoom, upon Puget's sound, across the Cascade mountains, to Fort Walla-Walla, upon the Columbia river.

Passed the house of representatives.

A. A. DENNY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Passed the council.

SETH CATLIN,
President of the Council.

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