

MILITARY ROAD FROM FORT DUNGINESS.

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MEMORIAL

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF WASHINGTON TERRITORY,

PRAYING

*An appropriation for a military road from New Dunginess, to connect with the military road from Fort Vancouver to Fort Steilacoom.*

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

Your memorialists, the legislative assembly of the Territory of Washington, would respectfully represent: That the peninsula, in the extreme northwest of the Territory of Washington, lying between the Straits of Juan de Fuca on the north, and the Pacific ocean on the west, now contains some three or four settlements, and that numerous settlers occupy land claims therein ; that large tribes of Indians also occupy it, who, though now friendly, in the critical juncture of our Indian relations may not continue so ; that water communication is now the only means of connexion with the other settlements of the Territory, from which, in the event of outbreak, they would be forced to look for assistance ; that several months in the year, such communication is at best dilatory, not to say unsafe, and attended with danger ; that from the character of the country a good, direct military road may be located, connecting these settlements with the heart of the Territory, passing west of Hood's canal, about ten or twelve miles west of the seat of government of the Territory, and intersecting the military road from Vancouver to Steilacoom ; that said road will insure rapid and safe communication between the centre and outposts of our Territory, and afford security to our isolated, and, at present, unprotected settlements.

Your memorialists would therefore earnestly pray your honorable bodies to grant an appropriation, for the purpose of establishing a military road from New Dungiess, to intersect the military road from Fort Steilacoom to Fort Vancouver.

Passed House of Representatives December 22, 1855.

A. A. DENNY,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

Passed Council January 3, 1856.

SETH CATLIN,

*President of the Council.*