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It seems highly probable that a good route could be found by the valley first mentioned from Olympia to Port Townsend. ~~no Obstruction exists to a road from Port~~ as far from either end the gap is apparently continuous. No obstruction exists to roads from Port Ludlow, at the head of Hoods Canal to Port Townsend & thence along the Coast, except the timber, and an old Indian trail is reported to exist from Seguamish Harbor to Port Townsend. The country in the Peninsula between the Canal & Admiralty Inlet being part of a general level, Olympia can readily be connected with Port Gamble.

A Geographical Survey of this part of the country is very much to be desired, with a view of developing its agricultural resources as well as its topography. The emigrant has no time or means to conduct explorations & can never be often known in what direction to extend them. He runs considerable risks too, in venturing alone, or with but one or two companions among the coast tribes & his information when obtained is generally confined to vicinity. A survey could be conducted with most advantage by a party of about ten, whose labor would be chiefly performed on foot or with an occasional resort to canoes.

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