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Most of them bring down considerable bodies of water throughout the year & all of them will pretty as they be supposed, during heavy rains or the melting of snow in the Cascades. Their course is rapid & none of them can be considered as navigable even for short distances, though small canoes can enter some of the larger. They all have deltas of low land at their mouths & generally several channels.

As it was a matter of importance to ascertain the most practicable routes for internal travel from Olympia to Bellingham Bay & the straits of Fuca such inquiries were made of settlers & Indians as occasion permitted. As regards the country on the upper part of the Sound no difficulty whatever occurs. The only question respecting the eastern side is the exclusion of a road north west from the emigrant trail