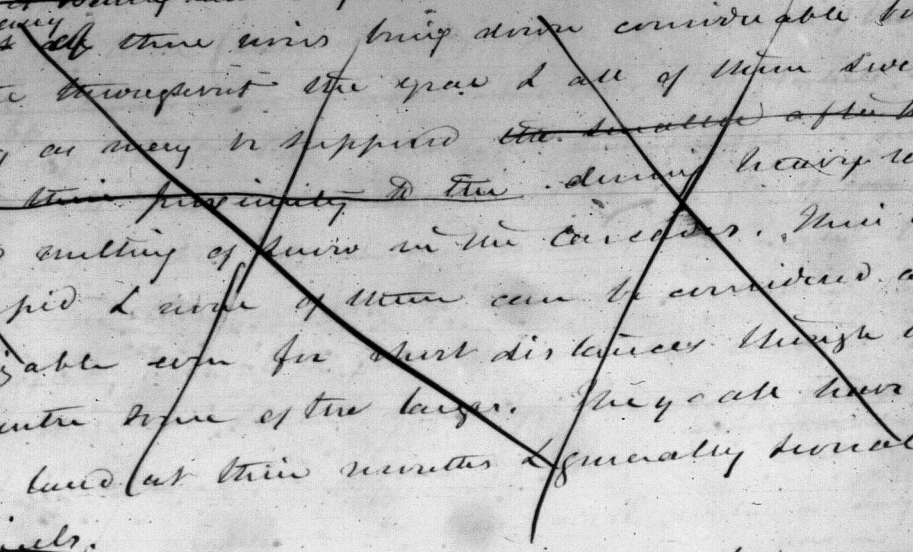
from the water, there is reason to ~~induces me to~~ believe that the same depression continues northward, & ~~I was~~ there ~~can be~~ is no doubt that from ~~[illegible]~~ Samish ~~to Frasers~~ river by way of Whatcom Lake & crossing the Nook-sahk a good ~~[illegible]~~ trail can be carried to Frasers river. A ~~The face of the country north of Bellingham Bay is~~

~~Almost~~ Many ~~of~~ these rivers bring down considerable bodies of water throughout the year & all of them swell greatly as may be supposed ~~the smaller of the [illegible] from their proximity to the~~ 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 vessels can enter some of the larger. They all have deltas of low land at their mouths & generally several channels.



The country north of Bellingham bay appears to be level as far as the range beyond the stream.

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