The second Section, extending from the Cathlapootl to the Cowlitz, runs partly through bottom land, partly ~~through~~ over ~~high~~ hills which ~~have~~ at intervals approach the borders of the river. The bottoms here, as in the first section, are subject to overflow, ~~but~~ and in addition ~~they~~ are ~~much~~ excessively ~~miry~~ & soft & miry. It would be in consequence ~~necessary~~ requisite to carry ~~the~~ the road entirely upon the hills, and a further survey is ~~requisite~~ essential to ascertain if this can be done with advantage for wagons, the ~~trail~~ so much of the present trail as runs over them being used for animals alone, ~~There~~ and ~~not~~ no regard being had to ~~grades~~ inclination. Three ~~streams~~, the Kalama, ~~now~~ an unnamed brook, and the Coweema or Gobar's river, a branch running into the Cowlitz near its mouth, ~~intersect~~ cross the range ~~and~~ ~~would~~ ~~under~~ ~~[illegible]~~ descents & ascents from their ~~banks~~ bottoms necessary. ~~requisite. Whether in this proper grades can be obtained~~ and it is uncertain whether the ~~form of~~ hills admit of proper grades for the purpose. ~~or what heights must be~~ ~~From the appea~~ ~~[illegible]~~ No material difficulty ~~was~~ is apparent in following the summits when once gained. Should however ~~it~~

~~In the third Section, from the [illegible] near the mouth of Cow~~ ~~prove impr~~ this section prove impracticable for a wagon road, it is recommended that a good & permanent dragoon trail be ~~cut out~~ constructed along the hills, striking the Cowlitz river at a point not liable to ~~[illegible]~~ overflow, which will ~~[illegible]~~ subserve the purpose of ~~ordinary~~ travel during times when the Columbia is impassable from ice, or the Cowlitz bottom ~~In this event~~ overflowed. ~~the transportation of supplies will have to be transported~~

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