tively easy. ~~It will probably be requisite~~ The road to the crossing of Sehgun, or East Fork, is ~~hilly~~ broken ~~and heavily timbered~~ but not mountainous, and the ~~de~~ principal difficulty will be ~~the~~ ~~on~~ from the ravines. That branch must be crossed about 3/4 mile from the ~~mouth~~ mouth where, as is said, it can be bridged; ~~no examination~~ the south bank at ~~the trail~~ Gardiners being overflowed to a considerable ~~man~~ distance. From ~~the~~ here to the Landing, the same ~~difficulty~~ objection exists to the line of ~~occurs on~~ the trail, which follows closely the river, from bottom land. The country is not however so hilly, & the citizens have already cut out a road for a great part of the distance, shortening the route, by several miles. This road was not ~~being~~ open at the time of the survey. ~~was not examined~~. Throughout the whole of this section the timber is ~~heavy~~ continuous & for the most part heavy. The survey ~~here~~ in this, as in the two previous ones was confined to the ~~ordinary~~ usual trail and ~~not extend~~ no reconnaissances made ~~of~~ for its improvement. For this reason it has not been considered necessary to particularize the ~~seven numerous~~ obstructions.

~~The Cowlitz at the landing~~

~~Section IV.~~

~~The~~ Cowlitz Landing is another small settlement, the point of embarcation for ~~travellers~~ travel from the Sound to the Columbia. It is situated on the west bank of the river, which is here about 120 yards wide. At very low water the river is fordable by crossing diagonally on the edge of a rapid to ~~an~~ a sand bar ~~& thence diagonally~~ in the middle & thence to the opposite shore. The western bank ~~are~~ is of sand ~~& the~~ about 20 feet high and

It is generally of fir, which is in fact the prevalent forest of the whole country. The cedar as it is usually called, but more properly arbor vitae, ~~[illegible]~~ replacing it on lands which are at any time overflowed, for it may be ~~mentioned~~ taken as a fact that wherever the fir grows, the land is beyond the reach of freshet. The converse is not ~~[illegible]~~

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