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else a raised plank road would be necessary. ~~Beyond~~ The crossing itself is a bad one, the river having ~~at~~ recently changed its course, cutting off a bend, ~~round~~ ~~an~~ round which it is necessary to conduct the road. ~~and the banks being subject to constant abrasion~~. Beyond the crossing, the rise from the valley of the river is here ~~a~~ very steep, ~~rise to the~~ total height ~~of~~ being about 200 feet, which is the general level of the adjacent plains. The Nisqually ~~like the Puyallup & Wk river it may be mentioned running~~ runs through a narrow bottom, bordered on each side ~~for most~~ ~~of~~ in the lower part of its course by almost perpendicular bluffs of gravel & sand. ~~Its width~~ The width of the river at Packwoods is an average of ~~two feet~~ with a rapid current yards. It is fordable ~~during the latter part of the summer in its~~ at low tide in its ordinary stages, the rise of ~~the~~ tide being about 8 feet, and ~~the~~ is raised by freshets some five feet higher. The immediate banks are of sand, ~~about~~ some 12 feet high and constant by ~~washing away~~ changing.

Between the ~~Nisqually~~ River & Fort ~~Stilacoom~~ Nisqually, the road after ascending the bluff, which it does at the most favorable point, runs ~~over~~ through gravelly ~~prairie~~ country, somewhat rolling, with a few skirts of timber, & thence to Fort Stilacoom over an almost uninterrupted level prairie, requiring no improvement.

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