As before mentioned the route pursued by the party between this crossing & Steilacoom is for part of the a portion of the distance not the one recommended for final adoption, a shorter line equally good - no obstacles present themselves to good road through this part of the district, the soil being gravelly & hard at all seasons & the only woods being narrow belts. of low

Fort Steilacoom is situated on the high plateau of the Sound, about a mile & a half elevated as before some 200 feet above the water, and on the edge of the woods which skirt it. A very good low county road runs to the town of Steilacoom, about 1½ miles & another, cut by the Garrison, runs leads to a small cove at the mouth of Steilacoom Creek, 3/4 of a mile distant, to which it descends by in a zigzag course. This cove has generally been used for the landing of stores, as accessible to boats, & there being until recently no wharves at the town village. It is known very inconvenient from the steepness of the ascent. There are two saw mills and a gristmill within about a mile a little over a mile of the fort, but the no excavation having yet been made or appropriation for buildings, the greater one of logs merely log of logs, the & a portion of these one or two of it The site lot is on the claim of the Puget Sound Agricultural Co. and a part of the buildings are owned by them. The garden belonging to the Garrison is situated about 5½ miles distant. It was at one time contemplated to remove the post itself to

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