

passed were of spruce trees, some of which were of large dimensions; the lesser plants were principally *Vaccinium*, *Ledums*, and some candleberry-bushes (*Myrica*).

On the 27th they reached the Flying-Fish, then in Baker's Bay, and were taken over to Astoria.

Mr. Eld received, on his arrival at Astoria, my orders to repair with his party to Vancouver; where, being furnished by Mr. Birnie with a large flat-bottomed barge, he set out to join me at that place, which he reached on the 31st August.

I cannot refrain from expressing the satisfaction I felt at the manner in which the service was performed, and deem it my duty to make known to the country the commendable perseverance with which this party persisted in completing the duty assigned them, regardless of inconvenience, privation, and discomfort. This tour forms a part of the operations of the Expedition that I look back upon with pride and pleasure, and I feel that my thanks are especially due to Passed Midshipmen Eld and Colvocoressis, and Mr. Brackenridge, for their devotion to the service in which they were engaged.

Orders were immediately given for them to join the over-land expedition to California, under Lieutenant Emmons, who was just about proceeding to the Willamette Valley, where his party had been organized, with our own force and the settlers and trappers who were engaged to accompany it to California. After the party was collected, it consisted of—

Lieutenant Emmons,	T. R. Peale, Naturalist,
Passed Midshipman Eld,	W. Rich, Botanist,
Passed Midshipman Colvocoressis,	J. D. Dana, Geologist,
Assistant-Surgeon Whittle,	A. T. Agate, Artist,
Doughty, Seaman,	J. D. Brackenridge, Assistant Botanist,
Sutton, “	Baptist Guardipii, Guide,
Waltham, “	Tibbats,
Merzer, “	Black,
Sergeant Stearns,	Warfields,
Corporal Hughes,	Wood,
Private Marsh,	Molair,
Private Smith,	Inass.

Those who joined the party for a safe escort, were Mr. Walker and family, consisting of his wife, sister, three sons, and two daughters; Burrows, wife, and child; Nichols, with Warfields' wife and child.

The whole party numbered thirty-nine, with seventy-six animals, forty-four of which were private property.

Lieutenant Emmons at first found much difficulty in organizing his party, on account of having to deal with persons who had little