

Mr. Rodgers will also accompany you, as interpreter, caterer, &c.; he having been engaged by me for that purpose, for the explanation of the district pointed out to you on the accompanying map.

Your arrangements will be completed as early as possible, and you will be careful that the organization of your party is complete, and that they maintain a due obedience to your orders and authority during this service, for on it will depend their safety.

I cannot too strongly impress upon you the necessity of constant watchfulness and caution, in the steps you will pursue, and of acquiring the information necessary to enable you to judge for yourself.

It is desirable to avoid all collision with the Indians, if possible, without, however, showing them that you do so; and if unavoidably attacked, you must not only repulse them, but punish them, as far as may lay in your power, exercising due discretion.

The men whom Mr. Rodgers is to engage at the Willamette settlement, will require of you particular attention. You will know their terms of engagement: for the performance of which, and their good behaviour, their pay will be made answerable.

You will observe strictly the following instructions:

1st. The route I have pointed out to you is believed to be feasible, but as the country is unknown, it may not be so. You are not at liberty to depart from it, however, without good and sufficient reasons.

You will, however, particularly note: my object is to get all the information respecting the district I have marked in red, and you will endeavour to get this as accurate as possible, by travelling over as much of its surface as your time will admit of.

2d. Your absence is limited to the 10th of September, and I am convinced that much knowledge may be gained of the district pointed out to your party in that time.

3d. Observations for latitude and longitude wherever you may encamp.

4th. You will keep an accurate map of your route, noting on it all lakes, rivers, plains, mountains, and every thing worthy of notice, to illustrate its features. For this purpose, furnish yourself with a blank-book of foolscap size, and use each leaf for a day's work; the ruled places will answer the purpose of a scale, and be sufficiently large to insert every thing desirable to note.

5th. You will be furnished with a pocket chronometer, sextant, artificial horizon, prismatic compass, barometer, thermometers, Nautical Almanac, and Book of Tables, which will enable you to obtain all kinds of observations; and I shall expect you to be very particular