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Territory of "ashington, Executive Office, Olympia Nov. 19th, 1857

Hon. Isaac Toucy (Sic)(Toucey ?)

Secretary of the Navy

Sir:

If you have not seen my official letter to the president under date of October 20th I beg leave to call your attention to it and most respectfully urge the Dept. to place upon the waters of Puget Sound two small and fleet war steamers for the protection of our people against the incursions of the northern Indians.

I would suggest one be assigned to duty exclusively in the northern portion of the sound and the other to be attached to the qt. master's Dept. and subject to the orders of the military commandant of the district with instructions to keep constantly cruising betw en the head of the sound and "hidby's Island.

I do most ~~rexxxxxxx~~ especially urge (p.186 sic) that we be furnished with first class vessels as to speeds that they may successfully compete with the large and fleet war canoes of the "orthern Indians which the "assachusetts, the vessel formerly upon this station was unable to do.

The various military posts upon the sound can do but little more than defend themselves against these savages. They have no means by which to give pursuit to the Indians on the waters being powerless therefore to render any assistance to settlements even ten miles distant from their garrisons.

If we expect to retain the territory our present small population not quite seven thous and souls--and 20,000 of our own Indians to say nothing of the thousands of warlike savages to the north--surrounding them ... some means must be taken and that speedily to protect them

from being murdered and their property destroyed.

I trust something will be done and at once in relation to the ...

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I am sir, respectfully

Your most obt. servt.

(signed) F. Mcc Mullins

Gov. Territy "ash.

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Territory of Washington

Executive Office, Olympia, November 19th, 1857

Hon John B. Floyd

Secretary of War

My esteemed friend:

You have not forgotten the conversation which took place at the last interview relative to the necessary defenses of this Territory.

I then gave it as my opinion based upon reliable information ~~which~~ which I had received that it was absolutely necessary that one or two war steamers be placed upon the waters of Puget Sound for the proper protection of the people against the hordes of savages occupying the British and Russian possessions to the north of us.

I am now perfectly satisfied from personal observations and from information received from the most reliable sources that I was correct in the opinion I (p. ~~1888~~ 189) then expressed.

Now allow me respectfully but urgently to request that you see ~~xxxx~~ and confer with the President and Secty. of the Navy and take into consideration the matter set forth in my official communication to the President of the 20th ultimo wherein I gave my views and suggestions and presented the measures of precaution and preparation which the present condition of affairs demand to wit the placing of two small but fleet war steamers upon these waters, as of the greatest importance to the retention of our small population and I would respectfully suggest that while one be subject to the Navy Dept. with instructions to cruise almost entirely in the northern portion of the sound, the other be attached to the quartermaster's service

here and subject to the orders of the military commandant of the Puget Sound district with general instructions however from the Secretary of the Navy to keep constantly cruising between the head of the Sound (p. 266 ..190 lined out) and Whidby's Island.

I make the suggestions that the one attached to the Cr. Master Dept. be subject to the orders of the commandant of this district rather than the commanding general of the Pacific Division for the reason that the head quarters of the latter officer is too remote to give orders when necessity requires. prompt action for the preservation of the lives and property of our citizens.

If any apology is necessary for having seemed to trespass upon the Dept. it is to be found in the alarmed state of the public mind here and the deep solicitude I feel for the protection of our people.

I do not desire any accession)?) of the military force here but would give it as my opinion that two or three companies of mounted troops might with advantage take the place of the same number of infantry forces which latter are mainly servicable here in garrisoning posts but powerless for good in the pursuit of bands of mounted Indians. (p. 191)

In conclusion I do most respectfully and urgently request the consideration and adoption of my suggestions as far as may be compatible with the views and interests of the govt.

I am sir, respectfully

Your Most Obt. Servt.

(Signed) F. McMullin

Gov. Territory Washington.

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Olympia Washington Territory, January 21, 1858

Lewis Cass

My esteemed friend:

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to

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Resolved that in our opinion the state of the country demanded that stringent measures should be adopted and such as could be effected by mutual law only and that there was absolute necessity for the same sufficiently evidenced by the fact that the enemy who prior to its existence was constantly on the alert and supplied with information of all operations, after the enforcement were continually struck by our gallant troops and soon reduced to submission.

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Resolved-That the Secretary of the Territory be requested to transmit copies of these resolutions to the President of the United States , the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to the Hon. Isaac I. Stevens.

Passed House of Representatives January 9th, 1858

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