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Headquarters District of ~~Oregon~~ Oregon

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Headquarters District of Oregon

Fort Vancouver, Wash. Ter. Dec. 7, 1864

Special Orders No. 168

1-As the companies of the First Infantry Oregon Volunteers are
are mustered into service they will go into camp at the rendezvous
near Salem, which is named Camp Russell in honor of the late
distinguished Brig. Gen. David A. Russell, who fell in the glorious
victory near Winchester, Va. and who was so highly esteemed by
the citizens of Oregon. Capt. J.M. Drake, First Oregon Cavalry
will have command of the camp.

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Brigadier-General U.S. Volunteers, Commanding District.

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Fort Dalles Glasure

Headquarters District of Oregon, Fort Vancouver,
p. 1240 Wash.ter May 24, 1865

Special Orders No. 110

1-Capt. G.A. Glasure, First Battalion Washington Territory Infantry
will repair without delay to Fort Dalles, Oreg., and assume
command of that post and Company H of the battalion.

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By order of Col. R.F. Maury

F.B. White

First Lieutenant and Adj. First Oregon Cavalry Act. asst.
adjt.gen.

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Districts. Assignments. Halleck. Ord.

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War Department, Washington City June 10-65

Major-General Halleck, Richmond Va.

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Edwin M. Stanton

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Commands. Districts. Wright. Halleck

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War Department, Washington City, June 25, 1865

General Townsend: Assistant Adjutant General

Issue order relieving General Halleck from his present command and assign to duty as commander of the Division of the Pacific, headquarters at San Francisco.

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War Department Adjutant General's Office

Washington, June 25, 1865

Maj. Gen. H. W. Halleck, U. S. Army, Richmond, Va.

By direction of the President the division of the Pacific has been created to embrace the Departments of the Columbia and of California. You are assigned to the command, with your headquarters at P. 1267

San Francisco and are relieved from your present command hereby Acknowledge receipt. By Order of Secretary of War. E. D. Townsend

Assistant Adjutant General

Adjutant General's Office

Washington, June 27, 1865

Maj. Gen. Irvin McDowell,

San Francisco

You are assigned to command the Department of California, embracing the States of California and Nevada and Territories of Utah, New Mexico and Colorado, headquarters San Francisco.

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By order of the Secretary of War.

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General Orders No. 118

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Gen. Wright. Service. Indian policy. Nesmith

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Brigade Headquarters District of California

Sacramento, June 27, 1865

Hon J.R. Doolittle Chairman of the Joint Committee of Congress
charged to make inquiry into the condition of the Indian tribes etc.

Sir: I have had the honor to receive from Hon J.W. Nesmith, U.S.
Senator from the State of Oregon, and a member of your committee,
a copy of your circular, dated at Lacine, Wis. May 10, 1865, and
inasmuch p 1269

as I have had considerable experience in the administration of
Indian affairs, as well as other means of observation during a
long period of service in the Army, mostly in the Indian countries
or on the frontier of civilization. I take great pleasure in
replying seriatim to the questions you have done me the honor to
propound for my consideration.

First. For more than forty years I have been an officer in the
Army of the United States, serving on the borders of the
great northwestern lakes, the Upper Mississippi and Missouri River
in Florida during the war in that country, and for the last thirteen
years in the Department of the Pacific; from 1852 to 1855 in the
Northern District of California and southern portion of Oregon
and ~~the Territory of Washington, for half a year~~ and for the next
five and a half years in command of Oregon and the Territory of
Washington and then for three years in command of the Department
of the Pacific embracing the whole of our country west of the
Rocky Mountains. During this long period I have been in
command of many military expeditions against the hostile Indians,
especially in Oregon and the Territory of Washington in 1856 and
lastly in 1858, when a great combination was formed by many warlike

tribes in that country, threatening destruction to all the settlements east of the Cascades. I met the enemy in two hard fought battles in which they were thoroughly defeated and finally sued for peace and accepting the terms I granted them, they have remained perfectly quiet and peaceable ever since. The history of that campaign was published in general orders by the lieutenant general commanding the Army in November, 1858, and noticed by the honorable secretary of war in his report of the same year to the President.

Second. The Indian tribes are rapidly decreasing in numbers, especially west of the Rocky Mountains, caused in some measure by the wars ~~ago~~ waged against them, and more particularly by the encroachments of the whites upon their hunting grounds and fisheries and other means of subsistence and by the readiness by which they adopt the vices of the whites rather than their virtues.

Third. Their numbers are rapidly diminished by disease and death. Syphilis and pulmonary diseases arising from vicious conduct intemperance and exposure. Fourth. It is only amongst those Indians who reside near the white settlements that intoxication prevails to any extent. The only practicable course to prevent or mitigate the evil is to collect the Indians on reservations

under military control and ~~exclusively~~ exclusively under military jurisdiction. Fifth. Prostitution and the diseases consequent upon it do not prevail to any extent except amongst those Indians living with or in the neighborhood of white people. Sixth. The only practical remedy to prevent the total extinction of the Indian tribes is to separate them entirely from the white race. Seventh. Remove the Indians to new reservations remote from settlements. Eighth. On the reservation let every family have a piece of land and cultivate for itself and a portion of the reservation set apart to be

cultivated in common, all under the direction of the supervisor.

Ninth. Confer no power of alienation of real estate upon Indians they are naturally great gamblers. Tenth. This question can better be answered by the supervisor. Eleventh. Schools have a good effect Provide for a Protestant minister on every reservation having under him assistants to teach schools. Twelfth. The effect of Christian missions amongst Indians is good and it is recommended that they be maintained. Thirteenth. After the pacification of the Indian Territory let a section of country be set apart for their permanent residence and known as Indian Territory, from which exclude all whites and place the p 1270 territory under the control of the War Department under such regulations as the Congress may make or approve. Fourteenth. Yes. Indians have no need of money. Whiskey sellers will get it. Government will furnish Indians what is absolutely necessary. Fifteenth. Very little I imagine from what I have heard. Sixteenth. Cannot say. Seventeenth. Most of it I have no doubt. Eighteenth. Give the Indians no money and exclude whites from their country. Nineteenth. Cannot say anything on this ~~subject~~ subject. Twentieth. The War Department unquestionably. I have seen the working of the Indian Bureau under both and unhesitatingly give the preference to the War Department. So long as peace and quiet prevails amongst the Indians and they are well furnished with supplies by the Indian agent, everything goes on smoothly, but when war comes and difficulties arise amongst the different tribes or with the white people, they always resort to the military commander to settle their affairs. I have had much to do in this way. Twenty-first. Let it be done by law and enforced by arms; make it a military colony. Twenty-second. It will be a good plan to place orphan children in the families of Christian white men to be trained and educated. Twenty-third. Collect the Indians on great reservations and protect interests by military. G. Wright. Brig. Gen U. S. Army Commanding.