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L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

TRANSMITTING,

In response to Senate resolution of January 29, 1889, information relative to Captain Hall's company, Oregon Volunteers.

FEBRUARY 4, 1889.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington City, February 1, 1889.

The Secretary of War has the honor to transmit to the United States Senate a report, dated the 31st ultimo, from the Adjutant-General's Office, together with a copy of Senate Executive Document No. 36, Fiftieth Congress, first session, containing a former report of the Adjutant-General's Office, dated December 22, 1887, which embraces all matters found of record in that office relative to the company called "Capt. Lawrence Hall's Company of Oregon Volunteers," the same being transmitted in response to Senate resolution of the 29th ultimo calling for this information.

WILLIAM C. ENDICOTT,
Secretary of War.

The PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE UNITED STATES SENATE.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, January 31, 1889.

SIR: I have the honor to return herewith Senate resolution of the 29th instant, directing the Secretary of War to cause an investigation to be made into the organization and service of what has been commonly known in Oregon as "Capt. Lawrence Hall's Company of Volunteers," which it is alleged was organized in the early part of the year 1848 for service, and which served in the Indian war in Oregon known as the Cayuse war, and to report to the Senate all the facts relating to said organization, whether of record or otherwise, together with the names of the officers and privates constituting such company, referred to this office for report, and to transmit previous papers relating to the matter in question, together with a copy of Senate Ex. Doc. No. 36, Fiftieth Congress, first session, which contains a report from this office of December 22, 1887, in reply to Senate resolution of December 20, 1887.

No additional information touching the matter referred to has been found of record in this office.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. C. KELTON,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

The SECRETARY OF WAR.

[Senate Ex. Doc. No. 36, Fiftieth Congress, first session.]

Letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, in response to Senate resolution of December 20, 1887, copies of records relating to Captain Hall's Company of Oregon Volunteers.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington City, December 29, 1887.

The PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE UNITED STATES SENATE:

The Secretary of War has the honor to transmit to the United States Senate a report, dated the 20th instant, from the Adjutant-General, together with copies of reports from his office dated September 12, 1855; and January 11, 1886, embracing all matters found of record in that office relative to the company called "Captain Hall's Company of Oregon Volunteers," which it is alleged served in the Cayuse war in the Territory of Oregon, the same being transmitted in response to Senate resolution of the 20th instant directing the Secretary of War to report when said company was organized, where and when, if at all, mustered into the service of the United States, when disbanded, and the names of the persons respectively composing such company.

WILLIAM C. ENDICOTT,
Secretary of War.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, December 22, 1887.

SIR: I have the honor to return herewith a resolution of the Senate, dated the 20th instant, directing the Secretary of War to furnish a copy of all records in his Department relating to "Captain Hall's Company of Oregon Volunteers," and to invite attention to reports from this office to the Secretary of War, dated September 12, 1855, and January 11, 1886, respectively, copies herewith, embracing all matters found of record in this office relative to that company.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. C. KELTON,
Acting Adjutant-General.

The SECRETARY OF WAR.

[Indorsement on letter (No. 76 O.) of governor of Oregon, dated August 1, 1855, transmitting names of soldiers of First Regiment, Oregon Riflemen, in 1847-'48.]

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE, *September 12, 1855.*

The list accompanying this letter purports to give the names and periods of service of those persons who were engaged in suppressing the difficulties with the Cayuse Indians in Oregon in 1847-'48. These difficulties occurred prior to the organization of a regular Territorial government for Oregon, the act concerning which was not passed till August 14, 1848.

By the act of July 27, 1854, \$75,000 were appropriated to defray "the actual and necessary expenses incurred by the provisional government of Oregon in defending the people of the said Territory from the attacks and hostilities of the Cayuse Indians;" but the execution of this act is confided wholly to the Treasury, and not to the War Department, it being provided "that all of said claims and accounts not heretofore adjusted shall be settled and adjusted at such place and in such manner as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe."

No rolls of these Oregon volunteers or militia have ever been received at this office, nor is anything known of their alleged services beyond what is contained in the list now furnished by Governor Curry, and this latter, for the reasons above stated, it would seem proper to transfer to the files of the Treasury Department.

Respectfully submitted.

S. COOPER,
Adjutant-General.

HON. JEFFERSON DAVIS,
Secretary of War.

[Indorsement on letter of Hon. J. H. Mitchell, U. S. S., dated December 30, 1885 (330 V. S., 1886), submitting letter of S. A. Holcomb, asking what War Department records show in regard to Colonel Gilliam's services, also Captain Hall's first Company, Oregon Riflemen, in war against Cayuse Indians.]

WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE, *January 11, 1886.*

Respectfully returned to the Secretary of War.

The rolls of the force referred to are not on file in this office, but are supposed to be filed in the office of the Third Auditor of the Treasury, under the provisions of the act approved February 14, 1851, entitled "An act to settle and adjust the expenses of the people of Oregon in defending themselves from the attacks and hostilities of Cayuse Indians in the years 1847-'48."

R. C. DRUM,
Adjutant-General.