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NOTES OF A MILITARY RECONNOISSANCE,

FROM

FORT LEAVENWORTH, IN MISSOURI,

TO

SAN DIEGO, IN CALIFORNIA,

INCLUDING PART OF THE

ARKANSAS, DEL NORTE, AND GILA RIVERS.

BY LIEUT. COL. W. H. EMORY.

MADE IN 1846-7, WITH THE ADVANCED GUARD OF THE "ARMY OF THE WEST."

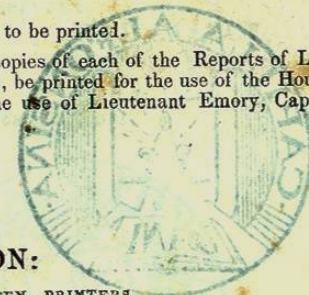
FEBRUARY 9, 1848.—Ordered to be printed.

FEBRUARY 17, 1848.—Ordered, That 10,000 extra copies of each of the Reports of Lieutenant Emory, Captain Cooke, and Lieutenant Abert, be printed for the use of the House; and that of said number, 250 copies be furnished for the use of Lieutenant Emory, Captain Cooke, and Lieutenant Abert, respectively.

WASHINGTON:

WENDELL AND VAN BENTHUYSEN, PRINTERS.

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## LETTER

FROM

## THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

TRANSMITTING

*A communication from the Colonel of the corps of Topographical Engineers, enclosing copies of the reports of Lieutenant Emory, of portions of the report of Captain Cook, of the report of Lieutenant Abert, and of the journal kept by Captain Johnston, in compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 17th January, 1848.*

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
Washington, February 9, 1848.

SIR: In compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 17th ultimo, I have the honor to transmit herewith a communication of the colonel of the corps of topographical engineers, enclosing copies of "the report and map of Lieutenant Emory, of the topographical engineers, of the route of the army under General Kearny, from the Missouri river to the Pacific ocean, with such parts of the report of Captain Cook as related to his deviation from such route, and the reports and map of Lieutenant Abert, of the same corps, of his examinations in the province of New Mexico." I also transmit herewith a copy of the "journal of the expedition, kept by Captain Abraham R. Johnston."

These, with the documents communicated on the 24th ultimo, comprise all those required by the resolution above referred to.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. L. MARCY,  
*Secretary of War.*

HON. ROBERT C. WINTHROP,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*





LETTER

1852

THE SECRETARY OF WAR

A communication from the Hon. Secy of the Dept. of War, Washington, D. C., dated the 11th of January, 1852, in relation to the report of Lieut. J. H. ...

That in compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives, passed the 17th of June, 1848, the Secy of War has caused to be prepared and printed a report and map of Lieut. J. H. ...

These, with the documents communicated on the 21st ultimo, are hereby transmitted to you for the use of the Senate.

Wm. H. Hunt, Secretary of War  
Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, Speaker of the House of Representatives



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INSTRUCTIONS, AND EXPLANATORY REMARKS.

WASHINGTON, September 1, 1847.

To Col. J. J. ABERT,  
Chief of the Corps of Topographical Engineers:

SIR: The following order was received by me June 5th, 1846:

BUREAU OF TOPOGRAPHICAL ENGINEERS,  
Washington, June 5, 1846.

SIR: You will repair, without delay, to Fort Leavenworth, and report yourself and party to Colonel Kearny, 1st dragoons, as field and topographical engineers of his command. In addition to yourself, the party will consist of—

First Lieutenant Warner, now at Washington;  
Second Lieutenant Abert, do.  
Second Lieutenant Peck.

Lieutenant Peck is at West Point, but he has been ordered to repair to St. Louis, and report to you at that place. Should Colonel Kearny be at St. Louis, which you will ascertain on passing through that place, you will report to him at St. Louis.

Although ordered to report as field and topographical engineers, under the regulations, you will not consider these in the light of exclusive duties, but will perform any military duty which shall be assigned to you by Colonel Kearny in accordance with your rank.

Should Colonel Kearny have moved on the prairies with his command, you will make every effort to overtake him.

Respectfully, sir, your obedient servant,

J. J. ABERT,

Colonel Topographical Engineers.

To Lieut. W. H. EMORY, *Top. Eng.*

Anticipating that the route of Colonel Kearny's command would be through unexplored regions, your suggestions required, that in all cases where it did not interfere with other and more immediate military demands of the service, the attention of myself, and the officers assigned to duty with me, should be employed in collecting data which would give the government some idea of the regions traversed.

The column commanded by Colonel Kearny, to which we were attached, styled "The Army of the West," to march from Fort Leavenworth, was destined to strike a blow at the northern provinces of Mexico, more especially New Mexico and California.

It was supposed we would barely reach Fort Leavenworth in time to join the army, and but twenty-four hours were allowed us