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Washington Dec. 23, 1850

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There is now no doubt that we shall have "the three sheets of the Reconnaissance of the Western Coast from Monterey to Columbia River by the Coast Survey, ready to send by the Steamer of the 27th. The number of this first edition will necessarily be limited, and the sailing directions will be printed to accompany the engraved sheets in order to expedite the publication. The plates have, by careful organization of the work by the Apt in charge of the office, by constant supervising by that officer and by Lt. Bartlett, and by great effort on the part of the engravers, been engraved in the short time of twenty working days.—

I have directed that five copies be sent to you to forward by the steamer of the 27th, and if you desire them to be put in rolls for direction and franking, will have them so prepared for you. A second edition with engraved sailing directions and a view of the entrance to Columbia river will be ready, in say four weeks from now.

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