TOPOGRAPHICAL MAP

OF THE

ROAD FROM MISSOURI TO OREGON

COMMENCING AT THE MOUTH OF THE KANSAS IN THE MISSOURI RIVER

AND ENDING AT THE MOUTH OF THE WALLAH WALLAH IN THE COLUMBIA

In VII Sections

SECTION III

From the field notes and journal of Capt. J.C. Frémont,

and from sketches and notes made on the ground by his assistant Charles Preuss

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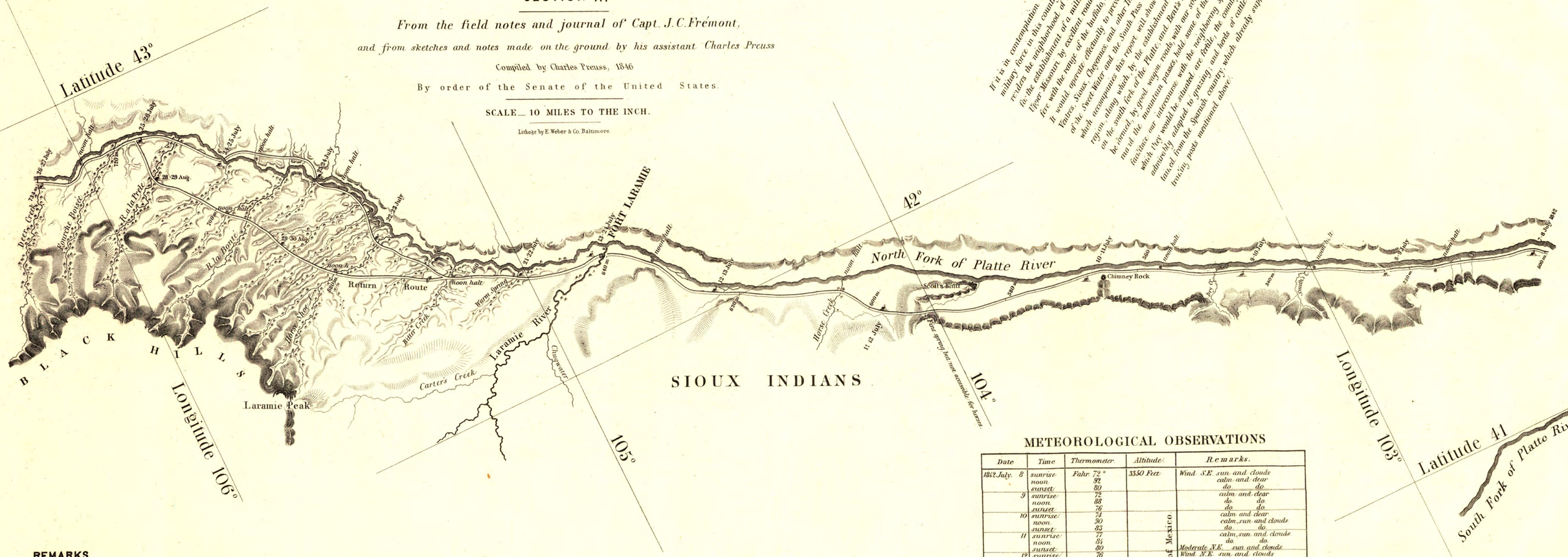

If it is in contemplation to keep open the communications with Oregon Territory, a show of military force in this country is absolutely necessary; and a combination of advantages renders the neighborhood of **Fort Laramie** the most suitable place on the line of the Platte and the for the establishment of a military post. It is connected with the mouth of the Platte and the Upper Missouri by excellent roads, which are in frequent use, and would not in any way interfere with the range of the buffalo on which the neighboring Indians mainly depend for support. It would operate effectually to prevent any such coalitions as are now formed among the Sioux, Yanctons, Sioux, Cheyennes, and other Indians, and would keep the Oregon road through the valley of the Sweet Water and the South Pass of the mountains constantly open. A glance at the map which accompanies this report will show that it lies at the foot of a broken and mountainous region, along which, by the establishment of small posts in the neighborhood of St Vrains Fort, on the south fork of the Platte, and Bents Fort, on the Arkansas, a line of communication would be formed, by good wagon roads with our southern military posts, which would entirely command all the mountain passes, hold some of the most troublesome tribes in check, and protect and facilitate our intercourse with the neighboring Spanish Settlements. The valley of the river on which they would be situated are fertile, the country which supports immense herds of buffalo is admirably adapted to grazing, and herds of cattle might be maintained by the posts, or obtained from the Spanish country, which already supplies a portion of their provisions to the trovisity posts mentioned above.

Frémonts Report.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

Date	Time	Thermometer	Altitude	Remarks.
1842. July. 8	sunrise	Fahr. 72°	3350 Feet	Wind S.E. sun and clouds
	noon	92		calm and clear
	sunset	80		do do
9	sunrise	72		calm and clear
	noon	88		do do
	sunset	76		do do
10	sunrise	74		calm and clear
	noon	90		calm sun and clouds
	sunset	82		do do
11	sunrise	77		calm sun and clouds
	noon	84		do do
	sunset	80		Moderate N.E. sun and clouds
12	sunrise	76		Wind N.E. sun and clouds
	noon	86		do do do
	sunset	66		Light wind from N. clear
13	sunrise	65		Wind N. clear
	noon	80		W. sun and clouds
	sunset	67		W. do do
14	sunrise	70	4470 Feet	Wind W. few clouds
	noon	93		Moderate from W. sun and clouds
	sunset	80		do S.E. light clouds & sun.
15	sunrise	71		Fresh wind S.E sun and clouds
	noon	90		do do
	sunset	84		calm and clear
16	sunrise	74		Strong wind from W cloudy
	noon	92		do do
	sunset	85		Moderate from S do
17	sunrise	74		Wind N.W. cloudy
	noon	96		do do
	sunset	82		Wind NE rain thunder and lightning
18	sunrise	64		calm cloudy
	noon	73		Wind from S cloudy
	sunset	72		do E do
19	sunrise	68		calm and clear
	noon	81		Wind E sun and clouds
	sunset	73		do S.E cloudy
20	sunrise	60		Wind E cloudy
	noon	95		do E rain
	sunset	68		calm and cloudy
26			4640 Feet	

Elevation above the Gulf of Mexico

REMARKS.

1. *The figures on the road indicate the distance in miles from* **Westport Landing**
2. *Game — East and West of this section more or less buffalo and antelopes, but 50 miles from Fort Laramie each way no game is to be found.*
3. *Grass — is scanty and only occures on the banks of the rivers and creeks.*
4. *Fuel — also scanty. Driftwood, sage bushes, bois de vache and some cotton wood.*
5. *Indians Good guards ought to be kept all the way. Sioux Indians are not to be trusted.*

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