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About one half a mile off
line of travel we saw a party
including a buffalo, and some
we saw no game except a couple
of birds that were present for a
day, accompanying us, - which
the Indians report to be his square
of killed male, one of these latter
being recently in our camp.
Made a land about a dozen
defiance, most probably the former
as he took refuge in a cave
at our approach, it think him
the largest specimen of the
I have ever seen.

5th 5th day. Clear & cool, lighting
last night in the south.

Had resumed our journey
without breakfast, passed on
a level plain with numerous trees
each side for many miles, which
changed to gravelly ridges, rocky
ravines for several miles, about
10 miles out of Mt. Shasta, after
crossing which, beautiful mountain
very prairie apparently rich &
productive well watered with
streams of good pure water
bounded on nearly all sides with
mountains, though I saw no
mountain water but little rain
fell from a direct N.W. course
to the West. Perhaps one half
an hour before arriving at
the Agency we were overtaken
by a heavy rain.

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As we were leaving the Agency
we were travelling, the immense clouds
of dust ^{and} filled the air, sometimes
obscuring everything except what was
within a few feet, the sharp sand
stinging our faces, eyes, & noses & mud
crusts at times, our horses nearly
blinded ^{by} the ⁱⁿ ^{clude} ^{of} the ^{of} the ^{of} the
that we could not have found it at
all.

Arrived at the Agency just
as they were sitting down to supper
any doubt had existed as to man's being made
& if any appearance would have been
a sufficient argument in defense of
the scripture assertion.

Found but one letter from
home & that over two weeks old.

This forenoon having occasion
to dismount in order to rearrange
my saddle blanket, the pony stepped
up on a tree, crashing it badly, & it
bruised me much all day, &
I know first that I can scarcely walk.
I should have mentioned that
we stopped for dinner on Bluff
Creek - North of Mt. Shasta.

9th 5th day. Clear & pleasant
today, being sick, but
a party of us had gone to
& to see about for him, & knowing
that the Indians will not be
willing to stay long at this time
I am compelled to leave at
once, though being so lame
and so hot with great diffi-
culty, but I have to go.