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Honorable Roy A. Taylor
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Taylor:

This is in reply to your communication of August 29th concerning General John C. Fremont.

We regret that our letter of August 23 did not clearly state that the reconnaissance of the territory occupied by the Cherokee Indians was commenced by Captain William G. Williams of the Topographical Engineers and John C. Fremont, after their survey for a proposed railroad from Cincinnati to Charleston. The two surveys were separate and distinct.

If you are interested in having more information about the railroad survey, it can be found in Senate Document No. 157, 25th Congress, 2nd Session, and in Cardinal L. Goodwin's John Charles Fremont (Stanford University, California, 1930). These publications should be available at the Library of Congress.

A search has been made in the records of the former General Land Office but no information has been found concerning Captain Williams' survey in Western North Carolina.

Sincerely yours,

Robert H. Bahmer
Acting Archivist
of the United States

Enclosure