2nd endorsement

Headqrs. of the Army,
Washington, May 1. 1877.

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of War with papers upon which the adverse decision referred to by Major General McCrowell, in preceding endorsement was based.

There is no objection to Exploration and recommendation. Let the Secretary of War should not encourage a waste of money by building forts one year to be abandoned the next.

My advice is to get along with what Posts we have till the Texas Pacific Railroad is located. So that the Posts will be along it. instead of being left away to one side like Fort Halleck in Nevada.

We may keep on these abandoned forts in South Eastern Arizona - viz Old Fort Mason. Camp Cuttenden and Camp Wallen. If troops are needed in that quarter. Let them bivouac till Experience shows the country to be inhabitable.

This is all I meant by forbidding any new posts in that Region. without a full understanding of a permanent necessity.

W. T. Sherman
General.

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The Secretary of War concurs in the views of General Sherman.

H. Hooley
Chief Clerk

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