The Harbor of Refuge, being located about the middle of the bar, imparted such a character to the harbor of refuge on this coast as to lead to false impressions, concerning Port Orford, and the Pacific river.

The reports, made by "first officers," were not by any means so favorable as the reports and observations of the bar at the mouth of the Columbia river, but the report of Captain Wilson, in 1838, says: "Port Orford is not protected from the southeasterly winds, nor from the south, southeast, and southwest, as it has no independent harbor." The facts are quite to the contrary of what Captain Wilson states in his report. It will be observed in the following extracts from the reports, that the bar at the mouth of the Columbia river, is quite as dangerous as the bar at Port Orford.

"The bar at the mouth of the Columbia river is much more extensive than that of Port Orford. The former bar is about seven miles long, and only about one mile in width at the wide part, the bar opposite the mouth of the river being much more extensive. This bar was reported by Captain Wilson, in 1838, as being quite as dangerous as the bar at Port Orford. The bar at the mouth of the Columbia river is quite as hazardous as the bar at Port Orford. The bar at the mouth of the Columbia river is much more extensive than that of Port Orford. The latter bar is about seven miles long, and only about one mile in width at the wide part, the bar opposite the mouth of the river being much more extensive. This bar was reported by Captain Wilson, in 1838, as being quite as dangerous as the bar at Port Orford. The bar at the mouth of the Columbia river is much more extensive than that of Port Orford. The former bar is about seven miles long, and only about one mile in width at the wide part, the bar opposite the mouth of the river being much more extensive. This bar was reported by Captain Wilson, in 1838, as being quite as dangerous as the bar at Port Orford. The bar at the mouth of the Columbia river is much more extensive than that of Port Orford. The former bar is about seven miles long, and only about one mile in width at the wide part, the bar opposite the mouth of the river being much more extensive. This bar was reported by Captain Wilson, in 1838, as being quite as dangerous as the bar at Port Orford.