

LETTER FROM SIR GEORGE SIMPSON.

HUDSON'S BAY HOUSE, *Lachine, C. E.*, November 14, 1848.

DEAR SIR: In your negotiation with the United States government for the sale of the company's possessory rights in Oregon, I do not know whether you have omitted the condition of our establishment as regards defence.

All those establishments, say thirteen in number, as per list annexed, the sites of which have been carefully selected for offensive and defensive operations, and for the military command of the country, are protected by strong picketing and corner bastions, rendering them defensible against Indians, or other irregular force, while the possession of Cape Disappointment, which is a position of great strength, affords the holders thereof the entire command of the navigation of the Columbia river.

I am, dear sir, your most obedient servant,

G. SIMPSON.

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List of the Hudson's Bay Company's establishments, referred to in the annexed letter.

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| 1. Cape Disappointment. | 8. Fort Okunagan. |
| 2. Fort George. | 9. Fort Colvill. |
| 3. Fort Vancouver. | 10. Kootonais. <i>Kootnaico</i> |
| 4. Fort Umiqua. <i>Umiqua</i> | 11. Flat Heads. |
| 5. Fort Halla Halla. <i>Halla Halla</i> | 12. Nisqually. |
| 6. Fort Hall. | 13. Cowilitz. |
| 7. Fort Baisée. | |