

Oregon up to the 49th parallel of north latitude, we have the right to it as been su
to 54° 40'. anger. A

I beg leave to refer the House to the act of delivery of Astoria from this children
British Government to that of the United States, which is in the following fertile hom
language, to wit: I will no

"In obedience to the commands of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, if it be in o
gent, signified in a despatch from the Right Honorable the Earl Bathurst, migrants f
addressed to the partners or agents of the Northwest Company, bearing and I was
date the 27th of January, 1818; and in obedience to a subsequent order to those
dated the 26th of July, from William H. Sheriff, esq., captain of his Majesty's ship which I co
Andromache, we, the undersigned, do, in conformity to the resolutions
first article of the treaty of Ghent, restore to the Government of the United States with a nat
States, through its agent, J. B. Prevost, esq., the settlement of Fort George any other
George, on the Columbia river. Given under our hands in triplicate, We have
Fort George, Columbia river, this 6th day of October, 1818. upon it are

F. HICKEY,

Captain of his Majesty's ship Blossom. such ques

J. KEEFE,

Of the Northwest Company." frontier, w

I will also refer the House to the acceptance thereof, by the American giving no
commissioner, which is laid down in the following language, viz: pancy of c

"I do hereby acknowledge to have this day received, in behalf of the we should
Government of the United States, the possession of the settlement design we made
nated above, in conformity to the first article of the treaty of Ghent. Give ion of th
under my hand in triplicate, at Fort George, Columbia river, this 6th fused, an
October, 1818. mise of th

J. B. PREVOST,

Agent for the United States." the gentl
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Shortly after the interchange of this correspondence, the British flag wa the Presi
hailed down, and the American ensign placed in its stead. vate care

Sir, I ask the members on this floor what means would have been more tion to re
effective in the *surrender of the Oregon Territory* than the above. occupied

It may be true that the people of Missouri, whom I have the honor, in in bad f
part, to represent, feel a more warm affection for Oregon than others in this cepted, t
nation. I cannot myself help feeling for it the warmest affection. If Mr. P
therefore, I should say anything calculated to wound the feelings of any red to a
who hear me, I assure them that it is not my intention. I have witnessed. ernmen
with deep solicitude, the tears of the mother in parting with her sons and Mr. S
daughters, when I have seen them take up the travel for Oregon, which man fro