

BRITISH AND AMERICAN JOINT COMMISSION ON  
THE HUDSON'S BAY AND PUGET SOUND AGRICULTURAL COMPANIES' CLAIMS.

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In the matter of the claim of the PUGET SOUND AGRICULTURAL COMPANY.

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ARGUMENT.\*

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TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMISSIONERS :—

The Memorial of the Puget Sound Agricultural Company shows as their claim, under the treaty of 1846, that at the date of that treaty, the Company held and possessed certain lands in the present territory of Washington; one tract on Puget Sound, between the Nisqually and Puyallup rivers, containing about two hundred and sixty square miles, or about one hundred and sixty-seven thousand and forty acres; another at the Cowlitz river, called the Cowlitz farms, of three thousand five hundred and seventy-two acres of land.

That on those two tracts were various buildings and farming enclosures.

That they owned at that time three thousand head of cattle, three hundred and fifty horses, and five thousand three hundred sheep, that were pastured and fed on these lands.

They further show that although the United States, by the terms of the treaty of 1846, were bound to confirm to the Company the lands and farms and other property held and possessed by them at the date of that convention, yet this was not done; and in consequence of this failure on the part of the government of the United States to fulfil its agreement, and of the acts and proceedings of

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\* This argument is chiefly the work of the Honorable Edward Lander.