

Your memorialists, believing that the time has fully come when it is the wisdom and policy of Congress to open this western wilderness to the skilful and persevering industry of civilized man, are desirous of devoting all their future efforts to this great object, and to testify the purity of their intentions by cherishing the interests of a Colony planted under the auspices of Government: they, therefore, would respectfully ask for such extent of territory, and such rights, immunities, and support, as may render them a respectable, peaceful, and prosperous branch of the republic. They think it desirable that Congress grant a right of jurisdiction over the territory which lies between the parallels of latitude forty-six and forty-nine degrees, north, and is bounded, on the west, by the Pacific Ocean, or the western limit of the United States' claim; and on the east by a degree of longitude, which intersects the Oregon river, one hundred miles from some fixed point at its mouth: that they grant a right, in fee simple, of so much of said territory as may be deemed adequate to the prosecution of the objects and pursuits of the colony: that they open one or more ports of entry, and fortify the same: that they extinguish the Indian title, to a part or the whole of said territory: and that they furnish transports and other means of conveying the settlers and their effects to that country.

Your memorialists will ever consider it their chief happiness to be the devoted subjects of the American republic, and to enjoy the benefits of its protection. They will cheerfully submit to any condition which Congress may be pleased to impose, and to all the hardships and sacrifices incidental to the accomplishment of their important design. They, for themselves, and three thousand others who will associate in solemn covenant with them, ask for the aforesaid country, to possess and enjoy it, as a rich inheritance, and engage sacredly to preserve it for posterity in its brightest lustre. As in duty bound will ever pray.