

ship *Columbia*, commanded by Mr. John Kendrick, under the flag and protection of the United States of America. They had their tents and outhouses erected on the same spot where our house formerly stood, but I saw no remains of our former architecture. We found lying at anchor His Majesty's ships *Princesa* and *San Carlos*; likewise the ship *Columbia* and sloop *Washington*, and the second day after our arrival in the *Argonaut* we were captured by Don Estevan Jose Martinez. The Americans were suffered to carry on their commerce with the natives unmolested.

This is the best information I can give you that might tend to elucidate the propriety of Mr. Meares taking possession of the village of Nootka and Friendly cove.

Should anyone whatever doubt the truth of this protest, I am always ready to attest it before any court of jurisdiction, or any person duly authorized to examine me.

I have the honour to be,  
With the greatest esteem,

(Signed) ROBERT DUFFIN.

That the above was the identical truth was sworn before me this 21st day of September, 1792.

(Signed) GEORGE VANCOUVER.

**Palmerston cape**, west coast of Vancouver island. After Henry John Temple, 3rd Viscount Palmerston, in the peerage of Ireland, G.C.B., and K.G. A distinguished statesman and orator. Born at Broadlands, Hampshire, 20 October, 1784. On his father's death, 16 April, 1802, he succeeded to the peerage, and matriculated at Cambridge university, 27 January, 1806, proceeding to master of arts without examination, as was then the privilege of noblemen. Entered parliament for the pocket borough of Newtown, Isle of Wight, in 1807. Privy councillor, 1 November, 1809. For many years Lord Palmerston was one of the most noted statesmen of Great Britain, having sat in sixteen parliaments and been a member of every administration except Peel's and Derby's, from 1807 to 1865, and he had held office for all but half a century. In 1846 Palmerston was succeeded as prime minister by Lord John Russell, after whom the cape to the westward of Cape Palmerston was named. (*q.v.*) Lord Palmerston was a member of the government during the Russian war, and in 1854 laid before the cabinet a proposal, which was adopted, to occupy the Crimea and capture Sebastopol; and he was prime minister during the American Civil war, when the forcible seizure of two Confederate passengers on board the British mail steamer *Trent* took place in November, 1861. Palmerston's prompt