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bully and storm as they ploase, yet thir words will ceratte no felling in
British hearts save that of contempt. British hearts save that of contempt.
The San Juan Island didpate is aquess or that requires bat little argument, and to an unprejadieed mxd ddmita,
of but one constraction. Fow old res qdents but can call to mind the origin
of the dispute, which arose in
a859, when San Juan Island, which up, to
thiat time had remained ins the undis. turbed possession of Great Britain, oas soldiers tuder Oapts. Pickett and Pleasantod, who laid olaim 10 it as a portion of the territory of the sharply and rapidly the papermmit siles flow between Gor. Douglas, wh
represented the British Goveriment, go Genillarney and Colonol Gasey opa it side of the Amerioans, how a large into Sin Juan Foland, and entrene ments thrown ape isiland; and how for miny weeks the prospect of an equgagement that might Imminent. The fears of a war wer allayed by the action of General Scott, who digreed to a joint ocoupation of the Lolapd antil such time as the case could be submitted to to arbitration The year following that on wbiteh the Island was ingaded was fixed, for th the pointa; bat the civil war broke out and the Unicd Stasea Government ha, ing ainoe had its attention engrossed by many mournfal pages to its histor paid but little attention reverend seignors" from the Pacifi advise a poliey which mast aurely provoke a war ; for Great Brita in wil never consent to give up the Islan peaceably, except through the decisio civil struggle raged in the Srates, ha

