

time previously. My letter, I conceive, was sufficiently explicit in this matter, nor do I think any doubt can arise from the treaty.

The treaty does not confirm whatever you may have claimed from the time the treaty became known, but confirms the *farms and lands* of the Puget's Sound Agricultural Company. "Farms and lands" are well understood terms, and all such as have been in the sole and exclusive use and occupancy of the Puget's Sound Agricultural Company will be confirmed.

The trespasses and other wrongs of which you complain are matters for the courts of justice. The treaty is, and has all the force of a law of the United States, and as such is to be respected and obeyed. As alien friends our courts are thrown open to you, and there your remedy is to be sought for the violation of your rights.

In conclusion, I take the liberty of again calling your attention to the matters referred to in my letter of December 20, as to the nature and value of the possessions of the Hudson's Bay Company, and will state that I am desirous of procuring information as to their value, and will be glad to receive any communication from you on that subject.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

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