

III. In the future appropriation of the territory south of the 49th parallel of north latitude, as provided in the 1st Article of this Treaty, the possessory rights of the Hudson's Bay Company, and of all British subjects who may be already in the occupation of land or other property lawfully acquired within the said territory, shall be respected.

IV. The farms, lands, and other property of every description, belonging to the Puget's Sound Agricultural Company, on the north side of the Columbia river, shall be confirmed to the said Company. In case, however, the situation of those farms and lands should be considered by the United States to be of public and political importance, and the United States Government should signify a desire to obtain possession of the whole or of any part thereof, the property so required shall be transferred to the said government at a proper valuation, to be agreed upon between the Parties.

V. The present Treaty shall be ratified by Her Britannic Majesty, and by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof; and the ratifications shall be exchanged at London at the expiration of six months from the date hereof, or sooner if possible.

In witness whereof the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed the same, and have affixed thereto the seals of their arms.

Done at Washington, the 15th day of June, in the year of our Lord, 1846.

[L.S.] RICHARD PAKENHAM.

[L.S.] JAMES BUCHANAN.

**DECLARATION BETWEEN HER MAJESTY AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, APPROVING THE BOUNDARY MAPS, PREPARED BY THE JOINT COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED UNDER ARTICLE I. OF THE TREATY OF 15TH JUNE, 1846 (OREGON TERRITORY).—SIGNED AT WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 24, 1870.**

The Undersigned, Edward Thornton, Esquire, Her Britannic Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States, and Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State of the United States, duly authorized by their respective Governments, having met together;

The set of maps, 7 in number, which have been prepared by the Commissioners appointed by the two Powers to survey and mark out the boundary between their respective territories under the first Article of the Treaty concluded between them at Washington, on the 15th of June, 1846, having been produced;

And it appearing that they do correctly indicate the said boundary from the point where the boundary laid down in Treaties and Conventions prior to June 15, 1846, terminates westward on the 49th parallel of north latitude to the eastern shore of the Gulf of Georgia, which boundary has been defined by the Commissioners by marks upon the ground;

The Undersigned, without prejudice to the rights of their respective Governments as to the settlement and the determination of the remainder of the said Boundary, hereby declare that the said maps certified and authenticated under the signatures of Colonel John Summerfield Hawkins, Her Britannic Majesty's Commissioner, and of Archibald Campbell, Esquire, the Commissioner of the United States, and of which duplicate copies similarly certified and authenticated are in the possession of the Government of Her Britannic Majesty, have been duly examined and considered, and, as well as the marks by which the

<sup>1</sup>From British & Foreign State Papers, Vol. 63, p. 1053.