

the Oregon Territory, of which I am sorry to say I have not a copy, but which may be found in the Atlas to the Narrative of the United States' Exploring Expedition.

Appendix.

I remain, &c.
(Signed) GEORGE BANCROFT.

Viscount Palmerston to Mr. Bancroft.

Foreign Office, August 24, 1848.

Viscount Palmerston presents his compliments to Mr. Bancroft, and has the honour to return to him herewith, with his best thanks, the traced copy of Wilkes' Chart of the Straits of Juan de Fuca, &c., which Mr. Bancroft so obligingly sent to Lord Palmerston on the 31st ultimo.

Mr. Bancroft to Viscount Palmerston.

My Lord,

108, Eaton Square November 3, 1848.

I did not forget your Lordship's desire to see the United States' surveys of the waters of Puget's Sound, and those dividing Vancouver's Island from our territory.

These surveys have been reduced, and have just been published in three parts; and I transmit, for your Lordship's acceptance, the first copy which I have received.

The surveys extend to the line of 49°; and by combining two of the charts, your Lordship will readily trace the whole course of the channel of Arro, through the middle of which our boundary line passes. I think you will esteem the work done in a manner very creditable to the young navy officers concerned in it.

I have, &c.
(Signed) GEORGE BANCROFT.

Viscount Palmerston to Mr. Bancroft.

Sir,

Foreign Office, November 7, 1848.

I beg leave to return you my best thanks for the surveys of Puget's Sound, and of the Gulf of Georgia, which accompanied your letter of the 3rd instant.

The information as to soundings contained in these charts will, no doubt, be of great service to the Commissioners who are to be appointed under the Treaty of the 15th of June, 1846, by assisting them in determining where the line of boundary described in the 1st Article of that Treaty ought to run.

I have, &c.
(Signed) PALMERSTON.

No. 5.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE II OF TREATY.

The following was moved in the Senate of the United States, on 12th June, 1846, as an addition to the Resolution advising the President to accept the proposal:—

“With the following proviso at the end of the IInd Article of the proposed Convention, to wit:

“Provided, That the right of navigating the Columbia River secured to the Hudson's Bay Company, and to all British subjects trading with the same, be limited to the year A.D. 1863, when it shall cease and determine.”

Mr. Buchanan to Mr. MacLane.

(No. 34)

Department of State, Washington, June 13, 1846.

Sir, The President communicated to the Senate, on the 10th instant, a confidential message, of which I transmit you a copy, asking their previous advice in regard to the Project of a Convention for the adjustment of the Oregon question delivered to me by Mr. Pakenham on the 6th instant.

On yesterday the Senate adopted the following resolution:—

“Resolved, (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring), That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby advised to accept the proposal of the British Government accompanying his message to the Senate dated 10th June, 1846, for a Convention to settle boundaries, &c., between the United States and Great Britain, west of the Rocky or Stony Mountains.”

The vote of the Senate stood 37* to 12.

I have learned from the best sources that the Senate gave this advice under the conviction that, by

* So, in the letter as officially printed in the United States.