

and Government of the United States ; and by reason thereof, and of the acts and proceedings had and taken, under and by colour of the authority and of the laws of the United States, the control, possession, and use of the said Territory by the Hudson's Bay Company, for the purposes of their trade, and their rights in the exercise and carrying on of their trade in furs, peltries, and other articles, as well as their trade in the shipment and sale of timber and their foreign commerce, were restricted and denied, and in effect wholly taken away and lost, and for their said rights, and the forced relinquishment and loss thereof they claim the said sum of two hundredthousand pounds sterling (£200,000) equal to nine hundred and seventy-three thousand three hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents (\$973,333.33).

III. NAVIGATION OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER.

The Hudson's Bay Company aver, that under the Treaty of the 15th June, 1846, by Article IV (II)* of that Treaty, they have a right to the free and open navigation of the North branch of the Columbia River, from the point at which the same is intersected by the 49th parallel of North latitude, to the main stream, and thence to the ocean, with free access and passage into and through the said river or rivers, and that British subjects trading with them have an equal right of navigation, and that to the Company, and to those thus trading with them, the portages of the said river or rivers along the lines thus described, ought to be and of right are, free and open.

The right thus to navigate the said river, or rivers, and to pass unobstructed over their portages, was and is of great value to the Company, and is also of great and increasing political and national value to the United States ; and for its relinquishment and transfer, the Company claim and are entitled to receive the sum of three hundred thousands pounds sterling (£300,000) equal to one million four hundred and sixty thousand dollars (\$1,460,000).

In addition to the special statements hereinbefore contained, the Hudson's Bay Company submit, that throughout a long series of years, they expended large sums of money, and devoted much

* The "IV" is a clerical error. The article meant is the 2nd.