

which only he will allow Russia to occupy territory she speaks of so complaisantly as her own ; and whose means for enforcing them are not limited to an uncertain and dilatory legal process. If we examine these conditions, we find they are based upon what has long been a fundamental principle of British policy : " Liberty to hunt, to fish, and to trade with the natives of the country perpetually, on the whole of that part which constitutes the subject of discussion." These conditions are not limited in their extension by terms of latitude and longitude, but apply to all places and to every person who is willing to live under the conditions of British law. Canning said very little about sovereign rights, but, except in lacking the element of publicity, in no other way could he have better addressed himself to the moral sense of his countrymen, and to their determination to extend and maintain such a sovereignty of the people to its utmost limits. *Land-grabbing* like this should be the glory of the British race, out of which none should allow it to be shamed, by either Russian or Yankee who want the ground on which to extend the area of their own peculiar brand of political despotism.

As the Ukase of 1821 was regarded as an act of aggression by the United States as well as by Britain, it might be expected that Russia would formulate demands in excess of what would be ultimately arrived at, but these appear to have increased as Britain was discovered to be willing to negotiate. For trading purposes Russia wanted a footing on the coast, the Lynn Canal boundary being much too far inland, an extension to the south following the summits of the mountains nearest the coast, was suggested, the southern limit being the promontory of the main land that is touched by the 56th parallel of latitude. This point is also the commencement of the *Channel* described by Count Nesselrode as having its southern opening into the ocean in close proximity to Prince of Wales Island. To this *embouchure*, must apply the legend *DIXON ENTRANCE*, upon the map issued by the Tribunal, and which appears to be placed so judiciously remote from either, that any one who imagines Observatory Inlet