

added to the list, and the only harbour retained on the continental shore would be the mouth of Frazer's River, in itself of no importance (the river being, as has been observed, too rapid and too much obstructed for navigation), and that accessible only by the narrow and difficult, if not dangerous, northern entrance to the Gulf of Georgia, while not only would the Columbia River be under the control of the Americans, from Fort Okanagan, which commands the northern branches, to the sea, but the entire harbours of the south of Juan de Fuca Strait. Ports Hudson and Discovery, Possession Sound, Port Orchard, Puget's Sound, as well as Hood's Canal and Bullfinches' Harbour, would, with the fertile plains adjoining them, be in their hands, and the British and their Canadian brethren be virtually excluded from all connection with the Pacific south of latitude fifty-two. Of what value the intermediate country would be to her, except as a sufficient separation from such neighbours, it would be difficult to say. It is not surprising, therefore, that the monopoly thus claimed by the United States over the entire valuable part of the Oregon territory should have put an end for the present to all negotiations concerning it, though it may well excite our admiration that this country and her ministers should, after such moderation, have been insulted by expressions and insinuations with which American publications on the subject so much abound, and of which the following is a very moderate example:—

“The consideration of the maritime advantages of the southern coast of the Strait of Fuca and Puget's Sound suggests a pretty forcible view of *the remarkable liberality* of Great Britain's offer