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SIR,—I have laid before Lord Stanley your letters of the 19th and 20th November and of the 3rd instant asking for His Lordship's opinion as to the instructions that should be sent to the Governor of Vancouver's Island on certain points connected with the cession of Russian America to the United States, and I am directed by His Lordship to state to you in reply for the information of H. G. the D. of Buckingham and Chandos, that he does not see on what ground Great Britain could object to the establishment of an American military post opposite Fort Simpson.

With regard to the facilities respecting cattle requested by the United States officers, Lord Stanley considers that they should in common courtesy be granted independently of their being beneficial to the Colony—His Lordship also thinks that the Governor should give his advice if asked for to the American authorities respecting the control over the Indians and that if he could arrange the river limit it might be desirable to do so, that is to say if the possession of one or more Rocky Islets is likely to be of importance. Lord Stanley will consult the Queen's Advocate as to how far under International Law, the United States are now bound by the Treaty between Great Britain and Russia of 1825.

Endorsed : Dft. Colonial Office. E. H. F. O. Dec. 9, 1867. Cession of Russian N. America to U. S. Facilities as to Cattle should be given to the U. S. Auths a *river limit* settled if possible.

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