

troops and the Company, friendly or otherwise, while you were there?

*Ans.*—Always very friendly. The different commanders gave all assistance to and protection necessary to the Company within their power.

*Int.* 18.—Did the United States have a military station at Vancouver while you were there, if yea, when and where was it established in reference to the claim of the Company?

*Ans.*—They did have all the time I was there. It was established in May, 1849, and has been continued to this day at Vancouver itself. The military reservation included the stockade, which contained all the buildings, heretofore described, within its limits. The military post itself was mainly built on the hill, just in rear of the stockade, but in immediate proximity thereto, with the consent and upon the invitation of Governor Ogden, then chief factor and in charge of the Hudson's Bay Company's interest at that place.

*Int.* 19.—Did the Company, to your knowledge, ever object to the use and occupation of any part of the land included in this military reservation by the United States troops, if yea, when, and how and to what part?

*Ans.*—Finally it did at different times in writing. I know of none that were not made officially in writing.

*Int.* 20.—How did the character of the Company's buildings at this post compare with the buildings belonging to the United States military post there?

*Ans.*—They were of an inferior character.

*Int.* 21.—What, in your judgment, was the value of the buildings and improvements belonging to the Hudson's Bay Company at this post, at the time you last saw them in 1860?

*Ans.*—Speaking as a military officer, I did not consider them of any real value, that is, they were of no value to the United States. What improvements they had in the fall of 1860 were in the midst of a military reservation, and had been abandoned by the Company. The military authorities wished to make no use of them, would rather have been glad to have had the ground cleared of them, and of course would not have