

progress. Our farmers will then feel that there is a future and will prepare to supply the demand thus created and will look favorably on the construction of the Island section, for it will offer them a market—not a monopoly—but an opportunity of competing with the Sound for supplies. I might extend this letter beyond permissible limits by showing how the Island would be benefitted by the stimulation of industries in the interior; how she would do away with the objection now offered to the progress of her favorite enterprise, but

will leave it for a future letter. Before closing, however, I would say the mainland must have some interest in common with the Island, some opportunity of opening up a market, or she will never cease to offer objections to the commencement of a large public work in which she can have no possible interest—a work which can only help to build up Puget Sound, Oregon and California and a work of doubtful permanent utility.

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