

Congress to aid them in carrying into operation the great purposes of their institution—to grant them troops, artillery, military arms, and munitions of war, for the defence and security of the contemplated settlement—to incorporate their Society with power to extinguish the Indian title, to such tracts and extent of territory, at the mouth of the Columbia, and at the junction of the Multnomah with the Columbia, as may be adequate to the laudable objects and pursuits of the settlers; and with such other powers, rights and immunities, as may be, at least, equal and concurrent to those given by Parliament to the Hudson's Bay Company; and such as are not repugnant to the stipulations of the Convention, made between Great Britain and the United States, wherein it was agreed, that any country on the Northwest Coast of America, to the westward of the Rocky Mountains, should be free and open to the citizens and subjects of the two powers, for a term of years; and to grant them such other rights and privileges, as may contribute to the means of establishing a respectable and prosperous community.

Your memorialists are pledged to one another, to their children, to their friends, and to mankind, to sustain by all just and possible means, the interests of their country; and to co-operate in advancing its prosperity. They love their native land, and will ever continue its devoted friends; and most grateful and gladdening would it be, to receive for the settlement, the protection and fostering care of Congress.

SURVEY AND DIVISION OF LANDS.

As soon as the Settlement has consummated their title to Indian lands, measures will be adopted for building on Gray's Bay, and at the mouth of the Multnomah river, commercial towns, where it is believed, vessels from every sea, will come to trade, repair, and take outfits.

This Bay opens into the northern bank of the Columbia, about 11 miles from its mouth. It furnishes deeper soundings, better shelter, and generally, greater advantages for a harbor, than any other opening on the river. Five miles square of territory at this place, will be laid out into the neces-