

That by a Convention concluded between the two Governments on the 1st day of July, 1863, it was agreed, that all questions between the United States' authorities, on the one hand, and the Puget Sound Agricultural Company on the other, with respect to the rights and claims of the latter, should be settled by the transfer of such rights and claims to the Government of the United States for an adequate money consideration.

And the claimants aver, that the rights and claims of the Puget Sound Agricultural Company, referred to and intended in and by the said Convention, are their rights and claims in and upon the said lands, farms and other property of every description, which they so held and possessed within the said territory, and which, by reason of the said Treaty of the 15th June, 1846, and according to the terms of the Fourth Article thereof, the United States became and were bound to confirm. And of the said farms and other property, they now submit to the Honorable the Commissioners a detailed statement and valuation as follows:—

First.—The tract of land at Nisqually, extending along the shores of Puget Sound, from the Nisqually River, on the one side, to the Pu-yal-lup River, on the other, and back to the coast range of mountains, containing not less than two hundred and sixty-one square miles, or one hundred and sixty-seven thousand and forty acres; of which said tract of land a portion is improved and under cultivation for farming and agriculture, and the remaining portion thereof was occupied and used by the Company for the grazing and pasturage of their cattle, horses and sheep, and for cutting wood and timber thereon, and for other purposes connected with their business; the whole being of the value of one hundred and sixty thousand pounds sterling (£160,000): the fort, bastions, houses, stores, barns, shops, and outbuildings, with the fencing and enclosures at the main post and establishment, and the houses, barns, outbuildings, fencing and enclosures at the other points on the said land, of the cost and value of four thousand pounds sterling (£4,000); these two sums making together the entire sum of one hundred and sixty-four thousand pounds sterling..... (£164,000) equal to seven hundred and ninety-eight thousand one hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents... .. (\$798,133.33.)

Secondly.—The land and farm at the Cowelitz River, known as the Cowelitz Farm, consisting of three thousand five hundred and seventy-two acres, more or less; of which upwards of fifteen hundred acres are improved and under cultivation for farming and agricultural purposes, and the remaining portion is used for cattle and sheep ranges, and pasturage, and for other purposes connected with the business of the said Company; the said last mentioned land being of the value of twenty thousand pounds sterling (£20,000); the establishment and buildings of the Cowelitz farm, consisting of dwelling houses, saw mills, stores, granaries, barns, stables, sheds, and piggeries, and of a great extent of fencing and enclosures, of the value of six thousand pounds sterling (£6,000): the said two last mentioned sums, making together the entire sum of twenty-six thousand pounds sterling (£26,000)