

*Ans.*—I have every reason to believe it to be a correct copy, as I recognise the description and remember the buildings at the different posts, with regard to which I have been examined.

*Int. 4.*—What did you do with the original?

*Ans.*—I took the original to the Governor and Council of the Hudson's Bay Company at Norway House on Lake Winnipeg, in the spring of 1847, and sent a duplicate of the same from Fort Colville to the gentleman in charge at Fort Vancouver.

*Int. 5.*—Have you seen either of those papers since that time? If so, where, and when was the last time?

*Ans.*—I think I have seen the duplicate in the office at Vancouver several times from 1847 to 1850, as it was in my charge up to that time. I have not seen it since 1850.

*Int. 6.*—By whose direction was document A, or list of which it is a copy, made, and what reason was given at the time for so doing?

*Ans.*—When the officers in charge of Fort Vancouver heard of the Oregon Treaty, and observed the articles referring to their own rights and business, they sent instructions to those in command of the different posts south of the 49th parallel of latitude to make out a correct list of the buildings, &c., at their several posts, and send the same to Vancouver without delay. From the several lists thus sent I compiled the one to which reference is now made, excepting as regards Fort Vancouver, Nez-Percés, Okanagan, and Colville, which were principally made out under my own supervision. As accountant for the Columbia Department, I was instructed to have this list made out, but cannot state what reasons my superior officers had for giving the order. As far as I can recollect, the reason assigned was, that the United States Government was to buy the Company out.

*Int. 7.*—Look carefully at document A, and say whether in all particulars it is a copy of the list made by you as you have stated, and state whether in addition to what now appears there was not an estimate of the value of each particular piece of property?

*Ans.*—This I believe to be a correct copy of the lists sent to Vancouver from the different interior posts, and I am under the impression that there was also a list made out with prices attached.

*Int. 8.*—Was there in the list or duplicate filed in the office at