

BRITISH AND AMERICAN JOINT COMMISSION ON  
THE HUDSON'S BAY AND PUGET SOUND AGRI-  
CULTURAL COMPANIES' CLAIMS.

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In the matter of the claim of the PUGET SOUND AGRICULTURAL  
COMPANY.

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MEMORIAL.

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TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMISSIONERS :

The PUGET SOUND AGRICULTURAL COMPANY submit the following Memorial and statement of their claims upon the United States; and for facts and considerations in support of such claims, respectfully declare :—

That in the year 1846, and for many years previous thereto, the Puget Sound Agricultural Company were, and since have been, engaged in the business of agriculture and farming, and of breeding and raising live stock; and for the purposes and in the course of carrying on their said business, they acquired and became possessed as owners thereof, before the said time, of certain farms and extensive tracts of land in the Territory lying on the North West coast of America, to the South of the 49th parallel of North latitude and North of the Columbia River.

That upon portions of their said lands there were erected and made by them, buildings, enclosures and other improvements of great cost and value; and the Company also owned and possessed, and pastured and fed upon the said lands, their said live stock, consisting of large and valuable herds of cattle and horses, and flocks of sheep; from the sale and disposal of which, and of the other productions of their said farms and land, they received great annual returns and profit.