

to Ocean." Writing of San Juan, Mr. Grant states at page 338, "It commands the entrance to British waters, British shores, a British river, and a British province. There is a hill on San Juan about a thousand feet high, a battery on which would command the whole strait."

From the same point of view it is important to consider the opinion of General Tatten, Chief Engineer of the United States Army, of the disadvantages under which British settlements and commerce might be placed. This opinion is quoted at some length in the appendix.

In order to appreciate the commercial value of Esquimalt Harbour, the works cited in the appendix should be carefully studied; and its importance as a station for refitting the ships of H.M. Navy, and recruiting the health of men impaired by service in Chinese waters, should not be overlooked.