

The land under cultivation at Fort Colville, which supplies all the northern posts; the farms at Wapatoo Island; the Wallamette and Fallatry plains, the value and extent of which have already been described; and, in addition to those already in occupation, the fertile vallies of the Flathead and Spokane Rivers and Lakes, as well as the plains between the main fork of the Columbia,—concessions which might be thought sufficient, when it is considered that she never hesitated to allow to the United States the possession of the southern—the richest part—the so-called Garden of Oregon—viz., the fertile valleys of the Wallamette, Umqua, and Clamet, resigning, as she would thus do, of her own accord, by far the greater part of the cultivatable land in the country; but when to this is added the detached territory which she subsequently offered, it may well excite surprise that any government should be willing to add to the loss of the agricultural that of the commercial advantages which its possession would afford.

A glance at the position, and remembrance of the opinions expressed respecting Ports Discovery and Hudson by Vancouver, and confirmed by others, will afford sufficient proof that they are the keys of the inland navigation, commanding not only the entrance to Hood's Canal, but of Admiralty Inlet, and consequently Puget's Sound, and neutralizing any advantages to be derived from its possession; and that it was not without some, if not sufficient knowledge of this, that the offer was made, is evident from the expressions used by her Commissioners, Messrs. Huskisson and Addington, in their statement.

“ Great Britain, on her part, offers to make the