

a little to the south of that parallel. Whether it went so far south as to give the chief islands of the San Juan archipelago to England or not, was a disputed point which some years before had nearly caused a war between Great Britain and the



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 SKETCH MAP OF HARO ARCHIPELAGO, SHOWING THE THREE CHANNELS.

1. Line claimed by the United States. 2. Proposed middle channel.
 3. Line claimed by Great Britain.

United States. A temporary settlement had been made, allowing the subjects of both nations to occupy the islands. The time had now come to put an end to this unsatisfactory state of affairs.