

whatever. They have almost all some portion of European dress, and many understand some words of English. They are considered to be generally well-disposed towards their white visitors; and I was informed by the officers of the Hudson's Bay Company that they rarely had any trouble with them.

The furs procured from Queen Charlotte's Island by the Hudson's Bay Company are sea and land otter, bear, and martin.

Sub-Enclosure to Enclosure in No. 16.

LIST of VESSELS which have visited *Fort Mitchell, Queen Charlotte's Island.*

NAME OF VESSEL.	Under what Colours.	Date of Arrival.	Where From.	Date of Departure.
Schooner "Susan Sturges" -	American -	20 April 1852	San Francisco -	11 May 1852
Brig "Tepic" - - -	English -	21 April "	- ditto - -	15 May "
Brig "Palerma" - - -	American -	29 April "	- ditto - -	15 May "
Schooner "Mexican" - -	American -	28 April "	- ditto - -	8 May "
Brigantine "Eagle" - -	American -	2 May "	Columbia River -	7 June "
Schooner "Cecil" - - -	American -	18 May "	San Francisco -	26 May "

— No. 17. —

No. 17.  
Governor Douglas  
to Sir J. S. Pakington,  
27 August 1852.

EXTRACT of a DESPATCH from Governor *Douglas* to Sir *John S. Pakington*; dated Victoria, Vancouver's Island, 27 August 1852.

(Received, 11 November 1852.)

"HER MAJESTY's ship 'Thetis' arrived at Esquimalt on the 22d instant, direct from Queen Charlotte's Island, and I believe Captain Kupar has orders from the Commander-in-chief to remain on this coast till the month of January next, chiefly with the view of guarding the Ports of Queen Charlotte's Island. The gold diggings in that quarter have not been productive this season, which has not, however, altered the general opinion entertained as to its wealth in the precious metals, the adventurers ascribing their late want of success simply to the circumstance of the true beds not having been discovered.

Fine specimens of lead and copper ore have also been procured on Queen Charlotte's Island, which, in a commercial view, gives it an additional value."

— No. 18. —

No. 18.  
Sir J. S. Pakington,  
Bart., M. P.  
27 Sept. 1852.

(No. 5.)

EXTRACT of a DESPATCH, &c., from Sir *John S. Pakington*, Bart., M. P., to Governor *Douglas*; dated Downing-street, 27 September 1852.

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"Sir,

"I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 29th January\* last, reporting generally upon the state of affairs in Queen Charlotte's Island, consequent upon the discovery of gold in that quarter of the British dominions.

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I have to inform you, that Her Majesty's Government, having taken into their serious consideration the measures which the discovery of gold in Queen Charlotte's