

# SYNOPSIS

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Claim of Chief Factors and Chief Traders of the Hudson's  
Bay Company, as partners, in

## THE INDEMNITY

UNDER

## THE OREGON TREATY

BETWEEN

GREAT BRITAIN and THE UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA.

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### FACTS.

1. On 15 June, 1846, Treaty was made between Great Britain and the United States of America, under which the former ceded to the latter all claim in or to the region, known as Oregon, south of the 49th degree of North Latitude, west of the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific, comprising all that part of the watershed of the Columbia south of said latitude, the basin of Puget Sound—land and water—and all the rest of the Pacific Slope south as far as California.

2. All this vast region was then entirely in the possession and control of the Hudson's Bay Company, under a strong military organization necessary to their trade operations, including several strongly fortified forts with cannon; also large farms for raising grain and farm stock—the whole estimated (fairly) by the Company at five thousand acres under culture. For all this, the Company claimed one million pounds sterling. See on this point the evidence of Sir George Simpson Governor of the Company, as hereinafter cited.

3. The cession was of the whole territory and establishments, forthwith.