

Government on a question of such vital importance to the nation, both as regards the loss or retention of those immense territories, and also as regards the future well-being of thousands yet unborn. If no other plea than that of humanity were urged, surely the cries of an oppressed race are sufficient to arouse the sympathies of Christianity.

The time, however, has now arrived, when the nation expects the Commons of England will not any longer permit Power to thwart Justice. The people of England demand the restitution of their possessions, and the right of maintaining them.

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Subsequently to the above being placed in the hands of the printer, a curious document has been sent to me, which, my informant says, has just been issued, as customary, from the Hudson's Bay Company's House in the City, to those persons who are in the habit of buying their Furs. It shews the number of each kind of Skins the Company expects from Vancouver's Island this year, (to be sold in their Public Sale next Autumn) and at the estimated value given me, the total amount appears to be upwards of £44,500, supposing they bring the same prices at which they sold last Autumn, as shewn below.

Does Lord Grey call a grant that produces £44,500 a year for one article, nothing?—If Furs to such an amount can be obtained, how much more may be reasonably expected from other articles produced there?—Is it nothing to deprive the Nation of all right of trading there? The value of such nothings is very important, in a national point of view.

#### IMPORTATION FROM VANCOUVER'S ISLAND,

*Expected 1857.*

	Value last			Value last	
	Skins	Autumn.		Skins	Autumn.
Beaver .....	15,500.....	9/3 each	Mink .....	18,870.....	4/5 each
Badger .....	95.....	1/8 ,,	Musquash .....	13,450.....	11 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ,,
Bear .....	4050.....	34/ ,,	Otter .....	217 <sup>6</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	7/9 ,,
Fisher .....	615.....	28/8 ,,	" sea.....	178.....	373/7 ,,
Fox silver .....	105.....	153/5 ,,	Raccoon.....	1470.....	2/7 ,,
" cross .....	358.....	46/2 ,,	Seal, Hair .....	7780.....	3/11 ,,
" red.....	326.....	11/ ,,	Wolf .....	662.....	5/8 ,,
Lynx and cat...	4760.....	10/8 ,,	Wolverin .....	265.....	12/6 ,,
Marten .....	27,400.....	13/11 ,,			