

were pastured and fed on their said lands, before and at the time of the conclusion of the Treaty of the 15th June, 1846, and afterwards, until the time of the commission of the acts and injuries hereinafter mentioned, by which the greater part of the said live stock was either killed, or driven away, and entirely lost to the Company, within a few years after the time of the said Treaty.

And the claimants aver, that although at the time of the conclusion of the Treaty of the 15th June, 1846, and for a long time before, they held and possessed the said lands, farms, and other property as owners thereof, and the United States, by the terms and according to the Conventions contained in the said Treaty, undertook and were bound to confirm them in the same; yet the United States failed to execute or grant to the said Company any formal title of confirmation of their said lands, farms and other property; and by reason thereof, and of the acts and proceedings of officers of the United States, and of American citizens, and of others assuming to act under the authority of the laws, or of the Government of the United States, the Company were deprived of the use and enjoyment of a large portion of their lands, farms, and other property, and of the rents, fruits, and profits thereof; their pasturage was destroyed or taken from them; their live stock killed or driven off, and wholly lost to them; and their entire business broken up or rendered unprofitable.

And the claimants have in consequence, suffered loss to the amount of fifty thousand pounds sterling..... (£50,000)
equal to two hundred and forty-three thousand three hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-four cents..... (\$243,333.34.)

It may be added, as indicative of the value of their property, and in some degree, of the nature and extent of the injuries to which the Company were exposed, that while they were thus suffering from aggressions, and were disturbed in their possession, as above stated, a portion of their lands was assessed, for the purpose of taxation, at a value of \$817,000*; and they were compelled to pay taxes thereupon, from year to year, and have actually paid, for such taxes, the sum of \$14,596.

* This is erroneously stated. It should have been—at a rate which gave an entire value, &c. The actual assessment was \$500,000 for 104,320 acres.