

fications shall be exchanged at London at the expiration of six months from the date hereof, or sooner if possible.

In witness whereof the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed the same, and have affixed thereto the seals of their arms.

Done at Washington, the 15th day of June, in the year of our Lord, 1846.

[L.S.] RICHARD PAKENHAM.

[L.S.] JAMES BUCHANAN.

DECLARATION BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES, APPROVING THE BOUNDARY MAPS, PREPARED BY THE JOINT COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED UNDER ARTICLE I. OF THE TREATY OF 15TH JUNE, 1846 (OREGON TERRITORY).—SIGNED AT WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 24, 1870.

The Undersigned, Edward Thornton, Esquire, Her Britannic Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States, and Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State of the United States, duly authorized by their respective Governments, having met together;

The set of maps, 7 in number, which have been prepared by the Commissioners appointed by the two Powers to survey and mark out the boundary between their respective territories under the first Article of the Treaty concluded between them at Washington, on the 15th of June, 1846, having been produced;

And it appearing that they do correctly indicate the said boundary from the point where the boundary laid down in Treaties and Conventions prior to June 15, 1846, terminates westward on the 49th parallel of north latitude to the eastern shore of the Gulf of Georgia, which boundary has been defined by the Commissioners by marks upon the ground;

The Undersigned, without prejudice to the rights of their respective Governments as to the settlement and the determination of the remainder of the said Boundary, hereby declare that the said maps certified and authenticated under the signatures of Colonel John Summerfield Hawkins, Her Britannic Majes-