

The President of Council, and Factor
and Traders to His Excellency the Governor.

Fort Victoria

February 16th 1859.

Sir

In accordance with your request and with reference to a former letter on the same subject, we have now the honor to lay before Your Excellency a statement of claims in British Columbia on the part of the Hudson's Bay Company to lands now and recently occupied by them.

We confine ourselves to the statement herewith enclosed, reserving for another occasion, if need be, a more detailed exposition of the grounds upon which our claims are founded knowing that Your Excellency is already acquainted with the subject in all its bearing.

Her Majesty's Government in expressing a wish as they have done, to meet our claims in a liberal spirit are no doubt well aware that to the Hudson's Bay Company alone, do they owe the present possession and occupation of the vast territory in the portion of North America which embraces not only British Columbia, but Vancouver's Island and its dependencies. Your Excellency is also aware of the more recent claims of the Company for direct and indirect services rendered to Her
Majesty's

Majesty's Government during the late trying crisis, since the gold discoveries. Through the instrumentality of the Company's Officers and resources, already forming the nucleus of a Government of which Your Excellency formed the head, the foundation of a great Colony has been successfully laid. Though the connexion be now severed, we need hardly add that our best services and influence shall be always at your Excellency's disposal, in the prosecution of the arduous task now before you.

We would only further recall to your Excellency's recollection the fact that our claims of occupation were acknowledged and recognized by both Her Majesty's Government and that of the United States of North America, and our rights confirmed on the cession of our territories in Oregon to the latter by the treaty of 1846.

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(S^d) H. G. Dallas - President of Council.

John Work - Chief Factor

Rob^t Finlayson - Chief Trader.

Charles Dodd - Chief Trader.

To His Excellency

James Douglas Esq.

Governor of British Columbia

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*Statement of Claims for Land in
British Columbia by the Hudson's Bay Company - viz^t*

N ^o 1.	Old Fort Langley. 6 half blocks N ^{os} 3, 4, 13, 14, 23, 24 each containing 10 Lots - 60 Lots.	
2	New Fort Langley and adjacent Farms	10 Square Miles.
3	Point at the Forks of Siness River	50 Acres.
4	Point at the Forks of Harrison's River	20 Acres.
5	Fort Hope with cleared land adjoining, especially Block N ^o 1, on Official Map of the Town which encroaches on the Fort	640 Acres
6	Fort Yale - portion marked reserved and Block 17 on Official Map of the Town	6 Acres
7	Fort Dallas	50 Acres
8	Fort at Hamloops known as Thompson's River with lands adjacent	10 Miles Square
9	Fort Berens	50 Acres
10	Fort Shepherd on the Columbia River with adjoining lands	640 Acres.
11	Fort in the Hootonais Country if North of 49 parallel	5 Miles Square
12	The various posts in New Caledonia belonging to the Company. Viz ^t -	
	Fort Alexandria - 5 Square Miles	3400 Acres
	" George 1 " " "	640 "
	Fraser's Lake 2 " " "	1280 "
	Stuarts Lake 2 " " "	1280 "
	M ^r . Leeds Lake 1 " " "	640 "
	Connolly's Lake 1 " " "	640 "
	7 Babines 1 " " "	640 "
	8 Chilcoten 1 " " "	640 "

And

And for other points along the route from Fort Hope to Thompson's River and New Caledonia not permanently occupied but improved by the sowing of Grass Seed and for making roads a compensation of Five thousand dollars

N ^o 13	Fort Simpson with lands adjoining -	600 Acres
" 14	Fort McLaughlin _____	600 Acres

Tabular Statement of land in British

At what place, and explanatory description of Land.	I Involved Outlay
Old Fort Langley —————	9 Acres
New Fort Langley and adjacent farms —————	10
Point at the Forks of Siness River —————	50 Acres
Point at the Forks of Harrison's River —————	20 Acres
Fort Hope with cleared Land adjoining ————— especially Block N ^o 1 on Official Map of the Town which encroaches on the Fort.	640 Acres
Fort Yale - portion marked Reserve, and Block N ^o 17 on Official Map of the Town —————	6 Acres
Fort Dallas —————	50 Acres.
Fort at Hamloops, with lands adjoining —————	10
Fort Berens —————	50 Acres
Fort Shepherd with adjoining lands —————	640 Acres
Fort in the Hootonais Country —————	5 Miles square
The various Posts in New Caledonia viz:	
Fort Alexandria — 3400 Acres —————	5
Fort George ————— 640 d ^o —————	1
Fraser's Lake ————— 1280 d ^o —————	2
Stuarts Lake ————— 1280 d ^o —————	2
McLeod's Lake ————— 640 d ^o —————	1
Conolly's Lake ————— 640 d ^o —————	1
7 Babines ————— 640 d ^o —————	1
8 Chilcoten ————— 640 d ^o —————	1
and for other points along the route from Fort Hope to Thompson's River and New Caledonia, not permanently occupied, but improved by the sowing of Grass seed, and for making roads, a compen- sation of five thousand dollars.	
Fort Simpson with lands adjoining —————	600
Fort McLaughlin —————	600 Acres

Fort William - 8th June 1859.(S^d) A. G. Dallas. President of Council.

Columbia held by the Hudson's Bay Company.

II Brought into Cultivation.	III Necessary for the maintenance of existing stock of establishments.	IV Served for or casional Pasture	Remarks.
Square Miles			Being part of the Town as now surveyed, or 6 Half Blocks, Nos 3, 4, 13, 14, 23, 24 in all 60 Lots.
			The whole of the cleared land at Old Langley claimed by the Hudson's Bay Company as having been cleared and occupied by them.
			This Land was surveyed and sold by Government against the remonstrances of the Officers of the Company and the portion stated above being inferior in position, is now claimed as only a portion of what they consider they are entitled to -
Miles Square			Known as Thompson's River.
Square Miles			On the Columbia River.
" " "			if North of 49th Parallel.
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Acres			