

"I will be happy to have you appoint some one in behalf of the H. B. Co. to accompany the surveyors while they are engaged in laying off the reserve.

"As the saw and grist mills of the H. B. Co. five miles above this place are moved by valuable water power and have been much improved I shall recommend that the land on which they are situated be reserved for military purposes."

To comprehend the full meaning of that letter, it should be remembered that the Treaty of 1846, fixing the northern boundary of the United States along the forty-ninth parallel of north latitude, also provided that the improvements of the Hudson's Bay Company and the Puget's Sound Agricultural Company should be paid for by the United States. The adjustment of the claims dragged on for more than twenty years, during which the two companies occupied their holdings at Fort Vancouver, Fort Nisqually and elsewhere. A treaty for payment was signed in 1863 and the award was finally made on September 10, 1869. That award gave to the Hudson's Bay Company \$450,000 and to the Puget's Sound Agricultural Company \$200,000.

For those interested in securing copies of the old map, it may be added that Secretary of State Hinkle gives the information that the negative for reproductions is in possession of H. W. Arnold, Vancouver, Washington.

Government Charts

The articles on the "Origin of Washington Geographic Names," have received attention from the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey. The Director of that important Bureau of the Department of Commerce has asked for cooperation in the matter of place names and has extended valuable assistance by forwarding the latest charts to complete the file at the Seattle end of the work.

Mountain Monument

The Mountaineers and The Mazamas have combined to erect a monument at the head of the Sluiskin Falls, on Mazama Ridge, Mount Rainier. The first successful ascent of Mount Rainier was made on August 17, 1870, by General Hazard Stevens and P. B. Van Trump. The Indian guide Sluiskin waited for the climbers at their camp. The falls were named for the Indian. On August 17, 1918,