

MEMORIAL

OF

MARSHALL F. MOORE,

GOVERNOR OF WASHINGTON TERRITORY, AND OTHER CITIZENS OF
SAID TERRITORY,

REMONSTRATING

Against any recognition of the claims of Great Britain to the Haro Archipelago and to San Juan island.

JANUARY 19, 1869.—Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON TERRITORY,
December 7, 1868.

To the honorable the Senate of the United States:

Your memorialists, having learned that a proposition had been made to submit the unfounded claims of Great Britain to the Haro archipelago, and especially to San Juan island, to the arbitration of some foreign power, respectfully protest against any recognition of those claims whatever. The terms of the treaty of 1846 fix the boundary line along the Canal de Haro. The object of the deflection of the line from the 49th parallel, being simply to give the whole of Vancouver's island to Great Britain, can be exactly accomplished by this channel alone. The officers who negotiated and adopted the treaty, and the Senate by which it was ratified, acted with the full understanding that the Canal de Haro was the boundary. Having already conceded from the line of 54° 40' to that of 49°, for the sake of peace, neither the honor nor the interests of the United States will admit of further surrender of right.

We, therefore, entreat your honorable body to consent to no protocol nor convention that admits a doubt of our right to the line of the Canal de Haro, or renders possible a surrender of these islands.

And your memorialists will ever pray, &c.

MARSHALL F. MOORE,
Governor of Washington Territory.

HAZARD STEVENS,
Collector, &c.

S. D. HOWE,
Assessor Internal Revenue, Washington Territory.

JOS. CUSHMAN,
Receiver, &c.

E. MARSH,
Register of the Land Office.

