

1 in 1845 — Answer to doct & the Leach's questions

2 I have heard such a report but believe it was confined
to the forms in the immediate vicinity of Fort Vancouver
and ~~some~~ ^{and also} claims were taken by members of the Wood
Burdous bay company or their employees — and sought
to be swept by others —

3 I have ^{so} heard ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~cases~~, rather ~~reference~~ ~~to~~ ~~as~~ ~~instances~~ in
the cases referred to in ^{my} reply to 2 question

4 I answer in the affirmative, and to the,

5 in the negative, ~~to~~ ~~the~~

6 I regard as somewhat vague, as I am at a loss to know
to whom you ~~refer~~ ~~the~~ ~~first~~ ~~settlements~~. I have been informed
that the first settlements ~~in this valley~~ ^{were} made by disem-
-pled servants of the ^{and my} company — if it be the one you
refer to answer in the negative, but if it be ~~to~~ ~~the~~
the emigrants who came here in 1843-4 and 5 answer
in the affirmative ~~at the same time admitting that under~~
~~the same circumstances they might have been much suffering &~~
as I believe the settlers could not possibly have been made emigrants ~~the~~
had ~~any~~ ~~such~~ ~~cases~~ in existence

7 I answer in the affirmative, and from my ~~own~~
personal observation believe it to be true

Interview and answers -

- 1 to you 1 quarter of a year 1845 -
- 2 " " 2 - I have so heard, but it was confined to the farms claimed by British subjects, or Mesites of the Hudsons bay company in the vicinity of St. John's
- 3 I have heard that you cannot build - acting as chief ^{keeper of early Hudsons bay posts} buildings to be pulled down that were erected by Hudsons bay company claims ^{near} about Vancouver
- 4 ~~I do so believe I decidedly answer in the affirmative~~
- 5 ~~most decidedly in the negative~~

Q I regard this question as rather vague in as much as I am unable to determine when were the first settlers ^{referred to} if you have been informed that the servants of the Hudsons bay company ^{as they are irregularly} were the first settlers. It is to be true you refer to answer in the negative. But if it be to the American citizens who came here in 43-45 I answer in the affirmative. That they could not have been found a settlement if you had been seen ~~any~~.

7 I answer in the affirmative and believe it to be true to the letter. I answer in