

# **The Treaties, The Councils & The Reservations**

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## **Prelude To the Treaties**

**T**he Indian People of the lower Puget Sound region were the last to know that they were slowly being surrounded by foreign powers and that their way of life that had served them for thousands of years was coming to an end. Although they had heard stories that strange sailing vessels had been observed in the coastal waters of the Pacific Ocean for a number of years, it wasn't until the spring of 1792 that they actually saw any of these ships or the men who sailed them.