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VICTORIA, March, 1874.

REV. W. POLLARD,
Victoria, B.C.

REV. SIR,—Referring to our previous conversations on the subject, I now beg to state in writing, for your further information, that whereas the boundary lines of the land owned by the Hudson's Bay Company around Fort Simpson are not yet defined, and whereas your Society is desirous of erecting a church near Fort Simpson for the use of the Indians, and a residence for a minister, I see no objection to their doing so provided the location does not intrude on any land at present utilized by the Company, understanding that the land required does not exceed two acres, that if eventually found to be within the boundary lines of the land owned by the Company no claim adverse to the Company will be made by your Society or any one else through it, and that if the Company at any time should require the land so occupied peaceable possession will be given them of it and the improvements on it on payment for the then value of the latter of a price to be determined by arbitration in the usual manner.

I am, Reverend Sir,
Your obedient servant,

JAS. A. GRAHAME.

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VICTORIA, 13th July, 1874.

ALEX. MUNRO, Esq.,
Hudson's Bay Company.

DEAR SIR,—We are under the necessity of changing our plans with regard to the erection of mission premises at Fort Simpson. The Rev. Thomas Crosby, who has charge of the mission, deems it advisable to build a new village under the mountain, which will require much more land than at first contemplated. It is desirable that the village be built as near the Fort as possible without encroaching on the Hudson's Bay Company's property, this being the most, and indeed the only, eligible site for a mission. We are obliged, therefore, to ask you to be kind enough to define the boundary line of the land owned by the Company. Until this is done we cannot proceed with our buildings, as we do not know where to place them.

As we are anxious to start our mission house and church at once, you will perceive the necessity of making as much haste as possible in this arrangement.

I am, dear Sir,
Your obedient servant,

WM. POLLARD,
Chairman B. C. D.

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VICTORIA, 11th August, 1874.

ALEX. MUNRO, Esq.

DEAR SIR,—In my last communication, I think I mentioned to you that the Rev. Mr. Crosby, who has charge of Fort Simpson mission, finds it expedient for the religious benefit of the Indians, to induce them to leave their houses on the beach and build a new village on the higher ground towards the mountain. In order to do this we shall need from forty to fifty acres of land.

At present, as you are aware, the Indians are in possession of the frontage of most of the land claimed by the Hudson's Bay Company, which leaves their property without a front.