Extract from letter Sir James Douglas, Governor, to the Duke of Newcastle, Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Victoria, Vancouver Island, 28th February, 1854.

My Lord Duke,

l also observe that your Grace has caused the suggestion offered in my letter for the erection of storehouses in the Harbour of Esquimalt for the use of the Navy to be submitted for the consideration and decision of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

I trust their Lordships will take that suggestion into favourable consideration, and in order that nothing may be wanting on my part towards carrying it into effect I have caused a Reserve to be made of a valuable Lot containing about 20 acres of land, situated in that part of the Harbour which Her Majesty's Naval officers have recommended on account of its security from storms and the convenience it affords in all other respects for shipping and which is moreover well adapted in point of surface for the proposed erections.

His Grace The Right Honourable The Duke of Newcastle I have the honour to be Sir,

James Douglas
Governor
Vancouver Island.

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