

property of this white man McIntosh, who had simply refused the woman access to his own house. The house was on McIntosh's property; he had used it; and it had not even been built by the Indians but by a man named Fraser, from the logging camp. The house was fully 200 feet from the reserve line. It was a short time after that McIntosh had been adjudged insane and sent to New Westminster. At Cape Hudge Billy Assiu had maintained that he knew of a number of white men who would, in the opinion of the Indians, make good Indian Agents, and the natural inference had been that the Indians wanted him (witness) replaced by one of these other whites. After the meeting at which Billy Assiu had thus spoken he (Agent Halliday) had been in conversation with him and Billy Assiu had assured him that he had been misinterpreted: that he had not suggested that the Indians wanted a change in the agent, but that there had been a rumor current that he (Mr Halliday) was resigning, and the Indians thought that in that event they should be consulted as to his successor, as they knew of a number of men who, in their opinion, would satisfactorily fill the post. He had been asked by Billy Assiu to make this explanation to the Commission, and had therefore done so. This request had been made at Cape Hudge in the presence of Mr Rendle, the teacher and missionary.

To Mr Commissioner McKenna: To sum up, the antipathy of the Indians towards himself^d was in consequence of his enforcement of the law prohibiting the potlach, under instruction from the Department. If it had not been for his action against the potlach he felt sure that no complaints against him would have been expressed. As to the Indian graves at Kingscombe Inlet: He read to the Commission letters passing between himself as Agent and the Department. The Department had advised him that under all circumstances nothing could be done except to see that the bodies were recovered and given proper burial, and this had been seen to as expeditiously as possible. He had reported this matter immediately upon its coming to his attention, on January 5, 1911, (No. 603/7) and had carried out the written instructions of the Department, as contained in its letter of January 27,

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