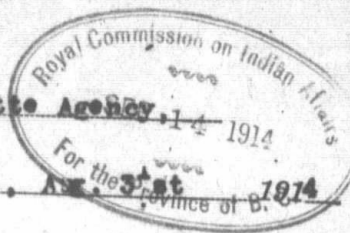


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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE,

Queen Charlotte Agency

Masset, B.C.



IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 29.200
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER.

Sir,—

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 17th August instant, with reference to the complaint of the Provincial Game Warden that the receipt of "Regulations" had not been acknowledged.

In reply permit me to state that no covering letter accompanied a number of "Regulations," and, as the enclosed copy will show, the papers are addressed from the Attorney General's Office. It is not usual to acknowledge the receipt of "Circulars," and printed matter, from the Department of Indian Affairs, for the reason that it is well known we receive them.

Regarding information to Chiefs: We have two Indian Councils, and have done away entirely with the Chiefs managing internal affairs of the Agency. We also have Indian Councils that attend to all affairs, through two Chief Councillors, who may be consulted, where it is considered that we do not attend to business that should receive attention. I have addressed copies of the "circular," to the Chief Councillor and the Dominion Constable and would state that the Indians break no laws, in this Agency, and complain when Whites put nets in the rivers and shoot game, out of season—as is often done.

I will answer the Provincial Game Warden's letter, direct, and thank you very much for calling my attention to the requirements of that Department.

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Your Obedient Servant,

Thomas Leaso
Indian Agent.