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Your file
No. 27168-1.

Dear Sir:

Relative to your letters of the 17th and 22nd of October in which you took up the question of the location of nineteen parcels of land which were set aside for the Nass River Indians by the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, I beg to say that I have not received any further information with respect to these parcels than supplied in my letter of the 22nd of July last, which would lead me to believe that the Indians purpose making an intelligent effort to locate these intended reserves, and I therefore agree with you that there is nothing to be gained by delaying the conveyance of the balance of the reserves on account of the nineteen parcels in question, which should be abandoned in the meantime, but at some future date, if their location is designated by the Indians, these small parcels could be purchased from the Provincial Government. I doubt, however, whether the Indians can locate them, and in conversation with Mr. Assistant Commissioner Perry he informed me that the list of lands required for the Nass River Indians, and particularly those above referred to, was compiled by the late Reverend Mr. McCulloch and were intended as fishing stations and hunting lodges of the old Indians who have now passed away, and it is considered that the younger generation have no knowledge that is reliable of their location. A statement to this effect was also contained in a letter written by Surveyor Wright when he was at the Nass River last year when he used his utmost endeavours to get information from the Indians as to where these small plots might be found, as he had not been able to locate them.

Yours respectfully,

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