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DO NOT WRITE ABOUT MORE THAN ONE SUBJECT IN
THE SAME LETTER

WRITE LEGIBLY YOUR FULL NAME AND ADDRESS

ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF
MARINE & FISHERIES OTTAWA AND QUOTE ABOVE NUMBER

Ottawa, 10th. April, 1905.

Sir,

In reply to yours of the 7th. instant, I regret exceedingly that the officers of this Department should have established a light on Indian lands without application previously made to you in the matter, and am quite sure that this was done inadvertently by our local agent

It has been our custom on the coast of British Columbia, where none of the coast lands have been granted, to establish lighthouses, and arrange with the Provincial Government for a transfer when a convenient opportunity occurred. I have no doubt that in this instance Captain Gaudin supposed Birnie island to be ungranted, as it is absolutely unsettled and uncultivated. We have established a small leading light on the southwest point of the island, in the position shown on the accompanying tracing made from the Admiralty chart.

Enc.

I should be glad if you could arrange with the Indians for the purchase by this Department of a suitable lighthouse site, say 1 acre of land surrounding the light and reaching down to the water's edge, and shall leave the question of valuation in your hands.

I would, however, point out that a valuation, based on a rental of \$25.00 per annum appears to this Department excessive, as the land is wholly unfit for any use, and