

been carried, the nature of the bottom is most favorable for such a work.

Before making my report to their lordships, I shall communicate further with Your Excellency.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed,) GEO. F. HASTINGS.  
Rear-Admiral, Commander-in-Chief

His Excellency  
Governor Seymour, &c., &c.

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*Report on the most convenient site for erecting a Dock at Esquimalt, for the accommodation of Ships of the Squadron.*

(No. 58.)

H. M. S. "ZEALOUS,"

ESQUIMALT, 31st July, 1867.

SIR,—In compliance with your memorandum of the 27th instant, we have proceeded to examine the Harbor of Esquimalt for the purpose of fixing on the most favorable site for building a dock calculated to receive such a ship as the "Zealous," or even larger, and beg to report as follows:

1st. We find, on examination of the charts, that "Lang Cove" offers every facility for the formation of a graving dock, and would give twenty-four feet over the sill at high water.

2nd. Before a decisive opinion can be given, we require that the cove at the upper end should be bored, and a survey taken of the surrounding land. Captain Stamp, of Victoria, is we believe the owner or part owner of the property referred to.

3rd. To effect this recommendation, a civil engineer should in our opinion be employed.

4th. As in the formation of a graving or other dock, labor would in most part have to be supplied from England, we would beg to offer as our suggestion that reference be made to the system in use at San Francisco for docking ships by means of iron pontoons; as although a graving