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LANDS & WORKS DEPARTMENT
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Victoria, B. C.,
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Sir,

With reference to a communication from the Hon. Joseph W. Trutch making application to this department on behalf of the Right Hon. the Secretary of the Interior for a statement of all tracts of land in this province which have at any time been placed under reservation for naval or military purposes, etc.

I have the honour to report that having made diligent search through the old records of the department I have only been able to find evidence of intention to reserve five tracts for the above purpose--viz; 1st: in a letter from the late Sir James Douglas to the Duke of Newcastle (an extract from which is enclosed) mention is made of the tract of "about" twenty acres at Esquimalt having been reserved. A portion of this is probably the site of the present Naval Yard. 2nd: Correspondence (copies enclosed) between Sir James Douglas, Colonel Moody and Rear Admiral Baynes show clearly the intention of the former to reserve certain lands at Burrard Inlet as indicated by the tracing forward by the Admiral.

For your information I enclosed a lithograph on which the position of these tracts is shown in red, as far as I can ascertain these reserves have not been gazetted.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

W. S. Gore

Surveyor General

Note: The position of the tracts mentioned above is shown on lithograph and is the same as that shown on map of Part of New Westminster District. Reference 14 T1 Lands Reserve.

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