

Victoria, B.C.

April 4th, 1932.

To Mr. Commissioner
W. E. Ditchburn
Commissioner for B.C.

We the undersigned been the Chiefs and Councillors of the
Saanich tribes, Hereby declare that the statement of Chief
David Latasse is true and nothing but the truth

We base our ground as follows,

1st. There were some of our men from the Saanich Indians
were employed by the late James Douglas, and have stated
to us same as stated by Chief David Latasse and they
were present at the time, and they were the ones was
husing the timber for James Bouglas

The four Bundles of Blanket was merely for peace purpose
there names are Theowhiz, father of Edward Fla-ma-hus,
and Ko-la-thil-too, they stated to us that

2nd. Said Blankets was not to buy land or Surrender any
territory rights

3rd. The Indian fully understood what was said As it was
Interpreted by Mr. McKay, who spoke the Saanich
language very well as well as we speake our language,
so our old peoples fully understood what took place.
Mr. McKay, Interpreting for James Douglas, saying these
blankets is not to buy your lands, but to shake hands
the Indian in good Harmony and good tumtums (heart)
When I get enough of your timber I shall leave the place
and it was carried, When James Douglas knew he had
enough of our timber he left the place

We hereby subscribe our names.

Chief Edward X Jim, Tseycum
his
mark

Chief X Louie Pekley, Tseaut
his
mark

Chief David Latasse, Tsarlip

Chief Jim Tlawesten Poquachin

Councillors. Joseph X Kelly Tseaut,
his
mark

" - Johnny Samson Tsarlip.

" Tommy X Paul
his
mark

" Jimmy Jim X Tsarlip
His
mark

Chief Alex X Peter, Malahat
his
mark

Witness "Simon Pierre"

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