

already insufficient for them - The  
soil of this barren Coast, which  
extends more than one hundred leagues  
below Salaskowan, is not an able,  
besides, all efforts on behalf of  
the Indians, even those more favorably  
<sup>placed</sup> situated for agriculture, have always  
failed. The cause of their greatest  
poverty is known, this is the prohibition  
to fish in several of the large rivers,  
the absolute refusal of the H.B.C.  
to make advances to them as  
formerly, and the scarcity of game.  
The consequence is that the poor  
Indians are reduced to starvation.

I request then with solicitation  
that these forty families of Indians  
be not abandoned that they be  
granted an annual allowance.  
Ten dollars a family would be  
a slight aid, & notwithstanding they  
would be content & would be very  
grateful to the government.

Since 1874 I have received nothing  
from your Dept. for the Indians of  
Mungam Horns & Brown Island.

As the season is advanced, this  
request will require to be considered  
without delay so that the Dept. can  
address their programs & remittances