

## MINORITY REPORT.

OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO ENQUIRE INTO THE CLAIMS OF  
SAMUEL GREER TO CERTAIN LANDS ON ENGLISH BAY.

*Mr. Speaker:*

Your Committee have had under consideration the Report referred back to them for reconsideration and amendment, and having made a further examination of the evidence, are of the opinion that the question, involving as it does rights in equity and law, is of such a complicated character that they do not feel justified in adjudicating upon the claims, but would suggest that the matter be dealt with in a Petition of Right by Samuel Greer in the Supreme Court, and that the 6th, 7th, and 8th paragraphs of the first Report be struck out.

Respectfully submitted.

SIMEON DUCK.

INDIAN OFFICE,  
New Westminster, 17th February, 1880.

Mr. R. PRESTON,  
False Creek.

SIR,—Two of the Indian Chiefs from False Creek—William George and Charlie—complain that you claim part of the land set apart for their reserve. By the Act providing for the organizing of the Department of the Secretary of State of Canada and for the Management of Indians and Ordinance Laws, it is not lawful for any person without the License in writing of the Secretary of State, or of some officer deputed by him for that purpose, to trespass upon any of the said lands set apart for Indian Reservations, or for the use of Indians not hereinbefore provided, or it shall be lawful to proceed by information in the name of Her Majesty in the Courts of Law, &c., &c. I give the complainants this to advise you as to their statement.

I am, &c., &c.,

(Signed) G. PITTENDRIGH,  
*Indian Agent.*

NEW WESTMINSTER,  
October 15th, 1884.

CHARLEY, AN INDIAN,

I regret to hear that you are giving a great deal of annoyance to Mr. Samuel Greer. You sold him all your improvements on the place you lately occupied. I was present at the agreement between him and you. Mr. Greer paid you the amount you asked for your improvements. Now, if you give him further annoyance I will be obliged to go out and interfere. I request you to be good enough not to give Mr. Greer any further trouble.