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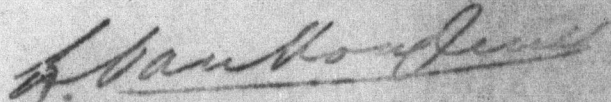
Ottawa, 1st Feb., 1890

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 20th instant, and to the letter from Mr. Agent Lomas of the 9th instant, which accompanied it having further reference to the proposed "paying off" gathering to be held at Cowichan by Chief Klenavalt, I beg to inform you that having submitted Mr. Lomas' letter to the Superintendent General I am instructed to say that while Mr. Lomas should in no way whatever encourage, or sanction the proposed celebration, he need not take any measures to prevent the same, unless complaint is made in a formal manner before him by some party, or parties, to the effect that some Indian or Indians, are celebrating the "potlach". You will remember that the enforcement of the law for the prevention of such feasts, or celebrations, rests with the authorities of the local Government and not with the Indian Agent, before whom however any parties accused of engaging in, or encouraging the celebration of the same may be prosecuted.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant



Deputy Supt. General of

Indian Affairs.

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