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June 29, 1930.

Dear Sir:-

On the 13th of May I wrote you relative to the 19 allotments recommended by the Royal Commission of Indian Affairs for the Nass River Indians and this letter was delivered to the Council in person by Constable Newnham on Tuesday, the 27th of May. On the 29th of May Constable Newnham reported by telegram from Aiyansh stating that the Indians rejected these reserves and declined to assist the surveyors in locating them. The Constable's report in detail, dated the 31st of May was later received bearing out the information conveyed in his telegram of two days previous.

As the Nass River Indians have the repute of being able to carry on their affairs in a business-like manner, I had anticipated they would have realized the importance of replying to any official correspondence addressed to the Council. As no official answer has so far been received from the Council to my letter, I have to inform you that this Department will have to presume that Constable Newnham's report is correct and, therefore, it is intended to notify the Government of British Columbia that the 19 parcels of land above referred to are not required as Indian Reserves and all claim for them is abandoned unless I hear from you to the contrary not later than one month from the date of this letter, namely, the 28th of July.

Yours respectfully,

WED/KD.

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

Chief Councillor James Adams,
Aiyansh Indians,
c/o Dominion Constable Newnham,
Kincolith, Nass River,
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