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Victoria, B. C.,

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The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Sir:-

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Having finished my work on the Kispaiax River I next visited the fisheries of the Kispaiax Indians on the Skeena. The tripod of my transit having been stolen on my way up the river, I proposed to make a compass survey showing the position of all the fisheries, but at the first place I came to I was waited on by a deputation of Indians who told me they did not want any small places surveyed, but if I gave them their hunting grounds on both sides of the valley from the river to the summit of the mountains they were willing to accept them. This would virtually give them the whole country and as that was impossible, and I was entirely dependent on them for transport, I had to compromise as best I could. I therefore told them that I would go to the different stations, make a sketch of them, and request the Prov. Govt. not to sell any land that embraced their fisheries. This they agreed to, and after that, with one exception, they gave me every assistance possible.

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Kai gut seon dawd jup, is on the right bank of the Skeena about two miles from the Kispaiax village. It is an old fishery, though at present it consists of but one shack and a salmon cache. In the centre of the river is a large rock formerly used as a fort, or a place of refuge for the women