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Exhibit (1)

Victoria, B.C.,

April 4th, 1932.

To Mr. Commissioner
W. E. Ditchburn,
Commissioner for N. C.

I Chief David Latasse, Tsarlip Reserve, Saanich tribe of Indians, been an old man, been of good sound mind, solemnly deny any knowledge of the so called Saanich treaty, as shown on Exhibit No.6. Filed by P.R. Kelly, Chairman of the Allied Indian tribes of British Columbia, as set forth in their Petition, submitted to Parliament in June 1926. Said treaty was signed by What-say-Mullet and nine others of the South Saanich, and Holutstun and 119 others, of North Saanich As have never been told by our old peoples, if there was any we would of been told.

2nd. That the Sum of Fourty one Pounds, Thirteen Shillings, four Pence, as shown on same exhibit, I flatly ignor and deny.

3rd. The only Knowledge we Know as in regards to a dispute between the whites and Indians at the time of James Douglas - that there was a settlement of that dispute (been regards to timber matter,) that James Douglas gaved four bundle of Blankets, one Bundle to Tseyeum, one Bundle to Tsarlip, 2 Bundle to Tseaut, none to Paquachin. It was not to sell land or surrender any Territory rights.

4th. We fully know that the parties mentioned on said treaty, What-say-mullets and Holutstun were not members of the Saanichs. Said What-say-mullet comes from Cowichan head, outside of the Saanich Territory. Holutstun comes from the Ganges Harbor.

Signed "Chief David ^{his} X Latasse"
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Witness "Simon C. Pierre"

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