

but where the latter have held and paid sole fishing Leases or Licenses, a special reservation has been made in favor of Indians. Therefore they have not been deprived of any practical benefit whatever; and have suffered no hardship in connection with these fisheries, unless indeed it can be deemed a hardship for them to be consistently and justly denied their theoretical claims to absolute proprietorship over all the fishing grounds situated in public navigable waters in the vicinity of their Reserves. The same considerate and liberal treatment always extended to them, will be still observed. But, as it

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