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14th August, 1922.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of the 9th instant in reply to mine of the 28th and 29th July, and note that you say you are handicapped in not being in possession of a copy of the Report of the Royal Commission, more particularly the Interim report dealing with the cut-off of the Gitsault Reserve No. 24.

In reply I beg to say that there is no interim report dealing with the above matter. Agent Perry has a section of the Report in connection with the Nass Agency as it was constituted at that time. You should be able to peruse this. The Minute of Decision referring to the above cut-off will be found on page 591.

I believe the reasons influencing the Commission in arriving at their decision were:-

1. That the Indians had not used this reserve and had no improvements on it, their improvements being on Lots 50 and 51 owned by R. P. Rithet.
2. That the land was of no use to the Indians.
3. That the reserve occupied the only available location for a townsite.
4. That the Indians themselves had asked the Department to sell it to the Alice Arm Development Company, who had offered a good price for it. Letters are on file with the Department to this effect.

You might consult with Agent Perry on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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