

God; honour the King,' and thus, as loyal subjects of Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, we rejoice in seeing you visit our shores. We have learned to respect and obey the laws of the Queen, and we will continue to uphold and defend the same in our community and nation.

"We are still a weak and poor people, only lately emancipated from the thralldom of heathenism and savage customs, but we are struggling to rise and advance to a Christian life and civilization.

"Trusting that we may enjoy a share of Your's Excellency's kind and fostering care, and under your Administration continue to advance in peace and prosperity,

"We have the honour to subscribe ourselves Your Excellency's humble and obedient servants.

"For the Indians of Metlakahtla,

DAVID LEASK,

"Secretary to the Native Council."

In reply to this the Governor-General