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Dear Mr Pedley,

When in Ottawa in March last I had a conversation with you with reference to the Indian Reserves in New Westminster, including Poplar Island.

I do not recollect whether you instructed me to send you further plans or not. If it is not necessary, I again respectfully make application for these three Reserves on the Mainland and Poplar Island on the North Arm of the Fraser River, as these very materially affect our proposed Harbor plans and we would like you to deal with them at your earliest convenience.

As I informed you then, there are no Indians living on the Reserves, and so far as I know, there never have been. I believe at one time a white man who had either a half-breed or full-blood Indian for a wife lived on a small piece below 4th Avenue, but they paid taxes to the City on their improvements for some time and finally lost their property to the City for arrears of taxes.

I shall be very glad to do anything necessary or that you may desire to help matters along, but would respectfully request that there be no unnecessary delay as we have several industries waiting

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