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January 6th, 1915.

W. H. Halliday, Esq., Indian Agent.

Alert Bay, B. C.

Sir:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia, I have the honour to enclose herewith for your information copy of a letter today addressed to the Deputy Minister of Lands for British Columbia, the contents of which are selfemplanetory.

Referring to your letter of the 10th December ultime with respect to the application in behalf of Indiane of the Kwawkewith Tribe for land at the month of Kwatsee River, Hardy Bay, I am directed to advise you that inasmuch as your own investigation has shown that the land in question has been Crown granted, it is beyond the powers of the Commission to take any action in the allotment of the said land for the purpose of the creation of an additional reserve of the Evankewith Tribe.

> I have the honour to be, ' Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. BERGERON.

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