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Comox january 20 1879 to the Right Hon Sir John A Macdonald K C B
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sir i have the Honer to Send yo this Copey of the Papers that the Provincial Government alowed me to make my hom on Befor Confederation
p Hp that ya will giv it your Fue Consideration Bein being in Colony and ustala in the early times i said that thos that took up Land did Best
i Cam Hear in 1862 and took up land 160 acres under the Premption act on the junction of the Salton and Courtney Streams the for
former which fronts my Howse is almost Dry in Sumer and about tow a miles from the Indian Ranch Whear they have tho or
four Hundred acres of land to one Woman and Six men of this tribe which is called Kintlage and not Comox as it is a Dogs nam
and they are tribe Caled the others Comox or Dogs i Think that Sandwick would be a better name for this Place
thear Hom which is ~~Situated~~ (on the junction of the Salt water and Frash Watter whear they can fish Trout and Samon
and Herings Clams and co is well Chosen by thear fore fathers for thear way of Living and many a white man
would be glad to have thear Land to Settel on if the comissioners wanted to give them any mor they could extended thor Lan Back for 1000 ofa
when i cam hear thear was only one white man in the Place and he had his Land joining to the Indian Ranch and lived
with one of thear Women and he was shot by them thear is Ba mor Deths hear according to the Population then any other
Place i have been and i have Traveled a great Deale in the World and most all by Disapation and Drink and most
all young men the Natives yo well see is most all Extenk but the Comissioners Told me that they found Sixteen 16 Natives
men Women and Children which i say was not Natives or Rather not of this Tribe Because thear is so many of all tribes
Living hear now in a State of Profacy that they might be Natives and not of this Tribe but why did the
Comissioners Place this few Remaing ~~few white People~~ in the Center of a white Settlement knowing the evel that has been don
Befor and knowing that the British Fleet had to Trave them of our Land Because of thear Stealing our Crops.
and also knowing that Since Confederation they had Killed all my Hogs that was on the Land and Six of
my Best Cows and tow work oxen the Schole whir all the Children in the Settlement goes is clase to the Place the
Children can see white men going with thes women in the Same Land som of those white youths taks about it as a comon
thing that they ar witnesing often when i told the Comissioners thes facts they said that they had nothing to do with that and
they hid nothing to do with my Loss of Stock or land the Government and the Law had to Settel that so ya see that
those men does not know thor Busnes which i should think was to make Pace and Place the tow Races
saperat so that they both might in a future Generation might grow up a Cristain Population in place of that it will
be Death and Destruction on Both Sides look at Mr Tunca at Mettakahtla how he Brings up the Natives under his care he
gives them no gints he makes them Saport themselos and him tow and the young men is as well Beheaved and better Brought up than
many of ourselos why not act on the sam Principle with the other Natives and save the Country the expence of keeping up a band of
unecay officiels thes men was here for days doing nothing with a Steamboat attending on them and a Surveyor that did nothing Seventy
clock and co one of themselos said that it cost the Government Hundreds of Dollers a day and they did nothing that could not
be Don in 8 Hours that was to com up the River with the Natives in a Canoe and Land on the Bank of the Stream and tell me that they gave my Land to the Sawm

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