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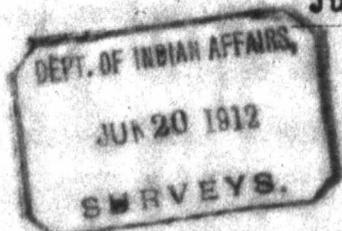
INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE,

Metlakatla, B.C.,



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Sir,—

I beg to report that when visiting Port Essington last the Indians there called my attention to the fact that for some years Messrs R. Cunningham & Son, Ltd., of that place, had allowed the Indians to bury their dead in a parcel of ground which had now become so full of bodies that it is almost impossible to bury more there. This parcel of land is about three acres in area, and has also been used as a burial ground for Whites, Orientals and others.

The Indians asked me to approach Messrs Cunningham with a view to obtaining, if possible an additional area of land adjacent to the land referred to, which I did, with the result that Mr. Robert Cunningham informed me that if the Department was willing to purchase an additional area for graveyard purposes to the extent of ten acres, the said ten acres to include the three acres already used up and referred to above, his firm would be prepared to hand the title of same to the Department for the consideration of one hundred and fifty dollars per acre.

Messrs Cunningham would, in the event of a purchase by the Department of the land required, meet the cost of surveying the same, and close a deal for the ten acres at a total cost of \$1500.00.

In view of the fact that the Indians have used the old graveyard for many years, and in that time Whites and others have been buried therein, yet only three acres has been utilized, I asked Mr. Cunningham if his firm would be prepared to release a smaller area than ten acres; to which he replied in the affirmative.

The Secretary,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

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