

Meanwhile I think it right to inform you that it is the intention of the Dominion government to vindicate its rights in the premises, and to remain in possession until decided to the contrary by competent authority or by mutual consent.

I feel disposed to believe that everything can be settled amicably between the two governments and without any friction whatever.

I have the honour to be, sir,
Your obedient servant,

L. F. PINAULT, Lt.-Col.,
Deputy Minister of Militia and Defence.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE,
OTTAWA, 29th May, 1899.

The Honourable
The Minister of Militia and Defence,
Ottawa.

The following statement is taken from the journal of the legislative assembly of British Columbia, December, 1872, to February, 1873:—

“Government reserves: South of first Narrows, Burrard Inlet kept for military purpose, 950 acres, commanding entrance to Burrard Inlet.”

There are other papers and correspondence with the admiralty, but they refer to naval reserves. Stanley Park site and Deadman's Island being military reserves are not mentioned therein.

L. F. PINAULT, Lt.-Col.,
Deputy Minister of Militia and Defence.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE,
OTTAWA, 15th April, 1899.

THOS. F. MCGUIGAN, Esq., City Clerk,
Vancouver, B.C.

SIR,—Having reference to the claim made by the corporation of Vancouver to Deadman's Island as part of Stanley Park, and the exercising by the above corporation of jurisdiction over it,—

I have the honour to inform your corporation, through you, that Deadman's Island has never been considered by this department as in any way forming a portion of the military reserve granted to your corporation by Order in Council in 1887. On the contrary it has always been held as a separate reserve, subject to such disposition as the department might see fit to make of it.

I have further the honour to inform you, that this department has granted a lease of this island to the Vancouver Lumber Company, of the city of Vancouver, said company to have, by virtue of its lease, full control of it for the purposes for which the lease was granted.

I have the honour to be, sir,
Your obedient servant,

L. F. PINAULT, Lt.-Col.
Deputy Minister of Militia and Defence.

THIS INDENTURE, made in duplicate the fourteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, in pursuance of the Act respecting short forms of leases, between Her Majesty Queen Victoria, acting through the Honourable the Minister of Militia and Defence, the Honourable Frederick William Borden, of the city of Ottawa, in the province of Ontario and Dominion of Canada, of the first part, and the Vancouver Lumber Company, of the city of Vancouver, in the province of British Columbia and Dominion of Canada, of the second part.