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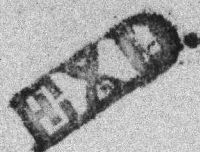
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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,  
P.O. BOX 566

VICTORIA, B.C. March 28, 1925.

Your File 30,165-14.



Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 6th of February having reference to a letter forwarded to you by Mr. Indian Agent Graham on the 28th of January, enclosed with which was a request from certain Indians calling themselves the American Bar Branch of the Yale tribe that they should be separated from the Union Bar Band, I beg to say that up to the present I can not see any good reason for this suggested change, as the Indians belonging to the Union Bar Branch have not expressed their desires on this matter.

It is noted in Mr. Indian Agent Graham's letter that he suggests that if it is feasible that the American Bar Band should be separated from the Union Bar Band, he thinks that the reserves on both sides of the River should be separated, one lot for the American Bar Band and the other for the Union Bar Band. From this one is led to believe that Union Bar is on the opposite side of the Fraser River to American Bar, but such apparently is not the case for in looking over the schedule you will observe that Reserves Nos. 10, 11 and 12 are on the right bank of the Fraser River while Reserves Nos. 13, 14 and 15 are on the left bank. The field notes in connection with the surveys of Reserves Nos. 12 and 15 would clearly indicate that Union Bar is on the right bank of the Fraser River for Klaklacum Reserve No. 12 is mentioned in the field notes as being between Sister Rock and Union Bar. In the notes of Aywawwis Reserve No. 15 (left bank of the Fraser River) it is described as being opposite Union Bar.

I have written to Mr. Indian Agent Graham to clear this point up and at the same time informing him that the request of the American Bar Indians can not be considered unless the Indians of the Union Bar branch are also in favour of the suggestion made by Mr. Indian Agent Graham. I will, however, write you further on this matter, when definite information has been received from the Agent.

Your obedient servant,

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