

VANCOUVER
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single, without any kind of screen or partition to separate them: as may be supposed great discontent exists already, and will most certainly increase, the result will probably be that they leave the Colony and seek employment in Oregon.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) RICHARD BLANSHARD,
Governor of Vancouver Island.

ENCLOSURE IN No. 16.

Mr. Andrew Muir to Governor Blanshard.

(Copy).

Fort Victoria,
29th April, 1851.

Enclosure.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

I, the undersigned Andrew Muir, being a British subject (and lately resident at Fort Rupert), and deeming myself to have been wronged and illegally dealt with by certain officers of the Hudson's Bay Company, namely: William Henry McNeil, Chief Trader, George Blinkinsop, Clerk, and Charles Beardmore, Clerk, all of Fort Rupert, aforesaid, and being desirous to obtain redress for the wrongs and injuries I have received, beg to approach your Excellency with my earnest and humble request that you would be pleased to do me justice for the same. I thereby charge the aforesaid William Henry McNeil, George Blinkinsop, and Charles Beardmore, that on Friday, 3rd May, 1850, at Fort Rupert, aforesaid, the aforesaid William Henry McNeil, George Blinkinsop, and Charles Beardmore, did illegally assault my person, I likewise charge them that they did illegally imprison me, from Friday, 3rd May, 1850, aforesaid, until Saturday, 15th June, 1850, and keeping me in irons and fed on bread and water during six days of the said period, by which imprisonment I have sustained permanent and serious injury to my bodily health.

(Signed) ANDREW MUIR.

WITNESSES:

JOHN MCGREGOR,	}	Cathlamit.
MRS. MCGREGOR,		
JOHN SMITH,	}	Benina.
JOHN MUIR, Senior.		
ARCHIBALD MUIR,	}	Port Victoria.
JOHN PHILLIPS,		
THOMAS COURT,	}	Fort Rupert
EDWARD PEACOCK,		
JONATHAN MARTIN,		
CHARLES PAYNE.		

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(Copy).

Victoria, Vancouver Island,
4th August, 1851.

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My Lord,

I have the honor to forward for your information the report made to Captain Fanshawe, of H. M. Ship Daphne, by Lieutenant Lacy, of the Daphne, who commanded a party sent to apprehend the murderers of the British seamen at Newitly, on the 19th July last. The tribe at first fired on the boats, but fled when the party landed. Lieutenant Lacy did not pursue them, owing to the nature of the ground, but the other Indians represent the dispersion of the tribe as complete. This was effected without loss, and the wounds of the two seamen are slight. A most beneficial effect has been produced on the tribes in the neighbourhood, who had previously caused much alarm among the Hudson's Bay Company's servants, and endangered the safety of the post at Fort Rupert. For the future I trust that place will remain in safety, which it did not appear to be before.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) RICHARD BLANSHARD,
Governor.