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In regard to which Agency the amalgamated Band should belong, Chief Frank stated on behalf of his people that they did not mind under which administration it was placed, but he felt the same way as Mr. Todd, that the transfer of Comox would cut off approximately 45 miles from Mr. Moore's district which would at the same time only add about 25 miles to that of Mr. Todd. However he was perfectly willing to leave this to the Department to decide.

Chief Moses Moon, on behalf of the Salmon River Band, expressed the reasons why his people had not lived on their own reserve at Salmon River. He stated they have no homes there, and it is necessary for them to go away for employment as there is no means of earning a livelihood in that district. He stated the idea of amalgamation had been discussed with these two bands for several years, and that he had himself discussed it some time ago with his Indian Agent. They are all willing to amalgamate and would like to make their permanent homes at Comox. He concluded by saying they too were willing to leave the matter of agency headquarters to the Department.

A resolution, according to the wishes of those present was then framed, as follows:-

"We, the following members of the Comox Band of the Cowichan Agency, and the Salmon River (Kahkahmatisis) Band of the Kwawkwalth Agency, hereby request the Indian Affairs Branch to approve of the amalgamation of our bands under the following arrangement:-

1. That the two bands, when amalgamated, shall be known as the "Comox Band", all business and correspondence relating thereto to be henceforth done in the name of this band.
2. That Chief Andrew Frank, present Chief of the Comox Band, and Chief Moses Moon, present Chief of the Salmon River Band, shall remain as Chiefs of the combined Band, with equal powers and responsibilities.
3. That the reserves of the two bands shall be amalgamated under the ownership of the new Comox Band.
4. That Trust Account No. 331 of the Salmon River (Kahkahmatisis) Band shall be transferred into the present account of the Comox Band, the combined accounts henceforth to be the property of the two amalgamated bands.
5. In regard to the administration of the amalgamated Comox Band, we feel for this purpose it would be better to have this new band included in the Kwawkwalth Agency, as that would merely extend the boundaries of this Agency to Comox, whereas the Cowichan Agency would have to be extended within the territory of the Kwawkwalth Agency to include Salmon River Reserve No. 1.

We hereby sign the above resolution signifying our agreement thereto and request the Indian Affairs Branch to approve of same at their early convenience."

Signed for Comox Band:
 Chief Andrew Frank
 I. Frank
 Henry Mitchell
 Edward NimNim
 Ernest Hardy
 By proxy - George Hardy
 Robert Clifton
 Jacob Frank.

Signed for Salmon River Band
 Chief Moses Moon
 Harry Moon
 David Moon

Carried unanimously.

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