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Ottawa, 27th May, 1891.

Sir:-

I am directed by the Superintendent General to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th instant, referring to your appointment of Surveyor in the employment of the Department of Indian Affairs in British Columbia, and asking that it may be made permanent by Order in Council and that you be gazetted thereto; and referring in support of your application to the recommendations in your favour made by the parties named in your letter.

In reply I am directed to inform you that the appointments of all Surveyors in connection with the Reserve Commission are made by the Department and not by Order in Council: consequently an exception cannot be made in your case.

I am moreover to represent to you that you, in point of service, so far as this Department is concerned, are junior to Mr. Ashdown H. Green who is directly connected

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