INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

Prince Rupert, B.C.

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Sir,-

In connection with the applications of the Fort Simpson Band of Indians to the Royal Commission, for additional lands, I beg to call your attention to the claims of the Kitcheese Tribe at Khutzeematwen Inlet. If you will kindly refer to the Agency map as used by the Royal Commission you will observe a boundary line which separates the sphere of influence of the Nishgas from that of the Tsimpseans, and you will see that the said line cuts off the mouth of the Inlet near Spakels Reserve of the Port Simpsons, leaving the interior portion of the Inlet in Tsimpsean Territory, while, as a matter of fact, there are no Reserves East of Spakels belonging to either of these so-called nations.

Recently, the Kitcheese, has engaged the services of a British Columbia Land Surveyor to survey one mile square at the head of the Inlet and I have received a sketch plan of this survey which I herewith beg to enclose. You will see that it has been surveyed in the names of the different Indians composing this Petitions as to this land, and in the matter of fishing privileges, have also been received and are herewith enclosed.

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