

OTTAWA, 17th April, 1905-

Sir-

In reply to your letter of the 30th Ultimo R.4.26, regarding the placing of a Light-House on Birnie Island, near the entrance to Port Simpson Harbour, I beg to say that upon communicating with the Department of Marine & Fisheries, it has been ascertained that this Light has been established inadvertently, without application having been made for authority.

The Department of Marine & Fisheries would be glad if an arrangement could be made with the Indians for the purchase of a suitable Light-House site, say one acre of land surrounding the Light and reaching down to the water's edge, and I have to ask that you will kindly ascertain whether they would be willing to surrender an acre for this purpose and what price you consider should be charged therefor.

Your obedient servant

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