

Pickenham Rectory  
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Dear Friends

Replying to your letter of Oct 6<sup>th</sup>.

When I first came to Alert Bay West Huson and his friends held a lease of the whole of Cormorant Island. Mr West Huson gave the Government permission to sell me 160 acres that broke up his lease. He ~~had~~ staked it off. It began at corner of Churchyard near Indian Agent's house and the other stake he put up near where James Prevost's house is now.

Then Mr O'Reilly came along to lay off Indian Reserves. The worded only allow me ten' chains frontage' that is to the SE corner of Stephen's lot near the Paw-mill. Mr O'Reilly called all the Reserve down Hukalis Indian Reserve.

Then Mr Pidcock came along this plan was that only those Indians who had given up the Potlatch should build down there. He first measured off two lots of 150 feet frontage each for Stephen & George Kamānnū. Afterwards he thought 150 feet frontage too much the and I measured off six more lots. I think 100 feet frontage the drood in the stakes on the beach. At this time Mr Pidcock wanted the young men in the camp to clear and own land land round the point. If you ask Ned, Kesuk & Nakāk, I think they will tell you what his plans were.

In those <sup>days</sup> there was no Industrial School and we never heard it called Industrial School Reserve. But I remember when I was in charge of the Industrial School in '909 I spent in my Report headed "Nimpkish Reserve", and they corrected