

APPENDIX HX

CONFEDERACY OF THE INTERIOR TRIBES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

P.O. Box 639,
 Steveston, B.C.
 March 31, 1948.

To the Special Indian Act Committee,
 House of Commons,
 Ottawa, Ont.

Honourable Sir:—

I have been instructed by the Chiefs, Councillors and delegates to the convention of the Confederacy of the Interior Tribes of B.C. to forward you a copy of the Petitions and Resolutions passed yesterday, and I was definitely instructed to ask, that your sympathetic action be given to these important decisions for their immediate implementation.

These grievances have existed too long to the detriment of the Indians, and early action implementing the recommendations of the Indian Act Committee that a "Claims Commission" be appointed by the Government at the earliest possible moment, should be executed now.

We also ask that these Resolutions and Petition be considered by the Indian Act Committee, as the Interior Tribes did not have the opportunity of having their delegates heard by the Indian Act Committee last year.

May I hope that you will acknowledge this letter and would be pleased to know your decision in the matter and thanking you, I have the honour to be,

Respectfully yours,

FRANK ASSU,
President.

CONFEDERACY OF THE INTERIOR TRIBES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Kamloops, B.C.

At a meeting of Chiefs, Delegates and representatives of the Confederacy of the Interior Tribes of British Columbia, held in the Community Hall of the Kamloops Indian Reserve of the Kamloops Agency within the Province of British Columbia, March 29th and 30th, 1948, the following Resolutions were adopted.

WHEREAS, in the opinion of this meeting, because of the many delays, misunderstandings and the invasion of our legal and hereditary rights, through the inaction of our legal trustees the Government of Canada, and because many actions of the white people have prejudicially affected the best interests of our people, by the loss of our legal and aboriginal rights, the time has come, when we must appoint a legal adviser, who shall be our Counsel and Solicitor in all matters.

RESOLVED THAT we do hereby appoint Mr. Henry Castillou, K.C., of Vancouver, B.C., as our Adviser, Counsel and Solicitor in all matters, and in particular the following fundamental subjects, which are based upon our native rights, as the aboriginals of this country: