

instructed that Indians had
no legal claim to exclusive
fishing rights. If however as
he says, he laid off stations
as desired by the Indians and
their friends, just as they wanted,
and thus recognized their pretensions,
he did so, not only without any
authority but contradictorily; it
is hardly consistent to now refer
to their claims as having existed
and been authenticated for a
series of years.

Respectfully.

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