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Ottawa, May 22, 1911.

Sir,-

I have the honour to inform you that there are a number of small plots of land on the mainland and on Queen Charlotte Islands which the Indians have always considered to be their own and which appear to have been in some instances overlooked in the action taken by the Reserve Commissioner and in other others were not dealt with by him. It has been represented to this Department that it would be a great hardship if the Indians are deprived of these small plots of land. In fact, in many cases they have been already included in pre-emption by whites.

This Department has issued instructions to cover some of these cases by having them staked and record made in the proper Provincial offices in order to afford time to have them surveyed and applications made for them to your Department, and, furthermore, that the Indians' rights in these will not be jeopardized in case they are found to be entitled.

Yours obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary,

Benwick, Esq.,

Deputy Commissioner, Lands Department,
Victoria, B. C.

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