

They claim however the whole territory and each tribe is jealous and tenacious of its rights in this respect as on the North West coast. One tribe is not allowed to hunt or fish within the prescribed boundaries of another without permission and tribute, and the few white traders that are there have been obliged to purchase their right of tenancy from the Indians claiming it. Except at Barclay Sound, I do not think it would be wisdom to interfere with this as it would necessitate a considerable number of resident Government Agents to enforce a change in their native laws and regulations, and really the time for rendering such a step necessary seems as remote as it did fifty years ago. The impression I have formed from visiting them convince me that, generally speaking, it would be in the interest of peace and good government to allot reserves upon the Coast as the steps may be from time to time necessitated by the influx of white settlers or the establishment of Missionary centres. In this way it could be managed without the great expense of a separate Commission.

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