

of the government to force the river by armed men was only abandoned through the counsel and help of the missionary. Thus a disaster and expenditure of blood and treasure were averted, and by a patient hearing and equitable arrangement the good will of the Indians was restored.

On my arrival in Victoria at the present juncture, I lost no time in beseeching the government to refrain from sending a ship of war to Metlakahla. I offered to go up in the coast steamer with any gentleman the government might depute and use my best efforts to bring about an amicable settlement. I pointed out that the most suitable person to go was the reserve commissioner, and Mr. O'Reilly offered to go if he received orders. The peaceful measures I proposed were, however, rejected and the ship of war has gone.

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THE END.