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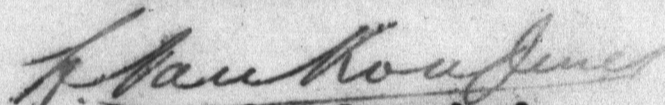
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Sir:-

Your letter of the 7th instant addressed to the Hon. the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs was duly received by him; and in reply to your application on behalf of the Bridge River Hydraulic Mining Company for a lease of a Mining location on the Bridge River Indian Reserve, in the District of Lillooet, B.C., for a term of ten years, as described in your letter, I am directed by the Supt. General to say that none of the land on the Reserve in question has been surrendered by the Indians for disposal for any purpose whatever, and that consequently this Department has it not in its power to grant a lease or to sell the location referred to. It is therefore regretted that your application cannot be complied with.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant


Deputy Supt. General of

Indian Affairs.

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