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Sir.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of Department letter No 36-152-11 dated Nov. 14th. 1932, together with a letter from James Mitchell and Tom Seymour.

The principal grievance in this letter is in connection with the cut off of the Chemainus Reserve #12 which was done at the instigation of the Royal Indian Commission, upon which I have already reported.

I can find no correspondence in this office in regard to the roads running through the Reserve that they refer to.

It is quite true the Main Highway does run through the Reserve, but this road has been in existence for a great many years.

There is also a gravel pit on this location and from all appearances gravel has been taken from this pit ever since the road was built.

I cannot find out what money they are referring to when they said that they were promised \$10,000.00 by Mr Commissioner Ditchburn and Mr Agent Robertson, unless it was the deposit put up by Messrs Peers and Anderson, when they the Indians surrendered the timer in 1920. and they expected to get this.

They cannot understand why they should not get more than \$2145.00, after so much timber was taken from their reserve I have explained to them that the Department was dividing equally upon a percentage basis all the money they could collect.

These Indians I regret to say are in a deplorable state at the present time, as they are all fishermen, and they have not been able to earn anything from fishing this year, and are badly in need of money to keep them going this winter.

I would like to recommend that at the very least \$500 be provided to help them along.

I have the honor to be.  
Your obedient servant.

*H. Graham*

H. Graham)  
Indian Agent.

The Secretary,  
Dept of Indian Affairs,  
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