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Ottawa, 28th March, 1904.

Sir :-

Incl.

I have the honour to forward herewith copy of a letter received from Mr. A. W. Vowell, Indian Superintendent, British Columbia, inclosing one from Agent Morrow, of Metlakatla, embodying a request from Indians of Port Simpson and Metlakatla to have a volunteer company established on the North West Coast so that Indian boys could enlist or become members.

The Department would be pleased to receive an expression of opinion from you as to whether you consider it advisable that the request of the Indians be granted.

Your obedient servant,

*J. M. L.*

Secretary.

Lt.-Col. L. F. Pinault, C. M. G.,

Deputy Minister of Militia &amp; Defence,

Ottawa.