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Victoria,

2nd. May, 1885.

J.W. Powell Esq.,

Superintendent of Indian Affairs,

Victoria, British Columbia.

Sir,

I have the honour by direction of the Esquimaux and Nanaimo Railway Company to write you respecting the Songhish Indian Reserve on Victoria Harbour.

The President of the Company, Mr. Dunsmuir, during the visit of Sir Alexander Campbell to this Province in August 1883, after a long discussion on the subject of the acquisition by the Company of the Songhish Indian Reserve, arranged with Sir Alexander Campbell that the Company should either be allowed to take the whole of the Reserve at \$60,000. or take the choice of half the Reserve for \$40,000.

I am instructed by the Company to state that they are prepared to carry out the arrangement of giving \$60,000. for the whole of the Songhish Reserve, or should the Department decline to part with the whole of the Reserve then to give \$20,000 for the half to be chosen by the Company.

The Company is prepared to give to the Indian Department on or before the 31st day of December next a piece of land containing 415 acres or thereabouts situate at Cadboro Bay, say $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Victoria, for the use of the Indians that they may be removed from the Reserve at the alteration.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(sgd) Chas. E. Pooley, Secy:

Esquimaux and Nanaimo Ry: Coy: