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My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's despatches No. 279 of the 10th May and No. 329 of the 3rd June on the subject of the Indian Lands in the Province of British Columbia.

2. As your Ministers are aware, this question of the position of the Indian land claims in British Columbia has been for some long time pressed upon the attention of my predecessors and myself and lately I have been asked to receive a formal deputation on the subject from sympathisers with the Indians in this country but have not done so. I have, however, given two interviews to the Reverend Arthur E. O'Meara as representing the Friends of the Indians in British Columbia, at the first of which Sir W. Laurier and Mr. McBride were good enough to be present and I understand that subsequently they discussed the matter together. At the second interview, at which they were not present, I told Mr. O'Meara that he and his friends must again approach the governments of British Columbia and Canada and that I could hold out no hope of intervention under existing circumstances on the part of the Imperial Government.

Governor General

His Excellency

The Right Honourable

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