

never was opened to the  
whites, on the contrary  
that it was kept opened  
solely for the use & benefit  
of the Indians, sd. <sup>street or</sup> road  
being within the limits  
of the ~~Indian~~ <sup>Indian</sup> village of  
Lorette. And in a previous  
letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> Dec last  
he stated that the Indians  
open to the public using  
the road for the reasons  
therein described.

Will you be good  
enough to inform me  
whether, ~~it~~ under the  
circumstances, it wd.  
be legal for the Indians  
to erect, as proposed,  
the gates, <sup>having for their object</sup> ~~with a view to~~ the  
exclusion of the public  
from the use of the sd.  
road.

Yr<sup>ts</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>