

Indian Office,

New Westminster, B.C.,

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Indian Superintendent

Victoria

Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 10th Nov. last, No. 148, L^g, enclosing copy of a letter from the Deputy Superintendent General No. 733, re. the three small Reserves, for camping purposes at New Westminster.

I beg to report for your information that on receipt of your letter I called on Mayor Hoy, at the City Hall, and explained to him what the Department would be willing to do. The Mayor stated he would require to place the matter before a Special Committee of the Council, and that he would advise me what they could do. A few days ago the Mayor informed me that the City would be willing to exchange a piece of land on Lulu Island for these three Reserves. On the 12th Inst I in company with the City Engineer examined the ground which the City proposed to give in exchange, and found it unsuitable for camping purposes, being too low and marshy. I notified the Mayor accordingly. I explained to him that any time the City was prepared to supply a suitable camping ground for the Indians in lieu of these Reserves, that the Dept. would be willing to enter into negotiations for the exchange. But that I could not recommend the Dept. to accept the ground they offered on Lulu Island owing to it being marshy and unfit for camping purposes. The matter stands in that condition, and until the City provide a suitable camping ground my advice is for the Dept. to keep possession of the three Reserves in question. I have the honor to be

Yours Obedient Servant
J. J. Jewell