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Ottawa, 7th April, 1892.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo, enclosing copies of letters received from and through Messrs. Drake, Jackson and Helmcken, Barristers, Victoria, in connection with the suit of the Attorney General vs. Huchit, now pending, and recommending that, in view of all the circumstances surrounding the case, the proposition of Messrs. Drake, Jackson and Helmcken be put in practice, but that the costs attending the suit should be paid by the defendants to date, in the event of the action being stayed, the proposition contained in Messrs. Drake, Jackson and Helmcken's letter being that, if the defendants or the Cowichan Improvement Co. will undertake to carry out the improvements necessary to prevent a repetition of the damage in future and compensate the Indians for past damage, they see no objection whatever to their consenting to a stay of proceedings until the undertaking has been properly carried out. They at the same time express their satisfaction with the tone of Messrs. Bedwell and Irving's letter, of which they enclose a copy, but state that the proper course to take

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