

## TESTIMONIALS.

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August 26<sup>th</sup>, 1871.

HONORABLE JOSEPH HOWE,  
*Secretary of State for the Provinces, Ottawa, Canada.*

SIR,—I have no disposition to obtrude myself upon your notice or to interfere in matters of policy in a country in which I am *alien*; still, we are neighbors of British Columbia, and, what is still better, friendship exists between citizens of that Colony and this Territory the cultivation of which may tighten the bonds of peace, and therein become the guarantee of mutual progress.

Our inland sea of Puget Sound extends northward by a continuous series of waters, and the Indian tribes in both Territories are fully as much intermingled as are some of our friendships. Indian policy, if I may use the expression, becomes a matter of common interest. I learn with pleasure that my old and valued friend, Dr. W. F. Tolmie, the *avant courier* of the white race on these waters, who did so much to mollify savage dispositions by his able management of the Indians some quarter of a century, thus paving the way for peaceful occupation of the whites, is presented by his numerous friends for the position of Superintendent of Indian Affairs. May I say his long experience, his successful management of our Indians so long, his vast knowledge of that interesting race, their languages, habits, etc., all most peculiarly fit him for the office. He will do credit to the Government, justice to the Indians, honor to himself.

I have known him well since 1851. I know, too, how much our people are indebted to him—more than once for aiding to avert disaster to our settlements when in their in-

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