

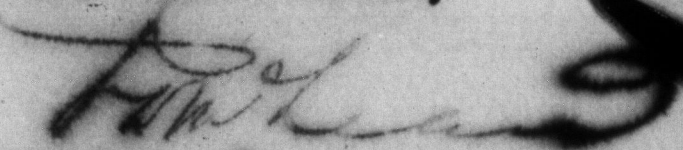
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Ottawa, Dec. 17, 1912.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of Oct. 21, 1912, No. 5314, I beg to inform you that Mr. Peter Byrne, Indian Agent, New Westminster has visited the Skwulwailen and Ahltsann Indian Reserves being Nos. 22 and 23 of the Squamish Band of Indians and has reported at length on the question of the lease of the foreshores for which application has been made by Mr. F. W. Britton. Mr. Byrne is decidedly of the opinion that no lease should be granted of the foreshores in front of these reserves and further that the Indians are decidedly opposed to the granting of the said lease. The Indians would therefore not consent to execute the necessary surrender of their rights in connection with these foreshores and consequently I have to request that your Department will be good enough to take no action towards granting the said lease.

Your obedient servant,


Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

The Secretary,

Dept. of Public Works,

Ottawa, Ont.

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