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Ottawa, December 28, 1911.

Sir,-

In reply to your letter of the 21st instant I have to say that it is regretted that the Indians would not allow you to make the survey of the small plot of land adjacent to the Aupe Indian reserve, Bute Inlet, to include the school and cemetery.

You should carry out the instructions sent you on June 28th, and as especially defined in the second paragraph of that letter. You will note that the Department was unable to give the exact limits, but it is understood that a comparatively small piece is all that is necessary. I may add that Mr. R. A. Benwick, Deputy Minister of Lands, has stated that he will eliminate from Mr. Thompson's pre-emption the portion of land occupied by the school-house and Indian graveyard; the portion of land should therefore be laid out in a reasonable manner to include the said school-house and graveyard notwithstanding any opposition on the part of the Indians.

Please communicate with Mr. Peter Byrne, Indian Agent, New Westminster, who will either arrange to go with you or advise you as to whether you should take a policeman in accordance with your suggestion.

Your obedient servant,

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