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As the Surveyor General writes he sees  
no objection to this proposal.

Forwarded to the Honble Acting Surveyor General accordingly.  
(Copy returned)

6/10/54  
Henry Wakeford  
Acting Colonial Secretary

6-10-64

I see no objection whatever, on the contrary, I consider  
Every encouragement sh<sup>d</sup> be given to Projects of this kind  
There is very little good land in the neighbourhood, but an  
immense quantity of valuable timber.

W. Wakeford  
Acting Colonial Secretary  
6/10/54



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B<sup>32</sup>  
572 <sup>H</sup> October 5<sup>th</sup> 1864

T. G. Asken

Requesting privilege  
of purchase of land  
in Chemainu

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Victoria B.C.  
Oct 5th 1864

Hon Colonial Secretary

Sir. Being the owner of a saw mill on  
Horse Shoe Bay Chemainus District and  
having expended in connection with the  
same about three thousand dollars, I find  
I find that my water privilege is not  
sufficient for the proper working of the mill  
during the summer months. I wish therefore  
to ascertain whether in the event of my  
bringing a ditch from a creek running  
into the Chemainus River and near the  
western part of my Section so as to enable  
me to work the mill all the year round  
would the Government give me the  
first privilege of purchase of said land  
at market price when offered for sale  
so as to secure myself in any further  
work. I remain dear Sir very respectfully  
Yours T. G. Askeo

A 10<sup>2</sup>/<sub>411</sub> Ask the Survey Gen whether he has  
any objection to this proposal A. C. H.  
Forwarded to the acting Survey Gen accordingly  
Henry Wakeford  
acting Colonial Secretary  
Oct 6. 10. 64  
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I see no objection whatever to the provided he  
at once carry out his proposed cutting. On  
the contrary I consider that every encouragement  
should be given to projects of this kind.



There is very little good land in the  
neighbourhood but an immense  
quantity of valuable timber

J. W. Pearce  
acting Surveyor General  
6 Oct 1864

The required permission approved.  
Subject to such Rules & Regulations as may  
be prescribed when the Crown lands  
Question is decided

A. A. Kennedy 6 Oct 1864

Forwarded for the information of the acting  
Surveyor General  
(To be returned)

Henry Wakeford  
acting Colonial Secretary  
7. 10. 64

Mr. A. New informed.  
7. 10. 64

There is very little good land in the  
Cape Colony but an immense  
quantity of valuable timber

John Furse  
Acting Surveyor General  
6 Oct 1864

The required permission approved.  
Subject to such rules & regulations as may  
be prescribed when the Crown Lands  
Commission is dissolved.

A. A. Kennard (C.M.) 6 Oct 1864

Forwarded for the information of the acting  
Surveyor General  
(To be returned)

Henry Makafau  
Acting Colonial Secretary

7. 10. 64

Mr. New informed.  
7. 10. 64



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January 28<sup>th</sup> 68

De Sir

I beg to inform you  
that we have experienced great  
inconvenience in this Dist  
& in getting certain parties to  
turn out to do their bad work  
as they say it has not been  
laid out by proper authority  
I think if you or some one  
deputed by you was to come  
up all would go well

As it is most important  
the seal should be put through  
and only at that price  
if it remains unopened  
and there is balance enough to  
finish it.

if you can come  
up at an early date you  
will save me and the  
seal commission some unpleasant  
work of remain in the  
your obedient servant

T. G. Askew  
and Overseer

A. M. Pearce Esq  
Land and Works Dept  
P.O. 196



Referred to Cap. & Clarke for Report to  
J. M. C.

12 Feb 67

C. Did not Boat, had  
called in since asked  
to do so

J. M. C.  
19/2/67

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How Sho Bay F 432  
Chermaine N. 116  
8th February 1867

Dear Sir

I hope that you will excuse me for troubling you with these few lines but the urgency of the case renders it compulsory for me on behalf of the Settlers of this District to ask an explanation from you as to the reason why the Steamer "Sir James Douglas" appears so completely to ignore all knowledge of this place, and will not even communicate with a boat when sent off to her with letters of the most vital importance for conveyance to Victoria to be forwarded to Europe and other places.

I understand from the conversation that took place between ourselves and Captain Clarke that the Steamer would call here on her way down if we would put up a flag - the last three times this has been done and a boat sent off and yesterday was boat went nearly to the other side



of the Straits and was within 2 or 300  
yards of the steamer for the purpose  
of putting letters on board from the  
settlers one of which was the petition  
to His Excellency the Governor of British  
Columbia to locate the Capital in  
Victoria which of course everyone in  
the settlement has signed; but the  
boat failed to attract the slightest  
notice from the steamer <sup>which</sup> and kept on  
her way so we have been obliged to  
charter an Indian and his canoe at  
the expense of five dollars to convey  
our letters to Victoria (the amongst  
the rest)

I should not have troubled  
you but have been requested to do so  
by the settlers, as I had told them  
from what had passed between you  
& I that the steamer would call  
here regularly if we put up the flag.  
You will be conferring a  
great boon upon us all if you can  
do anything in this matter.

Our letters & newspapers are  
left at Maple Bay (distant about 10 miles)  
even when the steamer does call.

& if sent for the expense of one  
dollar is incurred & Mr Beaumont  
of that place has informed us that  
he will not forward any more letters  
to the main settlement unless he  
gets his Commission -

As you are about the only  
friend we have to look to now we  
hope this will receive your favorable  
attention.

I am Dear Sir  
Yours obediently  
T. G. Askew  
on behalf of the settlers of  
Cheniamis District  
B. W. Pearce Esq.  
Surveyor General.



Recd  
1st Aug 68

Victoria B.C. July 31<sup>st</sup> 1868 F43a

Dear Sir

I being the owner of a Saw Mill at  
Horse Sho Bay "Chemainus Dist." wish to  
ascertain on what conditions the government  
will grant or Lease me: for a term of years say  
7 or 10 - a certain portion of land situated on  
the Western Side of Oyster Bay, Chemainus, and  
marked Lot No 1 and 2 on the sketch enclosed -  
Each lot requiring half a mile "or thereabout" along  
the beach, and the north lot to run back to the  
Nanaimo Trail for about one third ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ) of a mile  
The south lot to run back ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) half a mile from  
the beach; for the purpose of cutting the  
timber thereon. I have no wish to prevent  
anyone from entering on, and occupying the said  
land for Agriculture or any other purposes, save  
only the timber -

I am Dear Sir

Yours Truly  
Thos George Askew

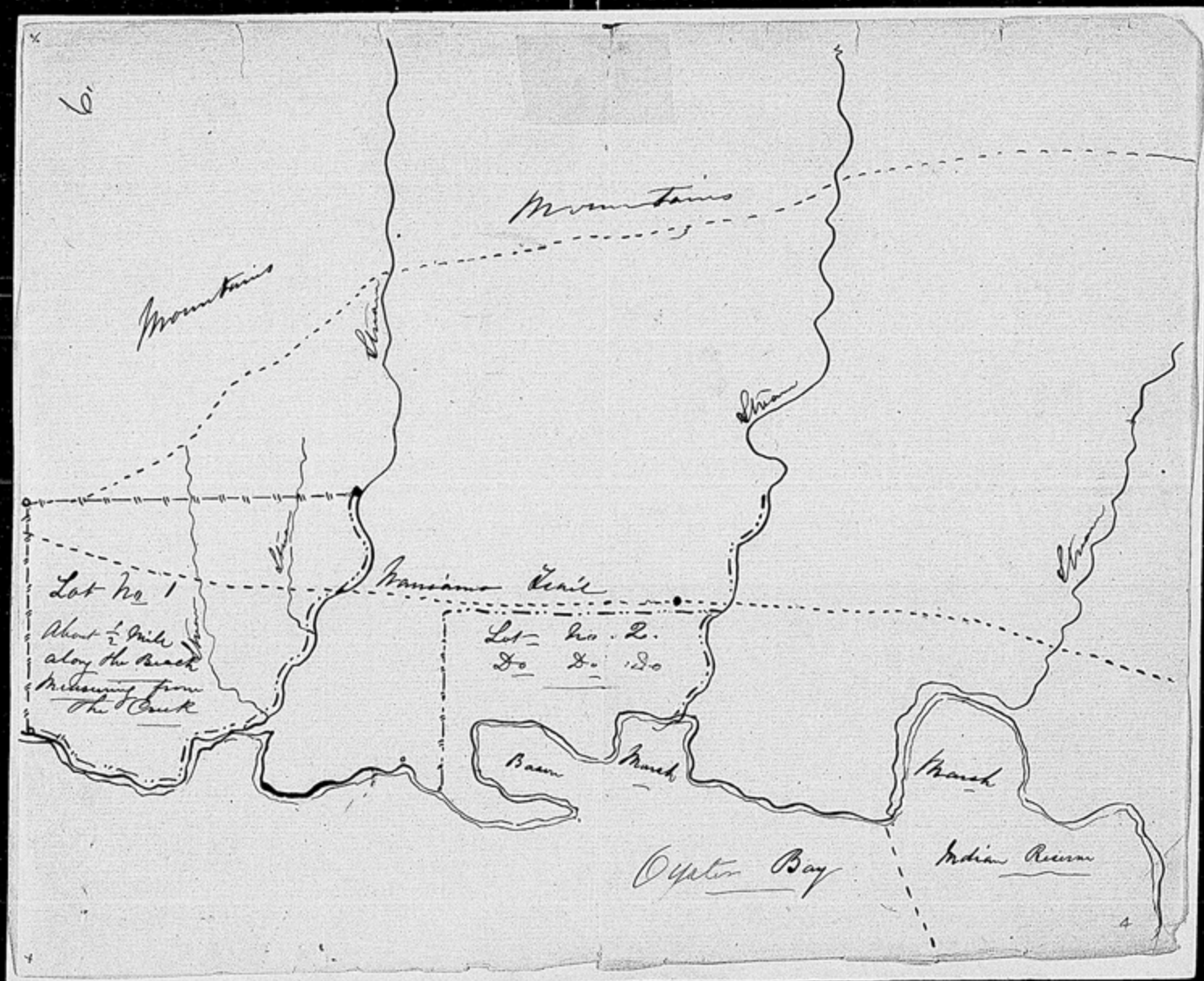
To the Surveyor General  
British Columbia -

Forwarded for His Excellency's con-  
-sideration

This is a portion of the land  
over which the right of prospecting  
for coal has been granted to  
Captain Stamp - but I see  
no reason why the privilege  
of cutting timber should  
not be leased to this  
applicant on the same  
terms as have been  
granted to Mr.  
Smyward over  
another tract  
of timberland  
in this neigh-  
borhood  
viz -  
for 7 years at a rent of 2 cents per acre per  
annum - the right of prospecting any portions  
of the land included in the timber cutting  
license being reserved - as also the  
right of prospecting for coal  
already conceded to Capt. Stamp  
J. D. Seeley  
4 July 1858







FILE 43A ASKEW, T.G.

COLONIAL  
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC



13<sup>th</sup> Augt 1868

copy  
1868  
Sir, In reply to your application  
of the 3<sup>rd</sup> ult<sup>o</sup> - I have to inform  
you that you may obtain a  
timber cutting right over the tracks  
of land described in your application  
on the following terms viz -  
for 7 years at a rent of 2 cents  
per acre per annum. - All rights  
public & private being  
reserved, <sup>particulars</sup> ~~as well as~~ the rights of  
preemption & of working for  
coal &c

On your informing me  
of your acceptance of the  
terms here proposed a  
timber cutting license in accordance  
therewith will be prepared  
for your signature and  
you will be informed of  
the day on which such  
indenture will be ready  
at this office for your signature  
W. G.

Mr. Mr. George Askew  
Chennai, S. M.



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SECRETARY'S OFFICE  
AUG  
1868

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Wm. G. Skew  
Victoria B.C.  
August 11. 1868.

~~My dear Sir~~  
~~I have the honor to inform~~  
~~you that I have discovered what~~  
~~appears to be a valuable seam of~~  
~~coal in Chemainis District I~~  
~~therefore request that the Government~~  
~~will permit me to have a~~  
~~reservation of four miles square~~  
~~for the purpose of testing the mine.~~  
~~The accompanying sketch will~~  
~~show the portion of land I~~  
~~desire, the boundary lines~~

Dear Sir

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you that I have discovered what

appears to be a valuable seam of

coal in Chemainis District I

therefore request that the Government

will permit me to have a

reservation of four miles square

for the purpose of testing the mine.

The accompanying sketch will

show the portion of land I

desire, the boundary lines





will be on the North and  
 North West the main River  
 on the South a creek emptying  
 into Oyster Bay about a mile  
 and a half from the head  
 I have the honor to be  
 Your obedient servant  
 Wm. R. G. [Name]  
 Colonial Secretary  
 for the purpose of [purpose]  
 The accompanying sketch will  
 show the position of land  
 which the boundary line

Referred for Report of Chief Commissioner  
Lands and Works.

N.G.

5 Aug. 88

The same privilege as has  
been promised to fast stamp  
might be granted to this appli-  
cant - viz the land to be reserved  
with prior right of record  
under the proposed new  
law. The extent of the  
reserve - 10,000 acres  
appears too much  
and should be  
reduced one half

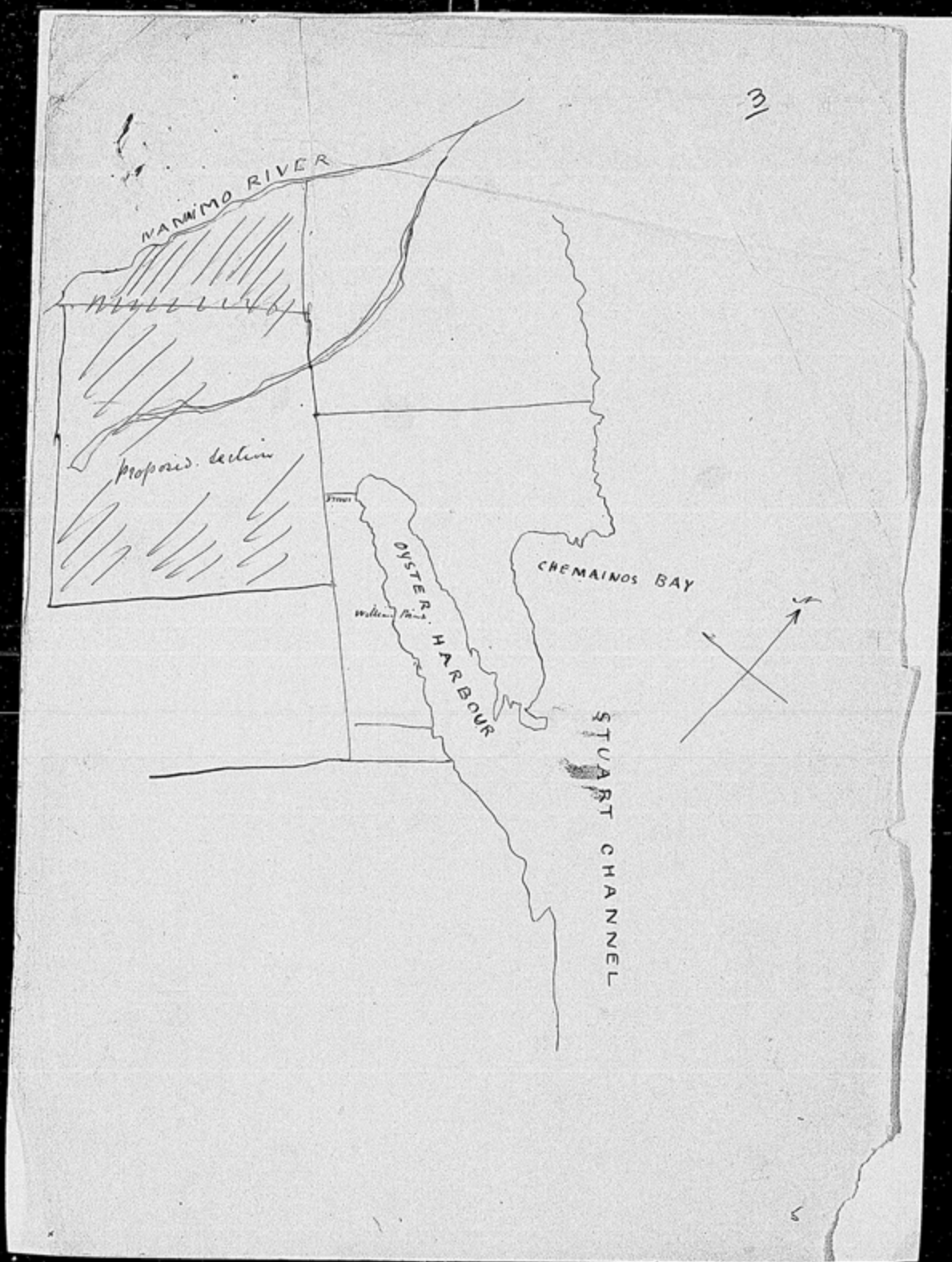
Joseph Smith  
7 May 1868  
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The amount applied for appears to be insufficient  
The land has been already taken up.  
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T.D.  
29 Aug 88  
T.D. Secy  
Chief Commissioner  
Lands & Works  
51 Aug 88



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FILE 43A ASKEW, T.G.

COLONIAL  
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

Mr. Howse -  
To draw up notice of reservation  
J.W.T.  
6/20/16  
3840  
6400  
10.240

Copy

Sir  
25th Sept 1860

In reply to your letter of  
the 1st ult. I have to inform  
you that a portion of the land  
indicated in the sketch map  
accompanying <sup>your</sup> application  
is a tract of land <sup>extending</sup> about two  
miles <sup>from the existing boundary of</sup> west of the land already  
reserved for Dept. stamps and  
running about 4 miles North  
from a creek which empties into  
Oyster Bay about 1 1/2 miles from  
the head of Oyster Bay to the  
Maunaloa river which is  
and contains about 5000  
acres will be reserved  
<sup>as you request</sup> and a prior  
rights will be secured  
to you if recording a portion  
thereof under the terms and  
provisions of the general law  
for the regulation of mineral  
lands which it is the intention  
of Govt. to lay before the Leg. Council  
during next session -

Wm. Thos. Gray Esq  
Chancellor of the Exchequer

Yours faithfully  
J.W.T.



Rec<sup>d</sup> 20/9/68

Handwritten  
Chambers  
August 19/1868

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Dear Sir  
In Reply to yours of  
the 13. I beg to inform  
you that the Terms you  
Name: As Rent for the  
Timbered Land will be accepted  
kind to Me

I am Dear Sir  
Very Truly yours

J. G. Askew

To J. M. Leitch Esq  
Surveyor General of  
British Columbia

*Copy*

L.P.W. D  
Via: Sep 15<sup>th</sup> 1868

Sir

In reply to your letter of the  
24<sup>th</sup> inst: I have to inform you that  
I am unable to understand clearly  
the description you furnish of the  
land you desire to have reserved  
and would therefore advise you  
to call at this office in order to  
explain the matter more fully

I have &c

(Sg.) J. W. Sutcliffe

J. B. Zimmerman Esqr  
Victoria  
Bt



Recd Dec 1869

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Chemmanur  
Dec 3. 1869

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of  
the 26. of Nov. I beg to state  
that I intended to have called  
at your office before this,  
Having been so busy I have  
not had time to do so,

Captain Clarke will <sup>pay</sup> you the  
rent and if it is necessary  
that I should sign the papers  
at once. Would you kindly  
entrust them to him

Or can I authorize him to sign  
them for me, to save time and  
expence of my coming to town

Yours truly  
T. G. Askew.

To  
Joseph W. Trutch Esq.

4 Dec

M

Mr George Chenuans

In reply to your letter  
of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst. I beg to state  
that I see no way of completing  
the lease to you of the land  
you applied for at Chemamus  
for timber cutting purposes,  
without your presence at  
this office as there are some details  
of the terms of lease which  
can only be settled ~~at the~~  
ground for this office at a  
personal interview between  
us. <sup>I have further to</sup>  
~~the board~~ <sup>point out that as the land</sup>

<sup>maple for timber</sup>  
<sup>cutting land is situated</sup>  
<sup>in an unincorporated district</sup>  
it is necessary that the  
boundaries of the ~~land~~  
be surveyed before the Indenture of lease can be



at your expense before the lease  
is executed

executed and in the expense of  
this survey, much follow-up  
it is advisable that you should  
call at the office make arrange-  
ments with him according to

There is however no urgency  
for you to make complete  
Victoria immediately and especially  
on this business. It will be  
sufficient satisfactory that  
you should attend to this  
matter as soon as you  
may find it convenient  
within a reasonable margin  
of time, & bearing in mind

that you will be called on to pay the rent agreed upon  
for the land from the date of your acceptance of the  
lease. I have referred you to the 18th of August 1884  
for the date of the lease. I am, Sir,  
Yours faithfully,  
G. T. T.



13. Aug 1868

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Timber Cutting License to  
Mr Geo. Askew.

Referred to the Act James or General  
with reference to a letter addressed  
by me to Mr Askew on the 9<sup>th</sup>  
of Decr 1869 -

I think Mr Askew should  
be called upon to execute this  
license without further delay  
and be required to pay rent  
for the land from the date of  
his acceptance <sup>of the terms of proposed lease</sup> from the 15<sup>th</sup>  
Augt. 1868 from which time  
his right to the land in question  
has been secured.

Joseph Smith  
6<sup>th</sup> May 1870

B. W. Pearce Esq



Draft.

L. G. V. B. C.  
9<sup>th</sup> May 1870

Sir,

I have the honor to call your attention to a letter addressed to you by the Com<sup>r</sup> dated 9<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1869 - and also again to remind you that it is important to execute the Deeds of the Lands required by you forthwith. Before this can be done it will be necessary to make a Survey of the Lands the Cost of which will, as in all other similar Cases be borne by the Deeds. - I may also remind you that the Deed is due from 13<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1869, which was the date of the Reservation <sup>of the Deed</sup> in your favour.

I have, &c.

*[Signature]*

Mr. Geo. Askew  
Cheminier, No. 3

Recd. No. 570

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Chermainus  
May 13, 70

Dear Sir

In reply to yours  
of the 7<sup>th</sup> inst, I have to state before  
I applied for the right to cut timber  
on the West side of Oyster Bay  
I surveyed and drew a Map or  
sketch of the same which I sent  
to the Chief Commissioner, with my  
application and was informed  
by him that the Land describe in  
my letter and accompanying sketch  
would be leased me by Government  
on the 27 of August 1868.  
The Chief Commissioner requested me  
to call at the Land Office to execute  
the Lease. When I did so  
about a year ago the Lease could  
not be found

FILE 43A ASKEW, T.G. COLONIAL CORRESPONDENCE PABC



(So you see, by no fault of my own) I had to return with out executing the Lease and have not been to Victoria since. The Chief Commissioner again wrote to me 26 Nov, stating the Lease was ready and waiting my signature, (forgetting I suppose that I had been to the Land Office for this purpose before) I gave the money to Captain Clarke to pay what ever charges there was on the Land. And asked the Chief Commissioner if he would send the Lease up by him for me to sign. In his letter 9<sup>th</sup> of Dec the Chief Commissioner told me it would be necessary to have a personal interview with him. But I need not come to Victoria personally on this account. The Chief Commissioner then informed me for the first time that the Land would have to be surveyed.

I hope you will not think it necessary for me to go to the expense of bringing up a Surveyor and I coming to Victoria to execute the Lease. I do I fear would amount to more than the Land is worth. As in the two Blocks there are scarcely three <sup>hundred</sup> acres and the Land adjoining, and two thirds of it, has no timber on. The lots as you will see are both bounded on the North side by a beach and each lot runs half a mile South East along the beach. The North lot runs back one third of a mile. The South lot half a mile from the beach. The South line of each lot runs at right angles with the Beach. I will alter it and make it due West if you think it necessary. I do not think I shall be able to come to Victoria for some time.

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If the sketch you have is  
not sufficiently explicit I will  
send you another one  
And if you will inform me what  
amount is due on it I will send  
you the money immediately  
And will call at your office  
When I come to Victoria and  
sign the Lease.

I am Dear Sir

Yours truly

T. G. Askew

To

B. H. Pearce Esq.

Asst. Surveyor General

B. H.



Draft:

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Lt. Col. V. D. C.  
20<sup>th</sup> May '70

Sir

I have the honor to ack. yr  
receipt of your Lett. dated 13<sup>th</sup> inst. -  
I in reply to inf. you that it is  
absolutely necessary to have a Survey  
made of yr. land wh. you seek to  
acquire, otherwise we could never keep  
yr. Records of this office in a clear way.  
It is done by every applicant for a lease.  
Especially outside of a Surveyed Dist. -  
I do not think yr. Survey might be  
cost more <sup>than £10</sup> ~~than £10~~ <sup>perhaps £10</sup> ~~perhaps £10~~ <sup>hardly</sup> ~~hardly~~ to  
inf. you that your presence will be  
necessary in this Office to sign yr. lease  
when yr. Survey is complete.

I have to

C. W. Davis.

Mr. J. G. Askew,  
Chennai.



*Copied*

Memo.

Will Capt. Clarke be good enough to leave the enclosed with Mr. Askew of Cherrains, & call for it on the way to Victoria, attending to the following matters:

- 1<sup>o</sup> Witness Mr. Askew's signature as shown in pencil.
- 2<sup>o</sup> Obtain from him the sum of \$23.35 being the amt. of Rent due. (arrear.)
- 3<sup>o</sup> Fill in date of execution of Deed.
- 4<sup>o</sup> Bring back Deed when so duly signed & return same to Land Office.
- 5<sup>o</sup> Give him a Receipt for the arrears of Rent due as above.

Capt. Clarke  
Mr. "Sir James Douglas"

*J. M. Rouse.*  
29<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1870.



Draft:

*Copied*

L.N.V. 13.C  
29<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1870.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit  
herewith one Copy of an Indenture  
of Lease granted to you of Two  
Tracts of Land situate in Oyster  
Harbour containing in all 579 ac. - Before of C. C. M. & H. G. I  
will be prepared to sign on behalf of  
y<sup>r</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> it will be necessary that  
you pay up all arrears of Rent  
from y<sup>r</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> 1860 to y<sup>r</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>  
1870, being for 2 1/4 years, amounting  
to y<sup>r</sup> sum of \$23.35 - Upon payment  
by you of this Amount, & upon receipt  
of y<sup>r</sup> Copy <sup>of the same</sup> sent herewith, duly signed  
by you, I will get y<sup>r</sup> other Copy <sup>of the same</sup> signed  
& transmitted by y<sup>r</sup> next mail -

I have &c.

*C. M. & H. G.*

W. J. G. Asken  
Chermainis.

Recd August 1871

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W 101  
Assess Shore Bay  
Chermain  
July - 1871

B D Pearce Esq

Dear Sir

I measured the place for the  
Bridge as you requested, The Indians  
have moved their house which Mr Howe  
put his marks on, so I measured from the  
top of the Bank, the Bed Rock is  
high on the ~~North~~<sup>West</sup> or Indian side of  
the River only about 4 ft 6 in from the  
top of the Bank at 6 ft from  
the Bank it is 6 ft 6 in below the  
level of the top of the Bank  
at 34 ft from the Bank and at the  
edge of the water which is about as  
low now as it goes it is 9 ft 7 in  
below the top of the Bank  
at 53 ft from the Bank there is 2 ft  
6 in of water making it 12 ft 1 in  
below the top of the Bank the Bed Rock  
is bare some 20 ft further than this the  
depth of water is about the same the  
water can be lower considerable more  
by a little labor in shoaling Channel.



through a joint Bar Union. It  
But that were the danger is  
is tolerable but and will not be much  
trouble to work

Yours truly  
T.G. Askew

To the

B. D. Pearce Esq.

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To the

B. D. Pearce Esq.



B D Pearce Esq

FILE 43A ASKEW, T.G.

COLONIAL  
CORRESPONDENCE

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21/9/1871  
22 Oct 1871

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James P. In

B. M. Deane Esq  
Surveyor General of  
British Columbia

Dear Sir

I being the owner of a saw  
Mill (Water Power) at this place in connection  
with which I have expended several thousand  
dollars. In 1862 several hundred dollars  
were expended in cutting a Ditch to bring the  
water from a creek about two thirds of a  
mile North of the Mill, as the enclosed map or  
sketch will show, about the same time a trail  
was cut a mile West of the Mill to a piece of  
open land then held by Arthur Graham and  
thence known as Graham Prairie. In 1863  
this land was purchased by Mr. H. Gault  
who then owned one third of the Mill property.  
In May 1864 I bought Mr. H. Gault's share  
in the Mill, and his right to the said land.  
I improved the road to it, and opened it about  
two thirds of a mile further West up to the left  
or North side of the Creek to the Lake as shown  
in the accompanying sketch.

In the Spring of 1865, I put in a Dam  
in the Creek at the outlet of the Lake which cost

me about three hundred dollars at the same  
time Geo. Bennett gave me the privilege of being  
in the water of another Creek, and the privilege  
to any lands I might require for that purpose.  
Since then I have gone on improving the said  
Dam at the Lake and also the road leading to it.  
In 1868 I gave up my right to the House &  
Land I had previously bought of Mr. Gault to  
Clark Lambton on condition that I was  
always to retain my right of way through it,  
to & from the Lake. This is the only  
place through which a road can be made without  
incurring the expenditure of considerable money  
for there is a large Swamp on both sides  
of the Creek immediately after leaving Lambton's  
field. Not thinking Lambton could ever  
stop me from travelling to and from the Lake  
in the road I had made and kept open  
for seven (7) years.

In July 1870 I performed half the labor and  
my team hauled all the material for a  
bridge on the Nanaimo road, which here joins  
part of the road to Lambton and to the Lake.  
The bridge is 90 ft long and is worth  
\$150 to the Government. I received \$22.00 for my  
work on it.

In January last someone (I have good  
reason to believe it was Lambton) shut down the  
gate of the Dam thus causing the water to run

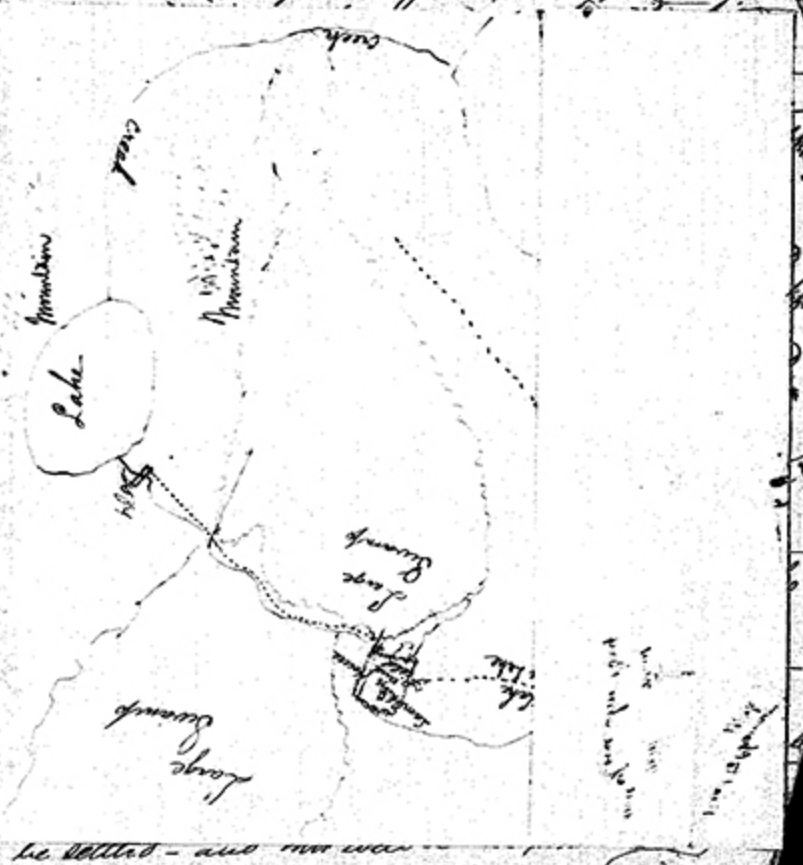


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 to & from the Lake. As this is the only  
 place through which a road can be made, without  
 incurring the expenditure of considerable money  
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 field - Not thinking Sambler could ever  
 stop me from travelling to and from the Lake  
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In July 1870 I performed half the labor and  
 my team hauled all the material for a  
 Bridge on the Nanaimo road, which has formed  
 part of the road to Sambler's and to the Lake  
 The Bridge is 90 ft Long and is worth  
 \$150 to the Government. I received \$22.00 for my  
 work on it.

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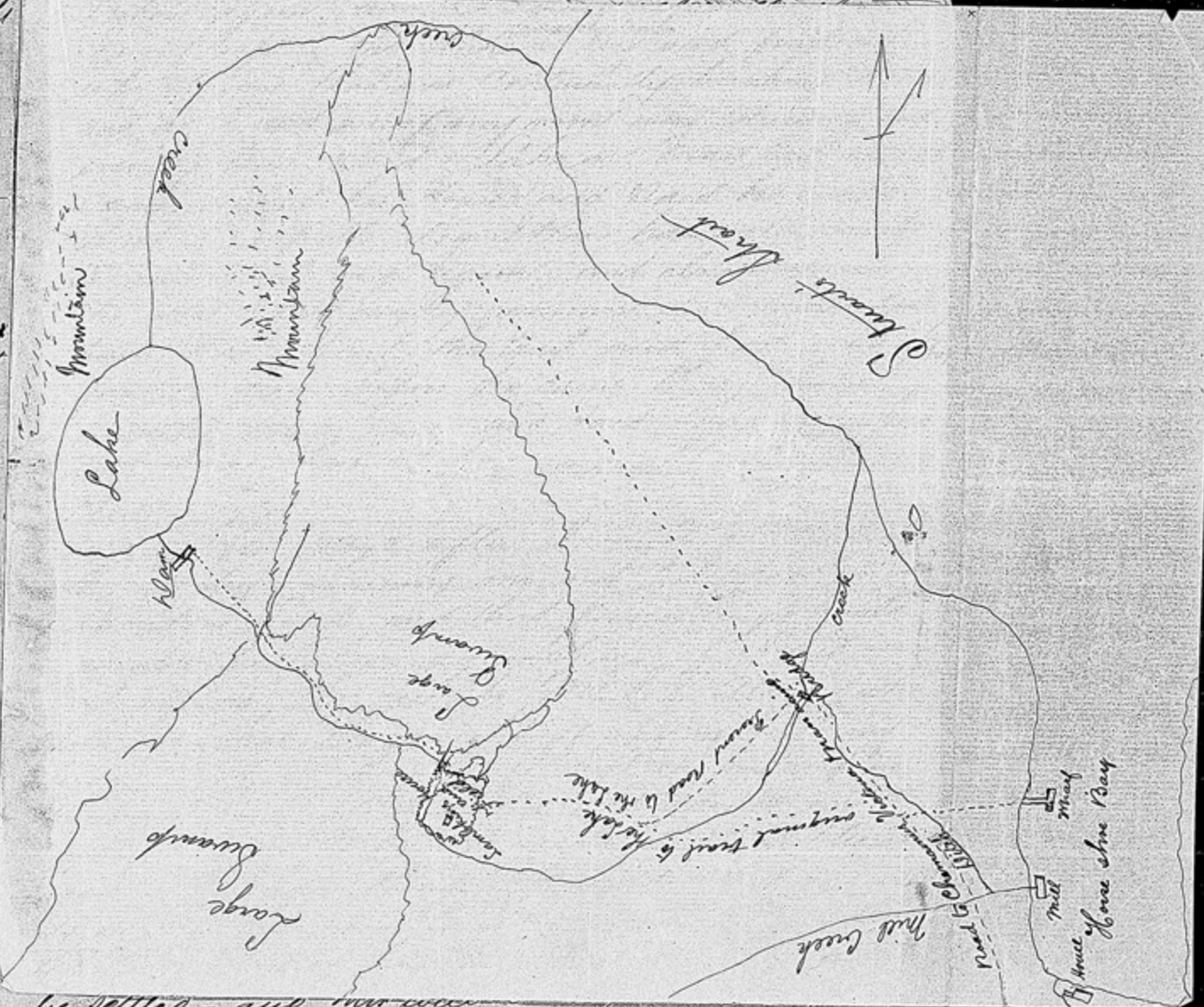


me about <sup>150</sup> ~~Three~~ Hundred <sup>dollars</sup> \$300.00 at the same time Gov. Rowley gave me the privilege of being in the water of another Creek, and the privilege to any Lands I might require for that purpose. Since then I have gone on improving the said Dam at the Lake and also the road leading to it. In 1868 I gave up my right to the House & Land I had previously bought of W. S. Gullitt to Clark Lambkin on condition that I was always to retain my right of way through it, to & from the Lake. As this is the only place through which a road can be made without incurring the expenditure of considerable money for they is a large Swamp on both sides of the Creek immediately after leaving Lambkin's field. Not thinking Lambkin could ever stop me from travelling to and from the Lake on the road I had made and kept open for seven (7) years.

In July 1870 I performed half the labor and my team hauled all the material for a Bridge on the Nanaimo road, which here forms part of the road to Lambkin's and to the Lake. The Bridge is 90 ft long and is worth \$150 to the Government. I received \$22.50 for my work on it.

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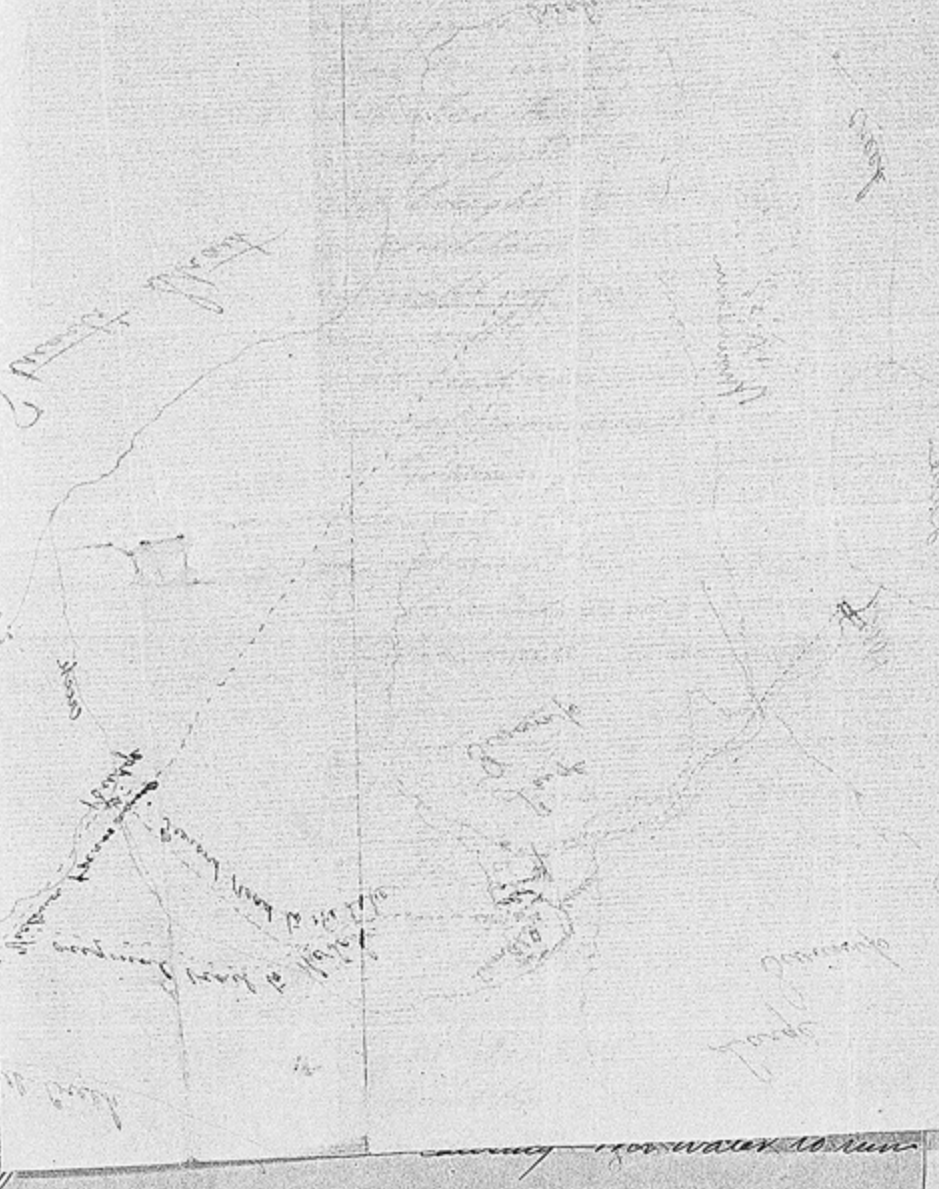


be settled - and was over



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over the top of the Dam and break it.  
In March I repaired it and in April it was  
broken again, and I again repaired it.  
I went up to the Lake <sup>several times</sup> and find out  
who it was that was continually breaking it  
and, as I and one of my men were returning one  
evening from said Lake Mr. May last Lambkin  
came out of his House and said he would  
shoot a valuable dog I then had with me, if  
I came that way again, and abused me in  
the most blackguardly manner. I reminded  
him that I cut the trail and had used it for  
five (5) years before he came there - whereat  
he called me a liar and said that you had  
told him that I had no right whatever  
there.

A few days after I received a letter from  
Mr. Morley warning me not to trespass on  
Lambkin's Land and that proceedings would  
be taken against me if I did.  
I referred the case to Mr. E. G. Alston, who  
told me that he a right of way went with my  
land, and so long as I kept on my roof, no  
trespass could be committed, and advised me to  
apply to you to have it declared a public  
road. I have therefore to request that you will  
do so as there is a large quantity of Land to  
be North West of the Lake, that may at any day  
be settled - and this will be the most direct road



to it. Mr. Percut Lambert or any one else  
can break my dam and I shall not be able  
to get to it or to take any material for its  
repair without being continually annoyed by  
you and the worst and meanest men  
in the country  
Trusting that you will grant my request

I am Dear Sir,  
Yours Ever Obediently  
T. G. Askew



D.J.

30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1871.

Sir,  
I have y. hon. to ack. y. receipt of your  
lett; ~~dated~~ recd. on 21<sup>st</sup> inst., in reference  
to a claim made by you for a right of  
way from your Mill to y. Dam,  
alleged by you to have been built in  
1665. In reply I have to inf. you  
that I have written to Mr. Kemble,  
calling upon him for an expl<sup>n</sup>. of this  
matter - I have now to inf. you that  
he does not deny y. fact of y. orig.  
holder of your Mill property, having  
blazed a Trail to y. Dam, but he does  
deny that any Trail or Road existed.  
He also denies that you or he ever  
acquired any right to his present  
pre. snapt. through you. He also  
states his willingness to allow you  
to go to y. Lake through his land,  
but does not wish, naturally enough,  
that this Road or Trail shd pass  
thro' his fenced lands. I have also  
to inform you that on my next visit  
to Chemainis, I will endeavor to  
go over y. proposed Trail, & if  
necessary for y. interests of y. Duffin,  
I will lay same out as a Public  
Highway. -

I have &c.

W. P. Lewis

Mr. Geo. Askew. }  
Chemainis. }