

matter to you, now, for your information
and for such action as you may see fit
to take in reference to it, so that there
may be no delay in making the
conveyance when asked for. I have
mentioned the matter also to Mr. Fell.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant
Silvestre Melville Sprout
Ind. Res. Commr.

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Sir

A section
"Bill" has a
month of Gold
Inlet, which has
possession of Mr.
Victoria.

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this pre-emption
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Settlement, and

The Honble The
Chief Commissioner of

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Sir
dear Sir
Charles Stewart
Ind Res. Commr.

Indian Reserve Commission

British Columbia
Victoria

4th May 1878

Sir

A settler named "Kanaka
Bill" has a pre-emption at the
mouth of Goldstream, Saanich
Inlet, which has come into the
possession of Mr. James Fell of
Victoria.

I beg leave respectfully
to express the opinion that
this pre-emption is invalid, as
the place is an old Indian
settlement, and the pre-emptor

The Honble The
Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works
Victoria

must have made a wrong declaration
to obtain a record.

It is the only Salmon stream
in the Subst.

The plan is not only secured
against purchase or pre-emption by the
land laws, but as a "fishery" was
made the subject of an express
written agreement between the Saanich
Indians (Feb'y 1852) and the agent
of the Hudsons Bay Co acting on
behalf of the Crown.

The Indian Reserve Commission visited
the place in March 1877, but not
wishing to push rights unnecessarily, they
marked off a small portion of the

land for the Indians
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land for the Indians, as follows (see
the formal Minutes of Decision), and
did not assign the whole pre-emption
to the Indians as might have been
done.

" From a point on right bank of
" Goldstream true east through a
" large fir marked Ind. Res. 15.00
" thence true north 15.00 thence
" true west to shore thence
" up right bank of river to initial
" point.

The Dominion Government are now
surveying the reserves on the island, and
in a short time will require the
Provincial Government to convey the
above piece of land to them for
the Saanich Indians. I mention the