

Pandosy?

Fort Rupert mission August 8. 1864

Indians - Liquor traffic.

Have him

A great number of Fort Rupert Indians are going to leave to-morrow for Victoria. Their object is to bring home those of their tribe that are living in Victoria; they also intend to see the new Governor, and ask the assistance of the Government against the Indians of whom I spoke to You before, and who have murdered one of their young men.

But the Government has not forgotten the massacre they themselves have perpetrated at Cheanick a few months ago, having moreover inhumanly killed a little girl they had taken slave, for the only reason she was crying too much.

People say here the Government is not active enough, and has proved to be so in the two following instances:

In the case of the Americans killed by the Totkitas two years ago, and who were buried at this place. About the same time the Shasas massacred one white man, and wounded

another. Even last Saturday some of our Indians brought to the Mission two mines coming down from the mines in a Canoe with some Winthian Indians, who having procured a supply of whiskey became troublesome, took to their arms, and the two Americans, in order to escape with their life, threw themselves overboard, and swam to an island where they remained for seventeen days without neither blankets nor any provisions, living the best way they could on raw clams and berries.

*Extract*  
As to our village here it is quiet enough as long as the Indians do not get whiskey; but the moment it is brought to the Port, all is trouble and confusion. The majority of the Indians say they would like never to see it; but at the same time the very sight of it is a temptation they cannot resist. They therefore ask the Government to appoint an officer with authority to seize upon all liquors brought here by Schooners and canoes coming from Victoria.

True Copies  
Signed C. M. Pandosy  
C. M. P.

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Catholic Missionary

Relative to Fort Rupert  
Indians

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