

Magistrate - Mining - Bridge - general information F-375

J. B. M.
14th Feb

Robert Peck
11th Mining 1861

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 I enclose herewith
 for the Committee of the Legislative Council
 a copy of the South American
 Act 1860 a duplicate of which I
 have forwarded Mr. Rogers at
 Magill's Quay -
 I enclose also for
 the information of the Committee of the
 Governor a sketch of the
 respective positions of the
 & Mining towns. Boundary
 Mining was carried on
 here as late as the 28th December
 by passing a Rake of 1/4 per cent
 Duties and levying the same
 the weather this contains a
 field a certain part but not

H. G. Cox
 Secretary

Hand disturbed by other storms or rain
A ditch which will cost
little money is being constructed by
Dresser (company) Co. which takes its course
along the S.W. side of the front
& terminates immediately opposite
the town - its length, one mile &
half - its further purpose of washing
these beaches, which have been terminated
about twenty feet into the primary &
that fall below the level of the water
into four reaches - four colon & the
pan -

A bridge is also being erected
over Colville River - from the town
square in a private improvement although
I cannot affirm in when the
accepts quite conform the show
being forthwith fully being month
during the year -

I purpose accompanying
some men to the gold fields
reported to exist near the Mission
within the Kenyan Lake or rather on
the opposite side of the river - reason
being to see if there is any
gold in the place -

As it is the dwelling which is to
be done thus -

Active preparations for building
are going on and together with some
of the abattoir, necessary work for
the dwelling, instructions respecting
the survey of the town which I think
should be proceeded with, reasons
possible in order to meet the granted
Ejectionist the town now contains
about three good houses some of which
behave in a large building
with the necessary authority for the
of a permanent land to Alton's
at present I have nothing to find under the
the other also I repeat that the
conditions on which a new mile of
is to be granted -

Some of our recent spirit beams to be
used to also applicants or only to
located nearby

Some houses taken & houses
built a few miles from the south of the

Headquartered by other towns or some
A ditch which will cost
tennis & money is being constructed by
Messrs (name) Co. which takes its course
along the S.W. side of the fault
& terminates immediately opposite
the town - its length, one mile &
half - its purpose Professor of washing
these benches, which have been tunnelled
about twenty feet into the ground &
shutful above the level of the creek
into fair result - four columns to the
plan -

Abundant also being united
from Colville River - joining the town
service in a private instrument although
I cannot affirm in when the
accepts quite complete the show
being forthable fully being worth
during the year -

I purpose accompanying
some men to the good fields
reported to exist near the mission
with a view to take the matter in
hand. It is also necessary to
visit the mission at sea which

of the latter Expedition what is to
be done there -

Active preparations for building
a gunny or (and) together with some
and others necessary work for
the Expedition's maintenance respecting
the survey of the town which I think
should be proceeded with as soon as
possible in order to meet the expected
Expedition the town now contains
about three good houses some of which
have been erected at a large outlay
of money ^{with the help of} ^{the} ^{Government} ^{and} ^{the} ^{people}
with the necessary outlay for the
of a sufficient amount to Aliens as
at present I have nothing to find under the
the other ^{of the} ^{Government} ^{and} ^{the} ^{people}
also I repeat that the
conditions on which a saw mill project
is contemplated -

An active spirit seems to be
evident to all applicants or only to a
limited number
Farm hands taken & however
built a few miles from the south of the

Since which I am very well to see
restoration for spirit & it is
of a smooth opportunity and present
deed forming along each bank with
some repair to be made - the
Creek affords very facility along
both its banks for such measures
proportionably

The present situation being one of the
Excellent in regard to health conditions
& suitable and fit for service in which
Excellent being pleased to visit
this locality - I might endeavor which
of pieces of provisions - no importation
around

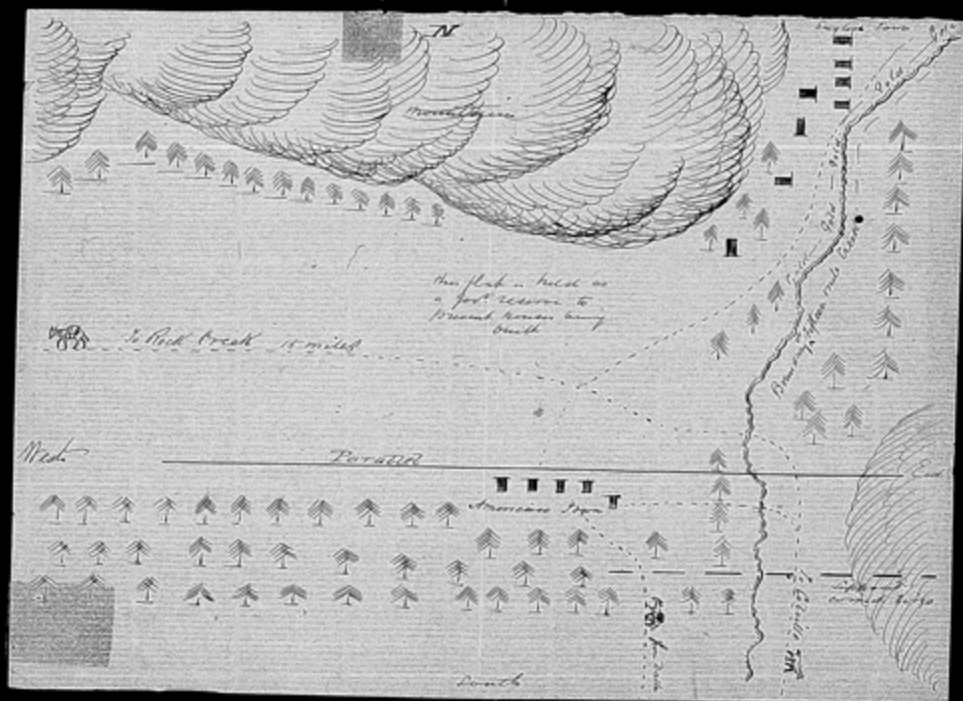
Shuttle House
Tribute
Your most Obedt. Servant

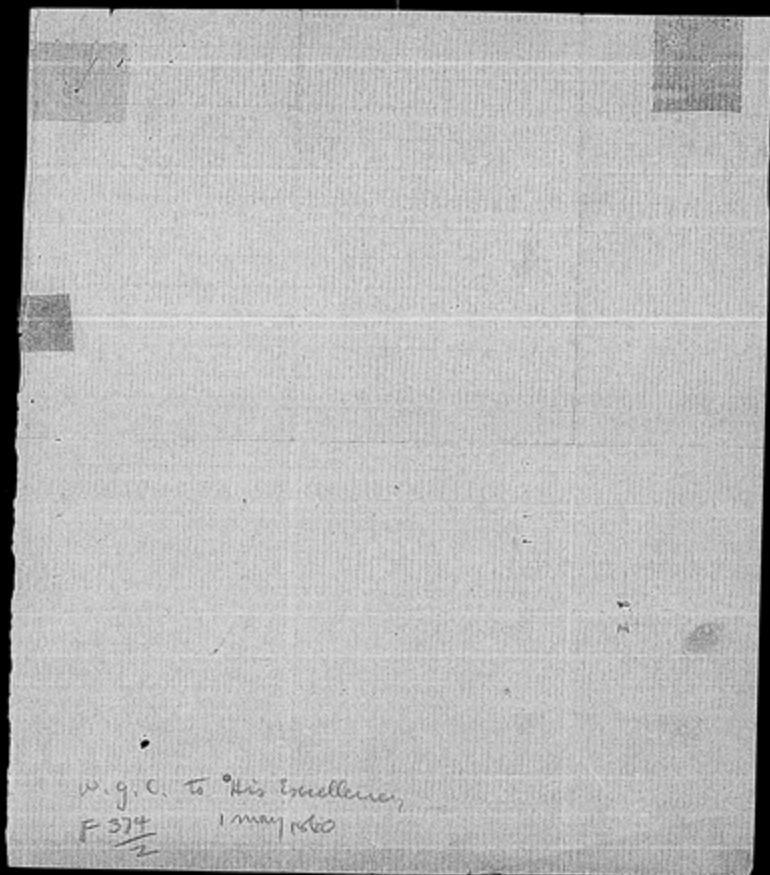
William George Cox

For further information
Please refer to my
report of my visit to
the same with my full letter
of my appointment

W. G. Cox

THE FOLLOWING SKETCH MAP HAD, PRIOR TO THE PREPARATION OF THESE PAPERS FOR MICROFILMING IN AUGUST 1979, BEEN FILED AS 374/2, FOLLOWING A NOTE "THIS IS A SKETCH FROM COX WHICH THE GOVERNOR MAY PERHAPS LIKE TO SEE - THERE IS NOTHING IN HIS LETTER WORTH COPYING". HOWEVER, IT HAS BEEN PLACED NEXT TO 375/1, COX TO W.A.G. YOUNG, 16 JANUARY 1861, SINCE IT SEEMS TO BE THE MAP DESCRIBED IN THE SECOND PARAGRAPH OF THAT LETTER.





W.G.C. to His Excellency
F 374
2 1 May 1860

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COX, WILLIAM GEORGE

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

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Retail prices for the following
Articles at Road Club
16 January 1861

Flour	per lb	³³ 33	20 ^c
Bacon	"	40	50
Lard	"		50
Sugar	"	30	40
Tea	"	1	25
Coffee	"	50	50
Beans	"		30
Rice	"		40
Candles (small)	1		50
And apples			40
Molasses	per gal.	5	00

W. G. Cox

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mining & application for mining ground F375

Dec 14th Feb

Rock Creek
111 Seelye 1881

W

I have the honor to acknowledge
 the following for the information
 of this. Regarding the prospecting
 of ^(Prospect) ~~Prospect~~ ^{Prospect} ~~Prospect~~
 Morrison Co. has determined as a
 speculation & also at the request of
 the majority of the miners on Rock
 Creek to erect a bell pit & flume to extend
 six thousand feet up the creek -
 & divide this feet in width & two or
 three in height & will consequently
 cost a large sum of money
 amounting about 10 cent per foot
 the object in putting this flume in
 width - on the main part - to clear
 their claims of the large deposits of
 tailings now resting there & causing
 great inconvenience - secondly - the
 draining of the creek by which the
 W. G. Cox

Best Result can be arrived at
when the balance the prominent
portion of the force lies - this plan
is to have a grade of such a nature
as to ensure the clearing off of
all present & future accumulations
some claims have up to 1000
have been made for a length of
time but to no advantage - even
by pumps - & do believe this should
this plan be accomplished all these
difficulties will be overcome -
the money made to encourage the
work have such collected to the
company I expect made of purchase
to the length of their claim, as a gift
to the washing of their land
The company now seek from
the government a part of money
found situated on the coast when
an attempt was made to condemn
in consequence of the difficulty of
having some water above
the extent of the grant required is
to be 500,000 feet -
I have informed your father

have found amongst the water
to the Secretary of the Committee
recommending them to be sold
for another 100,000 feet
(but claims are to be made for
left down) I believe 100,000
feet would form a good compromise
Considering the funds the money
has offered - the undertaking is
further into cost a prodigious
of money no doubt - but there
is any probability of it, saying
all officers attending to construction
of petition in favour of the
company another have
forwarded to the Secretary had
been been allowed - the officers
meeting immediately present it

intending
many forms

I should be
glad to
know
Yours most obedient servant

Wm. M. S. M.

No. 1477004

202/1000

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Rock Creek
Mary 23/1861

My

I send the honor to inform you
 and recall the Governor how the
 Petition which accompanies this
 letter has just been presented to
 him for transmission to his Excellency
 it bears the signatures of all the
 Members and Citizens of Rock Creek
 Merchants with many more of the
 to be engaged for their support
 just received a message with
 behind it from the Governor that
 would rather the expense on
 being the most certain of the
 information furnished to the
 following with a letter deposing
 the cost of same being about
 dollars - collected by the names
 W. G. Cox
 Asst Secy

To His Excellency

James Douglas,

Governor of Van Courten Island
British Columbia &c &c.

Humbly Sheweth

We your Memorialist
Messrs and other residents of this
place, in consequence of an Act now
to be enforced under the South
Boundary Act of 29th 1861, having
relation to the Collection of Custom
Duties, most respectfully solicit
your Excellency's assistance and sym-
pathy in the following prayer:

That these Mines being different
situated in a Geographical point
of view from all other Mines in this
Colony in respect to the regular
Cost of Labour, rendering us completely
at the mercy of the Merchant, we are
compelled to purchase our provisions
and other necessaries at most ex-
travagant prices, and that, during
the present want of credit which
consequently must be liquidated
in the Spring.

We therefore respectfully
and earnestly entreat your Excellency
to succeed in your efforts
of yours by holding in Obedience the
operation of said South Boundary Act
until

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until we can be secured supplies
from Fort Hope which we really believe
cannot be expected before the first or
middle of June.

The Mines and other
residents at the Perimeter works are
also depending for their supplies on
this false flour and beef cattle
having already been purchased here
for their support which will therefore
render a scarcity in our market for
our own immediate necessities which
will no doubt be so greatly enhanced
by the carrying into immediate effect
of said Act that would occasion
much distress and discontentment.

The Mines are no doubt
rich in some cases but the expense
of labour and machinery for the
proper working of the same has
consumed all the profits as yet, and
it is scarcely necessary to add that
the entire burden of the by the sale
taxes contained in the above mentioned
Act will be indirectly laid upon us
the settlers and main support
of the country.

We have cheerfully
responded to the Government demand
for our share to the Officer of this
District, Mr Coy for whom in this view
our commercial we cannot but express
our high respect and esteem, in by
his kind and impartial method of
settling

settling our difficulties in mining
and other matters has been for ever
the good wishes of the people.

We confidently and
conscientiously state that there is
not one of our body, should condescend
to any illegal act by identifying
himself in smuggling or any other
contrary to Law.

We have expended
much time labour money and en-
dured many privations in the defence
of our claims relying entirely on the
expressions of your Excellency when
hereby that should we suffer
any privation to report immediately
to you from whom we feel assured
in this instance as well as any other
just one we shall readily and
willingly find sympathy and relief.
I trust that this request
application will meet with a favour-
able reception at your Excellency's
hands we beg to be respectfully to
Subscribe ourselves

Your Excellency's
most Obedt Servants

I am directed by the G to inform you
that he allowed your petition ^{that you} ^{should} ^{be} ^{heard}
by Mr Coy he discontinue of your petition
and that by maintaining with you letters he
immediately he called attention to the
petition to take such measures as might appear
to him advisable for your relief -

LIGHT ORIGI

I am directed by H. H. to inform you
that he has received your petition relating
to the

the 6. having been led by his great
abilities, you will bring to account
a degree of official responsibility on his
part which only warranted by the suspension
in which you were placed - so he wishes
that you should thoroughly understand
the reasons of executive officers of the Treasury
to not extend to the suspension of losses
- it is to ^{possibly} be applied only in
the proper and regular manner - ^{within bounds and}
and to entirely trust that your ^{may never}
again be reduced to the necessity of appealing
to him for the exercise of any unusual or
unconstitutional power.

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Recd 5 March
1861

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12 February 1861

Sir,

I have the honor to inform
you that I am in receipt
of your letter of the 12th inst.
concerning the purchase of
land in the Province of
New Brunswick. I am
pleased to inform you that
I have been able to obtain
from you some information on
the following viz

1. The name of the land
2. The location of the land
3. The name of the person
to whom the land is to be
conveyed; and

4. The name of the person
to whom the land is to be
conveyed; and

Yours faithfully
John A. H. H. H.

Aspirants (for the present Annals
arranged) having lately arrived
within the nation & habitation
concerning ground possessed by
the people in the northern part
of the Kingdom, and the Eastern
part where some more &
farther are.

The land acquisition here has been for
many years in possession of the
British as one of their conquests
land in villages of various
except of four institutions with
in the present time & finally
measuring out the Indian people
you consider the Indian Estates &
their land has been divided then
from the alterations.

I should also feel obliged
by your improving me of your
particular Society of the town & the
of its building.

I am
Yours most Obedient Servant
Thomas M. M. M.

no 1. Rockbreak - 1861

Requesting information

as to

Indian Reserves

aliens, &c

as act Com of Lands

Wm G. Cox Esq

Rockbreak

12 Feb 1861

Rec^d 6 March

Wm G. Cox

COX

Public Works & Buildings

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Rock Creek

16th February 1861

Sir

I have the honor to submit
 for your information the following
 Government House is now
 being erected here the cost of which
 will be Two thousand and Eighty
 five pounds twelve shillings and
 will be completed about the first
 day of April next. I have also
 proposals I beg to enclose. I should
 feel much obliged by your returning
 me whatever in the event of my not
 holding sufficient funds to meet the
 expenditure at above named date
 being permitted to draw on the
 Treasury for the full or a less sum
 The Joint Commission

W. Hawks and Co. Co.
New Westminster

To the Hon. and Right Hon. Secy. of State

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 Replied to 5th March Post Office
 18 February 1861

Sir
 I have the honor to submit
 further information of this Excellent
 the former the following
 I have been advised
 of 17 December 1860 and shall
 pay attention to the instructions
 contained therein.
 The gold fields on the
 claims on Table Mountain
 calls are now commencing
 large show of attractions. I
 lately received some communications
 from that quarter respecting the
 gold found there which I found
 to some extent new who immediately
 organized a prospecting party
 which left for these new mines
 today a few days since and their
 claims is looked for with much
 interest should these mines
 prove rich & extensive - I shall
 then be at liberty to ply between
 these & the other one is already
 being built by Mr. Guy (I believe)
 a few days since I visited
 Newland's claim this company
 have extended their tunnel
 about five feet into the Rock

W. G. Cox

but have not as yet met with the
Success anticipated. It is believed
that by following the descent of the Rock
(Sandy to Euclosa a red hill) the
Copper bed of the stream will
be exposed at those Deposits
of the wide in the course. The
Flora & Fauna found, indicate
to the miners. Consider their
Supposed reputation size of pile
Copper is much too small for
the nature of the pay dirt to be used
& should fifty feet would be a
very fair percentage they ask for
Twenty five. Well Mr Excellency
allow me to make the percentage
fifty feet, or seventy five should
the richness of the ground justify
me in so doing. The Creek mines
are not as yet opened. Although
for two or three days I have enjoyed
Spring weather - general &
rapid thaw during the day
followed by frost at night.
The Prohibitory Act "caused a sudden
check in the building of dwellings
some of the merchants have
commenced erecting stores at
the American to land Bay. My
Creek messengers have
been despatched to the dells

with the view to countermand
Previous orders for stock. Minors
intended for the present
by delay. That though you
call Chief had a lengthy interview
with me relative to his Resolutions
with respect of the newly discovered
deposits alluded to & expected of me
& among his wishes Mr Excellency,
he asks for permission to dispose
of the ground Mr Excellency may
feel disposed to grant for the
benefit of the people. I have written
to the Chief Commissioner of Land
with respect of Indian Reservations
should be reported for me to proceed
to that portion of the land in order
that land claim may be
Satisfactorily arranged.
Some disturbances lately occurred
at the mission called Lath which
originated in a cattle drive that
if an Indian woman, which
accuses I heard of had some
restored to her husband. The
Indian should gain that Justice
has not report Mr Excellency but
at some peace & good order.
I have commenced a purchase
of about Charles Sumner pounds
weight - 1000000 for the
account at any price rate. Minors
Stock Reserve Stationary No

supports of any kind
Some papers from Vermilion
Hills arrived here yesterday with
encouraging news in both respects of
my description of provisions at these
places

Shawnee town
October
James M. Beckwith Esq
Vermilion

Rock Creek
Report

acknowledging receipt of Mr. Cox's valuable report
I would further subscribe regarding the gold
discovery in Louisiana and believe with
great certainty and trust the reports may be
favorable

Should these reports be placed
in the hands of the Legislature from the
and make for the transport and for selection the
battles and the others - there will arise a question
as to their actual value - in the original nature of
Buckley's discovery north of the parallel - I would give
credit necessary to admit them for the benefit of the
State - it should be under the sanction of a clear and
from the Honorable Officers of the Department necessary at
the end of each voyage

With reference to the report of Henry Adams
I have to refer you to the Gold fields Act where you
will find that Henry Adams may be found in
any State District of North Carolina and to the Act
a question of the power of selecting or inspecting any
of the reports for publication the report of Henry Adams

It is to be noted that the report of the Hon. James M. Beckwith Esq. is a valuable one and that the reports may be favorable.

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FILE 375

COX, WILLIAM GEORGE

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

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[Faint, mostly illegible handwriting on lined paper]

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16 Feb 1661 with letter W.G. Cox to the govern-
for Rosh Creek

Rec^d 5 March 1861

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Rockford
11th February 1861

Sir
I have the honor to set out
per your information the following
A Government House is now
being erected near the east of which
will be £285,000, and completed
about first day of April next.
Plans proposed, I beg to Enclose
I have felt much obliged by
your informing me whether the
Land Office will hold any sufficient
funds to meet this expenditure
at above named date. I may be
permitted to draw on the Treasury
for the full or a less sum
I'm more than probable
such a course will be the necessary
but should be the contrary I am
Colonel Moody
Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works

I am desirous of knowing how to
act with certainty.

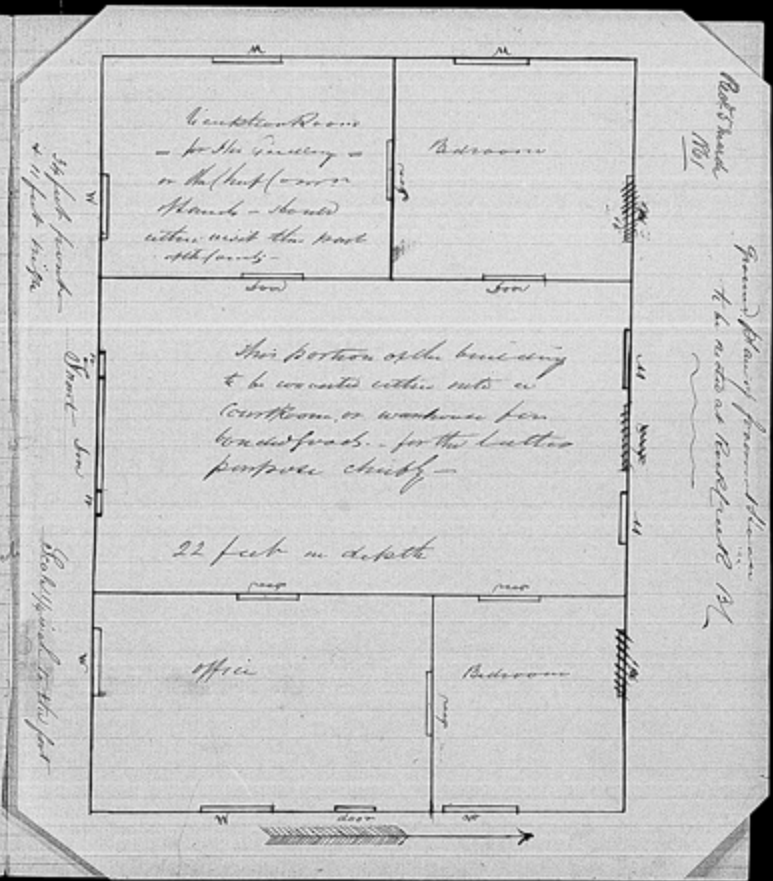
The contractor proposes on
completing the Building, to erect
a kitchen & millstone, washhouse
further market, & will consequently
effect of structure, & pay for it.
I delayed the construction of the House
in part, until this season, in
order that Economy might be
observed, & that the receipt I have
succeeded as saved lumber
last fall was worth 20 cents
up at when at present the sale
for 10 cents.

I Enclose particulars of Farm
presumptive within District

I have the honor
to be Sir,
Yours most Obedient Servant

Winnemidoo

Asst. Commissioner of Public



Rec'd 5 March 61

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Proposals received for the
building of a court house
Rockport

William Kramer	\$1700
Adelbertus Vanjordan to Steh Leathemman + Gardner	Sum of 1428
D. C. Lemney	\$1600
E. Braffert	\$1600
M. A. Merrill	\$1500
Hartman & Collins	\$2250
Ferguson Co	\$2100
Price son	\$2200
J. Macdillay	\$1480
Steh Leathemman	\$1500
Curry Co	\$1525

The originals shall be forwarded
as soon as required

W. M. M.

No. 2. - Rockport - 1861
Rept. the erection of a
Govt. House - pt. 2
Sundry presumptions

Wm. G. Cox
Rockport
16 Feb. 1861

Recd. J. March
Answ. 6 March 61.

Magistrate - re specimens. F375
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Recd. 17 Mar
Recd
Rack of Cork
February 20, 1861

Sir I have the honor to
acknowledge your letter
of the 16th and 17th instants
and am pleased to find
that His Excellency the
Governor would safeguard the
specimen of ore sent
you. I have the honor
to be Sir

Wm. George Cox
17 Feb 21
Wm. George Cox
17 Feb 21



Receipt handed
to Corporal Norton
10/5/67. J.G.C.

F375
Rock Creek
22 February
1861

Sir

I have the honor to
acknowledge your
fraternal regards - &
receipt for which I now

Enclose I have the honor

to return
your most obedient
service

Wm. G. Cox

To
Chief Commission
of Lands & Works

3 - Rock Creek - 1861.
Acknowledging receipt of
Terms for sale of Lands
W. G. Cox
Rock Creek
22nd Feb. 1861

[Faint handwritten notes and a circular stamp are visible on the left side of the document.]

Magistrate.
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Recd. 18 Mar
Recd. 18 Mar
Feb 25 1881

I have been told
you letters of the first of Dec
Enclosing Copy of the Rules
and Regulations for the guidance
of officers Estimating and
Expenditure of Public money.
Just as in same letter
I had, send you the above.
I enclose you a copy of the
and other forms they have
not arrived
Every attention shall be given
to the Rules & and also the
further instructions of your
I should have to do
Yours truly
Wm. D. Smith

W. D. Smith
By Commissionary

each averaging from three to
fifty cents to the pair, the
ground was much frozen
and impeded our work. We
are quite satisfied of the richness
of these mines and shall as
soon as feasible dispose of
our claims on Rock Creek
and leave for that section of
the country, where a miner
can grow his potatoes & other
vegetables, beside keep his cow.
We hand you some gold
taken from William Lewis's
claim. He makes \$4 per
day with a rocker & we as
old practical miners could
realize much more by sluicing
and other methods.

"The Indians treated
us most hospitably lending
us canvas horses free of
charge - the soil especially
in

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"in the valleys is well adapted
for farming and stock raising
The snow which did not
exceed one foot in depth is
fast disappearing. The only
impediment the flat the frost
preventing our proceeding up
the creek where its natural
take believes the principal
portion of the gold is deposited"

I have been particular
in quoting the above as Mr
Beaman the discoverer of Ruck
Creek ^{Gold holes} is temporarily absent
to be a good & true prospect.

I have not made the
above statement public as
I would only tend to lead
results - just at present - The
mines in this neighborhood
~~subsoil~~ ~~having~~ ~~been~~ ~~worked~~
with ~~slack~~ would be easily

lastly coarsed off. And the more
necessary a preparatory condition
for any properly worked - aban-
doned - Improvements going forward
on buildings and farms. would
be checked - Town Lots would
almost be unsaleable. in fact
the expected Revenue Receipts
would be seriously interfered
with.

In the case of Monaghan
houses proving, as at present supposed
they will, Settlers City property
will be much improved
as there is a direct trail
from there via Lake Nicholas
to a point on the Great Lake
directly facing River & suitable
the trail is good the entire
way & can be travelled at
all seasons.

I have the honor
to be Sir, your most obedient
humble servant

Wm. M. D. C.

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G

PS March 2-9

Rock Creek
March 3^d 1861

ad 1st April

Sir

I have the honor to
to report for the information
of His Excellency the Governor
the following

acknowledged
receipt of the
communication
reporting on the
state of Rock
Creek District

The mines here
and at Boundary Creek
are gradually entering
upon their
labours. The latter place

seem that it appears now to be held in
very low estimation and claims
of the Province being rather possession
of some miles to the westward,
and the character of the granite
whether common deep or heavy granite

The Omineau town I
suppose to be increasing
rather mainly owing to the
introduction of the Southern
Boundary

W. A. G. G. G. G.
A. G. G. G. G.

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Boundary Act, This proclamation
-tion created a serious feeling
of hostility in the minds
of all here toward the
Government and a universal
determination to assist the
Loyalists.

Business is gradually
resuming but the
situation is still
critical.

Two parties of
about thirty horses
recently arrived at
foot of the lake, where they remain.

One also from
with flour (200 lbs) & other
goods is now encamped at
the Amineau Point boundary
line where the goods will
be retained in order to escape

Escape the tall firs

Multitudes & family
 head of cattle have just
 passed up the Lake on
 route to Hayes River
 Eighty men will follow
 tomorrow and a Mr
 Jeffrey is approaching
 with eight hundred
 I am distressed & will if
 possible control the beef
 market in the upper
 country -

The weather has
 been still & calm & ending
 mild - the thermometer
 in the sun averaging for
 that last twelve days 71°
 Below our average 84° per

For any but as a general
thing work is & charged
for Whistley & Williams debts
I am informed & valuable
authority that the out-
standing debts contracted
by Post Boundary Creek
Garners during last season
& the late winter amount
to \$16,000 -

No rows of any
kind - I beg to Enclose
a list of pieces of provision

I have the honor
to be Sir
Your most Obedient
& humble Servant.

Wm. G. Cox

File 375-9

Retail prices of the
 following articles
 at Rock Creek 3 months
 1841

Flour	per pound	20 ^c
Bacon	— —	50
Lard	— —	50
Sugar	— —	40
Coffee	— —	50
Beans	— —	30
Onions	— —	25
Potatoes	— —	22
Tea	— — 1—	25
D. apples	— —	40
Candles	— — 1—	00
Rice	— —	30
Butter	- none -	—

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Recd to
Apr 22/61
Sir

Rock Creek
6 March 1861

23 29th
March

acknowledge
receipt of the
letter and the
accompanying
specimens of Gold
from the mines of
Rock Creek
between the months
of June and Nov
1860, and his
excellency desires
me to convey to you
his thanks for
that valuable
information

I have the honor
to enclose for the information
of His Excellency the Gov-
-ernor a return exhibiting
as far as can be ascertained
the amount of Gold taken
out of Rock Creek mines
last season between the
months of June & November
Then some other companies
and individuals, of whom
no notice is now taken who
left for Portland without
stating what they had
earned.

W. A. G. Young,
Asst Secretary

I have the honor
to be
Your most Obedient Servant
Wm. M. M. M.

25 March 1861
Murray
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[The body of the document contains several columns of handwritten text in cursive script, which is largely illegible due to fading and the quality of the scan. There are also some scribbles and marks on the right side of the page.]

A Return shewing the Amount of Gold & traded from Port Breek Mines during the months of June July August September October and November 1841 by the following Parties

Mitchell	—	—	\$5000
Howland	—	—	7700
Loony C	—	—	6500
Dutch Harry	—	—	11000
W. Rice	—	—	24000
M. Key C	—	—	5000
a. Beane	—	—	3000
Keyser C	—	—	2000
Jay's Mining	—	—	8000
Kupus Mining C	—	—	6000
Haynes	—	—	7500
M. Rice	—	—	7500
Bacon Campbell C	—	—	1500
Green	—	—	2500
Bill Cairns	—	—	1000
Kerr C	—	—	2000
Dalton C	—	—	2000
Draper C	—	—	2000
Hellman	—	—	700
Yuker C	—	—	1000
			<hr/>
			\$53,000

Account of this Adjustment
the money itself has always been
refunded to him from their office
and not through the treasury.

In your case this would
be difficult to follow owing to the
great distance of your district from
their place. I will consult by
direction of Colonel Moody with
the Treasurer and communicate
further with you.

In the event of messrs
Sutherland & Co coming to Victoria
after the completion of their
Contract would they not perhaps
be satisfied with an order from
you on their office for the balance
due to them.

I must close for this

Yours

Yours most obedient servant

W R Linn

(W R Linn)

(Signed)

11/24/61
J. M. [unclear]

Stationary F375
Rock Creek " "
14 March 1861

My dear Sir
May I beg of you to
convey to Mr. [unclear] the cause
of my frequently arranged
perillages of Rock Creek. I am
without envelopes sent
papers or any other matter
apart for conducting my
correspondence in a regular or
respectful manner - for instance
should I - as I frequently do - commit
an error when writing I am
compelled either to erase it
or blot it out my paper

length both Scam & Madoff
there is not any statement
in town of present for both

Remain
my humble
affectionate
W.G.C.

cox

RD 29th March
 Rock Creek
 16 March 1861

Sir

I have the honor to
 acknowledge your letter
 of the 15th ultimo

acknowledge
 receipt of this
 letter -

forward a supply
 of envelopes and stationery
 as requested -

to

Should you will
 convey to His Excellency
 the Governor the expression
 of my regret for the trouble
 & loss of time occasioned
 by my illegible communications,
 I trust such an arrangement
 will not again occur

W. A. G. Young
 Secretary

As to many foolscaps,
which you recommend,
it is as far out of the
question. I sometimes borrow
a few sheets. there is not any
for sale -

I wrote you some time
since requesting a supply
of large envelopes & other
stationary, also an office
seal which is indispensably
necessary - and other matters
of importance, to which
I have been no reply -

I am Sir
Yours
obedient
& humble servant

Wm. Meredith

16 - March 1801

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27th March
Ad. 1st April

Rock Creek
March 17th 1861

Sir

I have the honor to
acknowledge your letter of
the 14th ultimo containing

acknowledge the receipt of this letter and inform Mr. Cox that under the instructions from His Excellency the Governor relative to the copying of Titles under the Southern Boundary Act of 1856, and the various means of that nature which may be contained in the instructions from this Department

His Excellency has been pleased to confide the management of this matter

W. N. G. Young Esq

to

to me. Trusting that my
desire for the Interest of the
Government will guide me
right. I feel highly honored
by His Excellency's remarks
on me and hope that
what I perform may
meet with His approval

I must now state that
the Act or proclamation in
question created keen feelings
of no ordinary nature. The
Innies at Boundary Creek
a few weeks since determined
upon opposing the collection
of any tax stating that
no other Act had authorized

Colony was taxed so heavily and all they sought was, equal rights. This abolition of feeling has somewhat subsided but not by any means in a satisfactory way.

I would not for any consideration whatever alter the objectionable portion, with which His Excellency has been pleased to insist me but I sincerely believe that by remaining for the present the "Five of Three Percent" goal results will follow. For should this demand be now enforced Smuggling would prove

From a far more lucrative
calling than legitimate
trading - The country from
Monagan to Boundary
Creek is one open plain
offering facilities and inducements
with compass for continental
maneuvers - And persons
concerned in such operations
would receive the hearty
cooperation of every man
here - Merchandise can
be deposited on the line
a short distance from the
store and sent started
off or crossed over when
opportunities might present
themselves - Boundary Creek
is, so this country has plenty

possessed by a sketch suchly
 wisdom from some - in a
 similar condition and to
 guard these points & Survey
 and the surrounding country
 would require a staff
 of officers upon unlimited and
 extent (few of these men can
 be depended on) than I fear
 any much of the receipts
 would counterbalance the
 Expenditures - The villages
 or dwelling houses more
 numerous than they are at
 present, would be immediately
 meted contiguous to the line,
 any later, on hearing of the
 new tariff. Residents of this
 town left unpunished, a
 house of Capt. from feet frontage

and constructed another at
the American town on the
lower part, their names
are Thompson and Townsend.

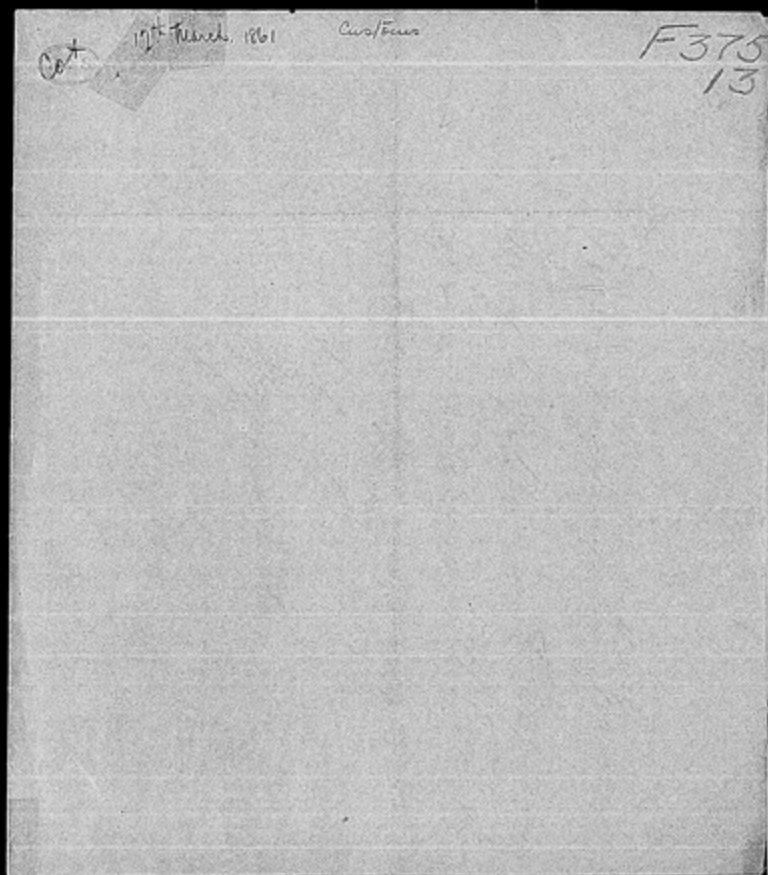
In the next place
there is no certainty of these
mines lasting for any
length of time - the works
tunnelling having for the
present terminated unsuccessfully
and therefore requires again
large outlay of money &
time money to open one claim
properly. I have under
all these circumstances taken
upon myself the withdrawal
until future orders, of the
Line of Expenditure & I most
respectfully hope these will

His Excellency the Governor
may be pleased to approve
of my action in the matter

I have the honor
to be Sir

Your most obedient &
humble servant

William Cox



LIGHT ORIGINAL

FILE 375

COX, WILLIAM GEORGE

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

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Rock Creek
29th March 1861

Dear Sir

I have the honor to
 acknowledge your letter
 receipt of the 5th instant respecting
 the immediate employment
 of the Caranus & Gaminus
 the Smithsonian Prize
 & will be proper boat for
 navigating same.

I request you will
 inform His Excellency the
 Governor that I departed
 a messenger this morning
 for New Haven and when

Yours Good Day
 Wm. G. Cox

I see how shall be made
fully acquainted with His
Excellency's instructions in the
matter

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant

Wm. Morris

18
W.P.

Rd. 23 abt Rock Creek
29th March
1841
Sept to 10 June 41

Sir

I have the honor to
submit the following, for the
information of His Excellency
the Governor -

acknowledge the receipt of the letter - concerning the
for the S. information that a persons offering
relation with the top of several lines
had received at the Bend d'oreilles mine -
between the Shawnee intelligence that a serious
and the Alabama Indians - the massacre
of perfect had taken place between
have taken to maintain the peace in
your Indians & Minors residing
District - and of the latter
of the latter of the former
of conduct and that you had
been prevented from entering
by word of the men of company
to & hereby of the States Soldiers
enjoy and evidence you have
of the maintenance of hope
and appreciate the
of which you intend
beyond the point - but you are probably not aware
of the general nature of the Bend d'oreilles River
about 6 miles from its
into the Alabama - and to & to
from that the Indian difficulty - should to

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^{in your letter}
has taken place within the Territory of the
U. S. - and they and the same holders
of the design notes of B-C and D & Company
been called out and ^{and} ^{provision}
made to caution you against any interference
with the Indians or others - of that country -
Samuel Carter. The affair was not

dictated by the above named
Judges -

The blunder surpassing
Boundary feet on route to
Spokane of the matter to a few of
his troops there, and they, imagining
the war to be general immediately
withdrew their women & children
from amongst the houses on the
River, this sudden action
together with the Ponderosa Affair
created a sudden panic with the mind
of the latter party - & deep protection
became the order of the day
trunks, provisions, & all other things
were hurriedly packed up & carried
to a central position, any horse
was forgotten. Each man was

LIGHT ORIGINAL

arrived at the beach with
 of war men here, guns &
 took off and a fort was at
 once commenced on the common
 overlooking ~~the town~~ the town, in
 fact preparations were made
 sufficiently extensive to defy
 a Regiment of Soldiers - in

place of a few emigrants
 with their Squaws - I did
 not know anything whatever of
 the matter until late on the
 Evening of the 27th when I was
 soon as possible I went in
 horse left & very soon
 certainly found what I mean
 how related to the perfect time

I remained at the creek some
days & a day & provisions
to my Adventure Confession
& quitous some completely
restored. The owners returned,
(some what ashamed) to their
Slaves. And the Fort already
half built - abandoned
I turn the whole matter up

The Boston, were afraid
of the Indians & the Indians
in a way - I only could discover
some of the tribe & I included
two children & two women
with me. & to avoid any
possibility of a collision taking
place now then the feeling
of both the "Arms" men here
somewhat irritated I removed

Removal the Indians from
 Poughkeepsie to this town
 when they can live peacefully

I should be glad to hear

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

Wm. M. Smith

Had I passed a good horse
 I would have visited the Pond on the
 then on a few wretched animals
 here but perfectly unfit for use
 a safe travel through snow

Wm

Recd. 23rd April
No 5
to 25th April
Rock Creek
29th March
1861
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Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge
your letter of the 5th inst
and thank you for the
sketch of the road
containing much
interesting information
concerning the Monagan
River and Boundary Creek
which I am glad to see
is a road but correct
sketch of the track, as yet known
between the Monagan River
at Boundary Creek -
The Secretary's instructions contained
in paragraph 3 of your letter as
above, shall require due attention
Paragraph 4 - I am aware
that a board of women or female
through food of
by the same means

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I will depend by law on certain
conditions but at the same time
the reports that I understand
the free mines should elect
their board & I know not if
I must so many - the free mines
certificates issued for an amount
to sixty acres as yet - shortly there
will be plenty

"6. I shall return as possible
in Salaboga the Honorable

and explain the laws & regulations
relating to this people's reservations

On receipt of the proper instructions
from the Chief Commission of Lands
Relation to the above allotments I will
proceed to the Mission country &
mark out the Reservations

I wrote to the Commission for these
accounts on the 12th ultimo in order
these matters might be reviewed
arrange previous to the anticipated
week

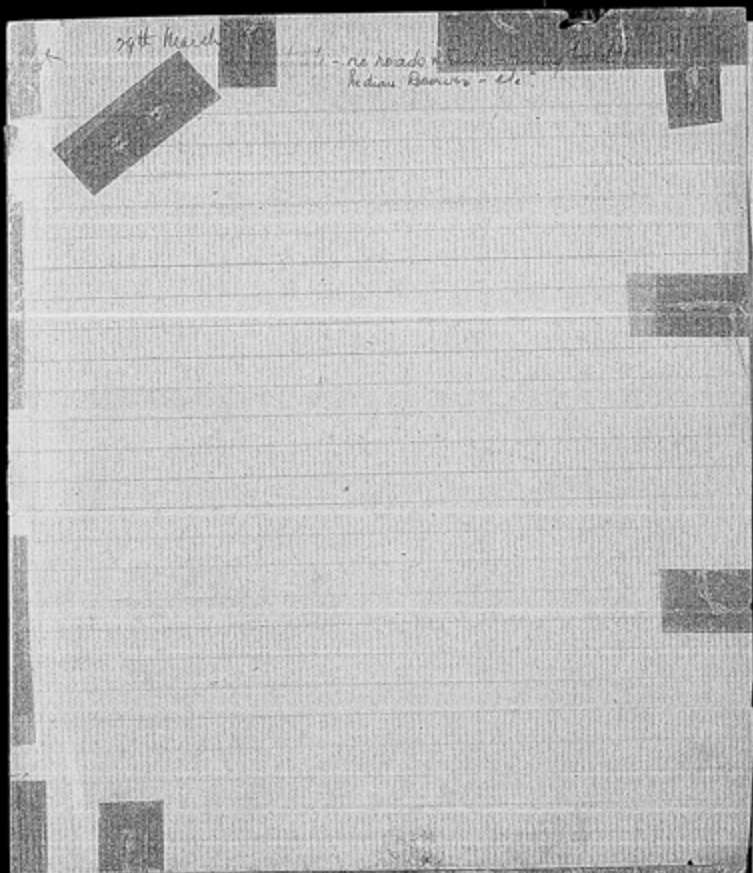
Week taking place and also
before the next train would come
here

I am much pleased to find
the Excellency has approved of
my procuring an iron safe from
the States.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient slave

Wm. George Cox



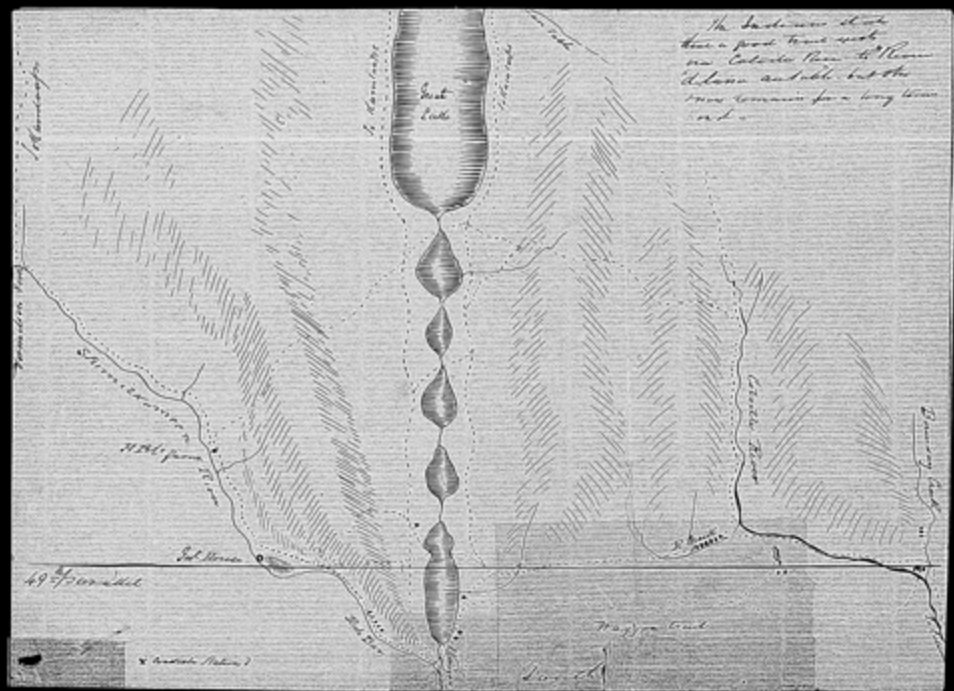
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COX, WILLIAM GEORGE

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC



Rock Creek
20th March 1861

No. 12

Sir

I have the honor
to report to Her Excellency
the Governor the true
version of the Indian
trouble at the Pondicherry
as conveyed to me by Mr
Thomas Devisson who
has just arrived from
Calcutta

It appears that
an American Storekeeper
resides immediately south
of the Parallel in this

of
about neighborhood and
I am
Very respectfully
Yours

An Indian called on him
for spirits which the former
declined giving - the Indian
then took a pair of axes
which the Amosue wrested
from him & beat him about
the head with - the Indian
left, stating that within
two days would settle the
matter - and true to his word
his companions approached
opposed the Boston where
a sharp encounter followed
- five Indians on the
other of the opposite party,
one of whom was wounded
with three wounds but died
on reaching Colville -
fifty United States Soldiers

Soldiers left for thousands
of disturbances & had not
returned when Young Genl
left Zululie -

Many are the soldiers
difficulties originate in foul-
hondness & brutality on the
part of the whites who

I fear will never learn
what a little prudent forbearance
in such matters can effect

I have the honor to be

Sir
Yours most obedient servant

Wm. G. Cox
S.P.

24th March 1861 Magistrate - Interference between women & men
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No. 1

RD 23rd April

Rock Creek
29 March 1861

acknowledged
receipt of the letter
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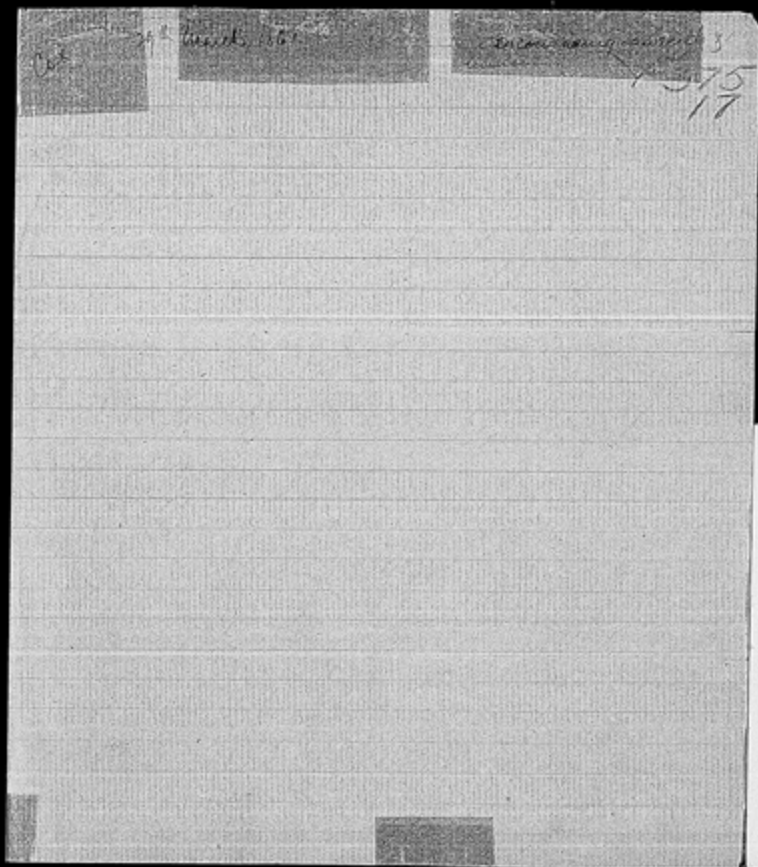
Sir
I have the honor to
acknowledge your letter of
the 14th inst.

I have to express my thanks
to His Excellency the Governor
for copy of the alien act
and also the two maps
(of Saint-Magne)

I shall attend to His Excellency's
instructions as to the Encouragement
of Saw-mills - also the issuing
of spirit licenses -

Yours Good By
Wm. George Cox

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
Wm. George Cox



LIGHT ORIGINAL

FILE 375

COX, WILLIAM GEORGE

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

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13th 23rd April

Rock Creek
29th March 1865

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Sir

I have the honor to
acknowledge your letter of the
11th inst accompanied by the
copy of this meeting the former
to the names memorial of the
13th January

acknowledge
receipt of this
- and inform
the cause of
appreciate the motion
will indeed have
from and see
memorial - from the
minutes at Rock Creek

LD

Shall this meeting
be commemorated poster up in
the town & copies of same
sent to Boundary Creek

I have been requested
by the names to convey their
thanks

Yours Good Coy
Private Secretary

Thanks to His Excellency for
the concessions he has been
pleas'd to extend to them
and also for the interest His
Excellency carries for their
Welfare.

I beg leave to inform
His Excellency in reply to paragraph
I in your letter, that at this
time the memorial in question
was forwarded to His Excellency,
the Memorialists & others were
made fully acquainted with
the tariff of Duties & fees collected
from when at Receipts & so
and I refer you these particulars
to the Entries in my books of the
Board to substantiate my
assertions but they inform
Yours
W. G. Cox

Applied the Aboussin and
other sections of the upper
Country were becoming supplied
from the French Trade
contemporary with those transported
from Oron. Whereas Quebec
has since its origin
as a mining locality been solely
dependent with latter place
for its necessary importations

I would not under any
Circumstances whatever have
identified myself with the
Memorial in question (if they
as it was) had I not been constrained
therein & done by the then
existing Circumstances and I
sincerely & most respectfully hope

His Excellency viewed the translation
with favour

I shall explain to all
Persons from the Purport
of His Excellency's further instructions
contained in your letter

I have the honour to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant
Wm. Meredith

304
McLoughlin
Camp
To 21st APR
Customs - surveys -
"Francis"
Honolulu
F375
18
April 8. 1861

~~Recd~~
Mr
Shun Honoo
to acknowledge the
receipt of Circulars
of 22nd & 25th ultimo
the required information
shall be forwarded
to the Excellency the
Governor immediately
upon return to Rock
Rock
W. G. Young
Att. Colonial Secy

It is reported by all
Persons among here
that fully five thousand
Head of Cattle will
shortly be here - the
Principal portion
of which is intended
for Freight from
them are a good
many packed Animals
also appraising & shelling
units from the
same locality

by object in coming
Here is to arrange
matters in connection
with the Customs
Department so that
the Customs duties
will be easily and
securely collected -
Public Revenue
I am informed interest
forming such a
great time to survey
the Territory
I am to instruct

Mr. Peckham -
Under these circumstances
I shall at once
communicate with some
other experienced &
responsible men
on the subject. There
is no time to be lost
as the Prices are already
slightly rising -

I have the honor
to be Sir
Governor the Duke's servant

Wm. Peckham

The boat was ordered by Mr. Peckham & intended
to be built at the dock - It is from end to end
eight feet long & is made of planks

Pre-emptious + Census

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W. G. Coxe
Delivered to 7th

Rock Creek

14 April 1861

Sir

I have the honor
to forward herewith
for the information

acknowledge
receipt of
this letter -
and the accompanying
returns

of His Excellency the
Governor the required
Census of Rock Creek

also the return of
pre-empted lands
accorded with me

I have the
honor to be Sir
Yours most obedt
& humble servant

W. G. Coxe
Colonial Secy
W. G. Coxe

Return of The prescribed lands recorded
with William George Cox Esq Magistrate
Rock Creek

1840					
Date	By whom Recorded	In what manner whether personally or not	Locality	No of Acres	Remarks
Nov ^r 21	J. A. Watson	personally	Boundary of Collette River North of the town.	160 acres	
24	Sam Leno	personally	3 1/2 miles West of the town bounded on the East by Collette River	160 acres	
28	Father Richard	personally	The mission of Monagan	160 acres	
Dec ^r 15	J. C. Lorraine	personally	do do	160 acres	
Jan ^y 2	W. Waddingham	personally	4 miles West of the town & half mile South of Collette River	160 acres	
March 31	W. Connell	personally	runny along Collette River 3 miles West of town	160 acres	
April 13	W. G. Cox	personally	near the Mission of Henry and Latta	160 acres	
13	E. deon Pen	by letter	near the Mission of Latta	160 acres	240 acres additional Recorded for the same
13	J. C. Haynes	personally	near the Mission of Latta	160 acres	

Town of Rock Creek
Census

1861

British Subjects		Foreigners	
Under 21 Years	over 21 Years	Under 21 Years	over 21 Years
	Seven	Two	One Hundred & Fourteen

13 April
Wm. G. Cox
Mayor

20
20th May
Replied to 6th

Customs
Customhouse F375
St. Kitts 20
20th April 1861

Sir

I have the honor to
forward for the information of
His Excellency the Governor
a return of fresh ^{frank} duties
by 20th April on the 15th inst.
on the part of the great Lake
ships particular of which
shall now relate
to the vessel ^{Franklin} Messrs. Jones & Michaelson
of the Custom House arrived at the Parallel with
their packets Quornals & other
articles on the 13th inst. and were fully cautioned
on shore and at the office stationed there
by the officers of the Custom House
of the Custom House Moral without first paying
in full the duties on the above
goods. They had their duties settled at night
in all occasions the duty on this duty they
have may be pushed on & even followed
and you are fully a formidable to whom they
dullness being kept these they would rather
to pay the duties & for return
employ a large force than it is necessary
any of the goods, when you deem it necessary
of Colonel Smith

LIGHT ORIGINAL

One person & three fellows
accompanied by a constable
& a bondman for the occasion
& controlling the fugitives
at once disarm them
& seize their property
& draw them to the Station

I hold a proper
investigation of the affair
& have ascertained everything
including the horse

As the offending
parties made no resistance
after their capture and
by the legal proceedings &
transport of prisoners at
Hull we could make no

enquiry to Mr. Cox that after the
great expense and loss and they became the property of
the Crown, and will have to be
responsible for by the issuing officer
and all necessary will have to be made up by the officers in charge
I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant
Wm. George Cox

by me to those fellows who I must
admit were not deserving
of any commutation whatever.
As they receive repeated warnings
not to transgress the laws

I must respectfully entreat
of Mr. Gelling to excuse
the minor school I possess
within my paper pen and paper
the of Miss Gelling in your
order of a paper pen and paper
I must be

Sir
Yours most obedient servant
Wm. George Cox

Wm. George Cox

Wm. George Cox

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Merchandise, More or other property
Seized by S. C. Hayes Esq. Assistant
Collector, Philadelphia

on the Evening of the 15th instant
near the foot of the Quaker

- 49 lb. Tobacco
40 lb. Candles / Adamantines
1 Large Case assorted Sympes
2 Packages playing Cards
15700 Cigars in Boxes of 1000 each
22 Tin Plates
10 Common Glass Spoons
1 Case clay pipes
1 Large Case Sordines
5 Tin cups
15 lbs Cut tobacco in packages 1/2 lb each
2 Large Cases of soap to contain
1 200 pieces 5 lb each
1 Large Case plates & saucers
1 21 plate metal flask oil
1 81 Superior Canned Sympes
100 lb. Flour
34 Horse shoes
2 Horse carts & wheels
2 Kegs nails 100 lb each
1 Cracking glass
1 Can asphalt
1 Wire funnel
1 Pewter box Jug
5 Gallons Claret
30 Gallons Rum
30 Gallons Brandy
10 Gallons Beer

(Continued)

Continued

- 30 Cullens Wine
- 10 Cullens Whisky
- 12 Horses
- 12 Kempson Road etc
with rigging of the
last description complete
- 2 Revolvers

In addition to the above
the following

- 4 Ordnance Horses with saddles
- 150 lb flour
- 15 lb tobacco
- 1 Tread Luger
- 8 lbs Coffee
- upon Hamilton's credit

Thus I trust I am relieving
the responsibility of returning
the prisoners in order to assist them in
getting up the Barbados

W. G. M.
St. Michael's Barbados April 19th 1781

50x
21
Wm

Customs

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Rock Creek
21 April 1861

My dear Sir
I have the honor to
acknowledge your communication
of the 1st & 2nd insts. in re
and with reference to those of the
1st inst. I feel much gratified
to find that the proposed
has been please to express
my approval of the same
and with regard to the
Commission of certain fees
contained within the Southern
Boundary act.

I have the honor
to be

Yours most obedient
servant

Wm. M. Smith

W. A. G. Young
Acting Colonial Secretary

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L.R.G. 11 May

Mining - Roads & tracks
Rock Creek 22
26 April 1861

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ack^d 9 May

Sir

I have the honor to
acknowledge your communication
recept of the 2nd inst and beg to
reply - conveying you the information of
further information
concerning the matter
discovered gold
at Okanagan
Further into the Monague

I propose being old fields -
restored to use for
and will proceed by track, the Ocean Arrive
by then - and probably
Kamloops and
about the 1st of
I have been
as many
as he can
by then, and
My party
at Okanagan
situated
about 12
and
at Okanagan

W. G. Young
acting to immediate

These men purpose returning
sunday next, taking with
them their necessary tools
Provisions -

They also brought
with them some coarse
Jell extracted from
their claws on above
Rivers - And the reality
of the matter has created
a very dismal feeling amongst
the Trades of Rock Creek

The trail from here
to the Mission via
Colville River can
be travelled more easy
by horse but it will not

be properly open for a month
orso - And there will
begin to be well cleared
of fallen timber - I
shall also on a practical
experiment report to the
Excelling the result -

When roads can
be transported with
way Rock Creek will
be much benefited

Shave the honor
to be
Yours most obedient
Henry Sumner Serrault
Wimamirook

It then was, when I was
left the Mission, I was
to go on with them way up -

COX
Rd & Maj
act 9 May

Explorations
Rock Creek
21 April 1861

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No. 6. Sir
I have the honor to inform
His Excellency the Governor that
in compliance with instructions
received from the 5th Volume, Supplement
forwarding the enclosed on the 14th inst.
of the Hamilton Herald, so acquainted with His
Excellency's character with the matter
provided with the necessary
apparatus for successfully
carrying out the undertaking
I also directed him to
let the Storekeepers at the Seaside
- Wrennigan - also the traders
at Wrennigan forth to supply
him with anything he should
require for that business -
I now beg leave to
refer to the enclosed Mr. Larans
report - in which I fear little
W. N. J. Young Esq
acting postmaster

or no faith in the place
As I have reason to believe
this all "guesswork"

"A boat or barge
of Southsea and French barthen
could easily ply up & down
the St. Lawrence River to ferry
the goods which provided the
St. Lawrence & Richelieu were cleared out
which would be about seven
miles - There are no falls
length of the river and the
banks of that river are suitable
for boating purposes especially
when hauling up or putting
necessary. I would have built
a small boat or barge instead
of a canoe as managed before
in order to employ Mr.
Hampden's boat as afloat
to hold any life within the
the canoe being raised & thrown
any far on inland can be
shown or I would have constructed
a barge in accordance with
Mr. Gendry's instructions"

The Commission
to R. P. Blain in presence of
Francis Dickson so that
the translation may be relied
upon as being correct

Sh

The River is now fully
frozen about November
so I presume I need not
for the present further the
matter

It is reported that
good coal may be found
between the falls the
Columbia at least would be
more good customers to the
River as I have heard it
reported that they have
drift wood, together with
honey within the Commission
and that at \$10 per cord
I expect much that I
know is a more satisfactory
report of Mr. Gendry's opinion
of the matter

Spring

I have the honor
to be Sir

Your most obedient
and very humble servant

Wm. Gendry

J.P.

Recd 7 May

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Recd
14 June 1841

No 4

Sir

I have the honor to
acknowledge your communication
of the 4th ultimo 1837 and
beg to thank you for conveying
to me the approval of the
Chief Commissioners of Land
Office of the Council of the
Tasmanian Colonies

With reference to
Messrs. Sturt & Co. in the
Contract, I shall endeavor
to pay their bill, as it probably
has not yet been paid to
them. The money can
be paid by having causes
there & others to allow their
original former intentions

I am, Sir, your obedient
servant

Sir

Your most obedient
servant

Wm. Sturt

W. Sturt
Capt. R. C.

Wm. Sturt

W. G. Cox
26 April 1761

H. Rockwell - 1801
Wrote to me
at the house of Mr
Cox.

Rec^d 7 May

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23b
R. E. C. C. R.
21 April 1961

Sr

No. 3.

I have the honor to acknowledge your communication of the 1st ultimo and thank you much for the valuable information contained therein touching the structure of the language.

I shall refer to the message from our authorities in view to the Great Lakes and their mouth and the Indian reservations as you have indicated me.

My time here of late has been so fully occupied with the Customs Department that I have scarcely had time to prepare my ordinary accounts. The troops of country to be guarded against outbreaks of the very extensive.

I am

Yours truly
R. E. C. C. R.
Chief Commissioner of Customs

now being to Endeavour in conjunction
with your American sketch
of the location of the town of
Rockwell. This is exceedingly long
but nevertheless I believe the
main features require an Enrol.

A is the town - and the
ground it covers is considered
to be rich in gold.

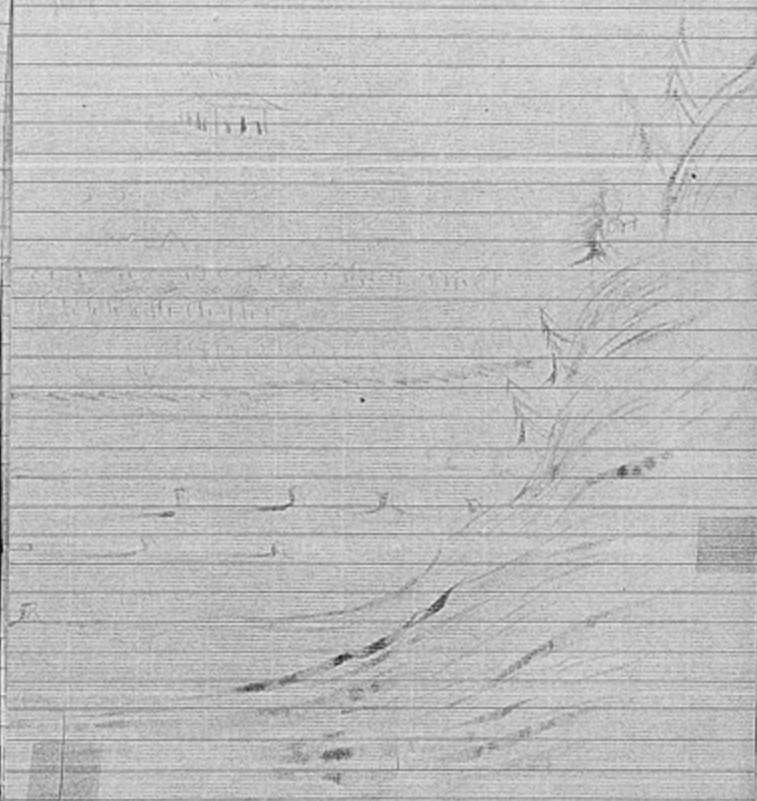
B is the flat on the opposite
side of Colville River. The
ground is rich in gold
and it forms a beautiful
& healthy site for a town.

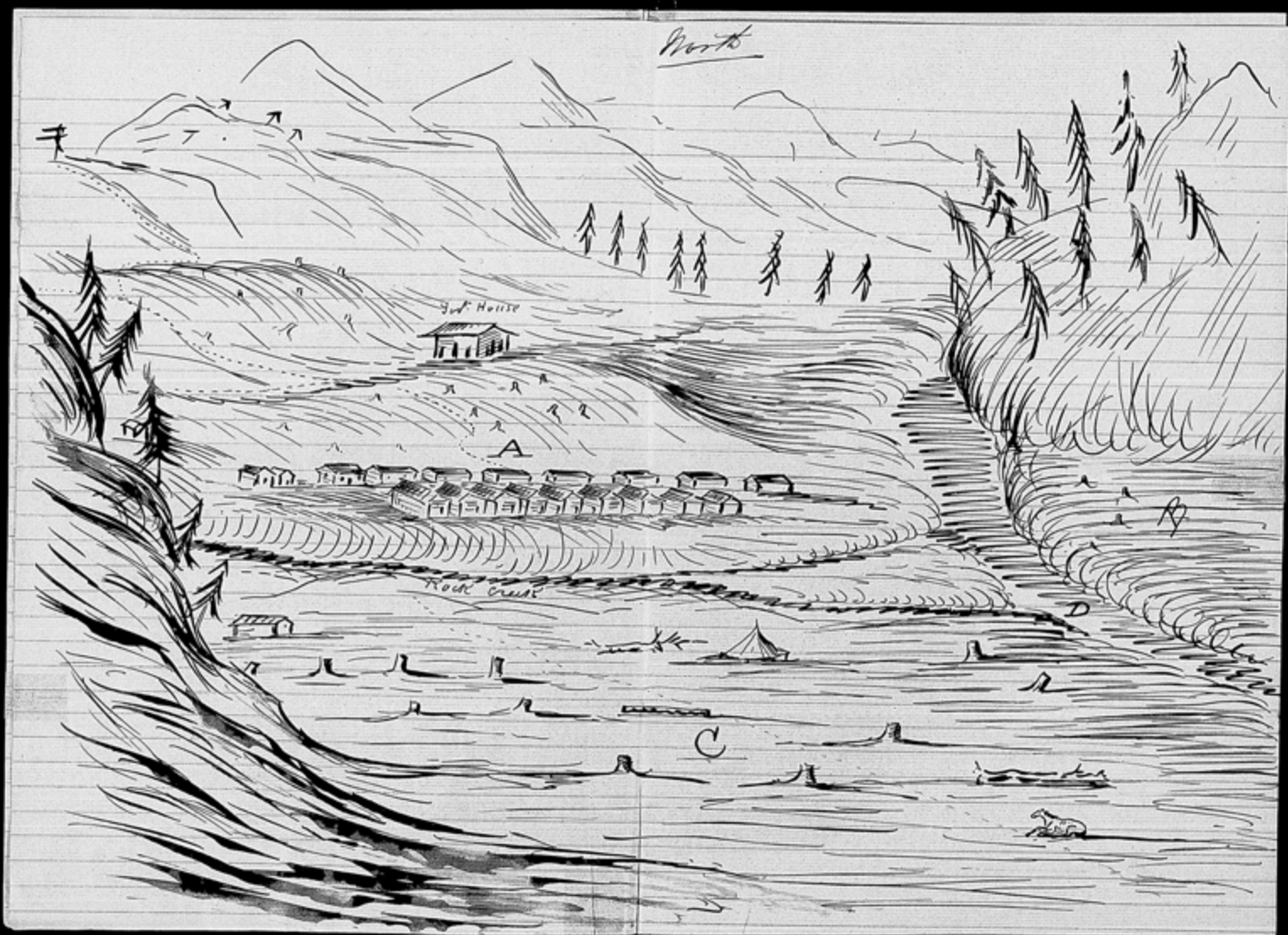
C is a good place for the
town but the prospects are
consequently not so good
as at the location proposed.

D is the Colville River

I wish to take the liberty of
offering a few suggestions
in connection with the sale
& disposal of the town lot.
I don't believe it would be
prudent at present to remove
the town because buildings
of value have been erected
on the present site and

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W
I have a letter from
the Secretary of the
Board of Trade
dated 27th of the month
of March 1763
concerning the
proposed Stamp Act
of the 17th of the same
month & in the
said letter the
Secretary of the
Board of Trade
expresses the
King's pleasure
in relation to
the said Act
and in the
said letter the
Secretary of the
Board of Trade
expresses the
King's pleasure
in relation to
the said Act

Under existing circumstances
I don't think any money
could be gathered for this
Act as there are not appeared
the great confidence placed
with respect to the Revenue
although the Revenue after
period are playing Ransomed
the American Goldfield
an attractive great interest
and a Stamp Act is a very
expected to have local's from
this point & even the town
will be a temporary shift
to its administration & therefore
when that matter is fully
taken when matters have
a more encouraging appearance
the town does better but as it
is meeting you will not
be opposed to my account
I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient
and humble servant
Wm. Pitt
Act. Commissioner of the
Stamp Duties

St. Andrew's - No. 1
Maj's Hall - Newark
Military Pa. of Newark
1844, New York, New York
No. 1 of 1844

Magistrate - general information -
4 specimens of ore

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B. J. & May
D. J. May

Rock Creek
27 April 1861

Gr 2

I have the honor to
 report for the information of
 His Excellency the Governor
 the following matters respecting
 the receipt of two tons of
 iron ore and its contents. The anticipated
 and inform all - preparation has not taken place
 as that should be the Pitts River Mining Company
 found the extraction many men & much
 in the state of merchandise from the Wash.
 Rock Creek district of the
 with satisfactory. Some time about
 the various matters such as leave for
 the specimen that Kenyanan Gold fields. If
 of white metal the mines there are only of iron
 account with the discovery nature the climate
 report will be sent soon sufficient attractions
 sent to the County Cause Recorder the Saddle
 office - for those
 may and report. The American Secondary
 Commission passed through the
 town including the route to

W. A. P. Conway
Acting General Secretary

Report to the Lords of the Treasury in order
 to certify some errors committed
 with the Parallel by these
 Committees of Enquiry
 But which could not afford
 me any satisfactory information
 relative to the Discontinuity of the
 Bearings at Boundary Creek
 The English Commission
 has proceeded Eastward -

At Boundary Creek Thomas's steady motion
 Average Carriage \$7
 (Season well out yesterday) \$7.5
 Shovel working 16
 Articles brought in 6
 Provisions for last quarter
 Labour without diet \$44
 Amount due to them
 at Suvaok - Enclosed
 Waiver -

very favourable for making
 progress - heavy rain & hail
 for one day & on night the Camp
 & Messes, rendering cold
 a favourable change this day
 accompanied with high wind
 which ran from the North
 these remarks were by a post
 to the march through

Boundary Creek

No of Men 10
 Average Carriage \$7
 a Company (Company consisting
 of three men well out in Sun
 day) \$7.00
 No of Shovel working last
 week 19
 Men from all around
 for the present the high
 water carrying off all
 the long dam -
 Labour per day \$4

Much money has been expended
 in improving buildings and
 some very good houses have
 been erected but the
 effects of the Epidemic to Menapau
 has thrown a dismal pall
 over the views of such property

I have the honor
 to be Sir
 Your most obedient
 and humble servant

Ammiral R

P.S.
 I Enclose for His
 Excellency a specimen
 of the ground at the creek
 which it to be seen with a few feet
 below the level of the sea
 M

Return of Merchandise imported into
St. Kitts during the month of
April 1861

Tobacco	110 lbs
Coffee	301
Rice	285
Sugar	1114
Tea	110
Bacon	1275
Beans	1255
Flour	9600
Whist Key	377

with a view to send of Cattle from
to my plantation passed on to
St. Kitts from London
and now grazing south of the town
+ ready to back for the other part
of the island when required

Wm. W. W. W.

Recd 7 May

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Wm. George
Sourin 1861

Sir

I have the honor
to forward for your information
the various forms in connection
with the Land Department
filled as you have indicated
the you will perceive that
I had scarcely any matter
to report upon.

I should have to
apologize my report at first
for being it is necessary to
commit me of my duty
and trust you will not
consider that I was either
neglectful or disrespectful.

I should mention
that eleven Land claims
have been recorded by me for
Abians each of them and they
are of those of some I shall
be obliged to you for notice
(which have been made by) I have the honor
to be

Wm. George
Sourin

Yours most obedient
servant
Wm. George Sourin

✓ - Book sent - 1861
Receipt returned to per
Lester W. Smith, 4/14/61
who had returned to per W.
W. Cox, Rockland,
20 April 1861.

COX

27
7/29/7 June

Magistrate
Custom House 25
Stimie Roneew
11 June 1845

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ackns enclidge
receipt of letter
explains
satisfactory
L.D.

Sir I have the honor to
acknowledge receipt of your
letter of 9th ultimo No 14
requesting me to dispatch
some lead for the
use of His Excellency the
Governor & party.

I am in luck
this day & on tomorrow
thirteen boxes with lead
& shall leave for the
above place via the
Eastern side of Hongkong
Coke

via Kaimuaps & then
to Liffon via Luke Nichols.
Should the water admit
of their being driven that
way.

I am much that
His Excellency might be
delayed some time
at Liffon in expectation
of the horses - for according
to your letter he & party
would arrive at that place
about the first of this
month - but to blame
can possibly be attached
to me with respect
as I only arrived from

disturbances on the 10th inst
and you will observe no
train has been lost in
carrying out His Excellency's
commands.

I returned from
the Speake on the 9th
inst having been absent
from Port Moresby some
days. you will I trust
therefore bear with any
imperfections in the regular
transmission of my reports
during that period. I am
to be
Yours most obedt
servant

Wm. M. M. J. P.

Magistrate

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Recd 29th June

Custom House
St. Vincent
11 June 1861

Sir

acknowledged
receipt of letter
satisfactory

I have the honor to inform
His Excellency the Governor
that in accordance with
instructions contained in a
letter from Colonial Secretary
dated 9th ultimo and
handed to me on the 9th inst
per Express, I now dispatch
Winstanley Collins with
thirteen horses, seven packs
& three riding saddles
to meet His Excellency & suite
at Lytton

In the attached you will
see particulars of horses
sent

I have the honor
to be
Sir

Your most obedt Servant

Wm M. Cox

Sixty horses saddles sent
to Light to meet Rio & Cullum
the previous

Small grey horse	Wounded left on head with horn shoe
Cream horse	do do
Grey mare	do do
Strawberry horse	do do
Cream mare	do do
Cream horse	do do
Brown horse	do do
Cream horse	do do
Grey mare	Wounded off shoulder
Brown horse	do FB

Chocolate horse	left by Rio & Cullum in my charge last fall - -
Die bald horse	
Brown horse	

Seam pack saddle with blanket &
ropes complete

Three riding saddle
the bundle

We have not any more riding saddle
in fact they cannot be purchased

the Indian who accompanied the officer
is engaged for the trip

W. G. Cox

1879
28 June

Revenue -

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Paul Mull
11th June 1881

Read

acknowledged
receipt of this
letter

Sir I have the honor to
acknowledge your letter
of the 4th ultimo (No 10)
concerning the expression
of His Excellency's satisfaction
at the vigilance displayed
by Mr Magnu & the
Revenue officers on a
late occasion. And
shall not fail to
make known same
to those officers.

I repeat most
obediently His Excellency's
approval for the combe
opinion in connection
with the guilty persons
concerned in the matter
alluded to above.
I believe your His Excellency

W A G Jones
L L

fully acquainted with
the Cause of the Action
I took, I would not
deem so signal a
reprimand - I shall as
soon as I dispose of the
condemned goods, shew
back to the Credit of the
Government an average
valuation in the papers,
I disbursed without
Authority

I am Sir
to be

Your most Obedient Servant

Wm. Mordaunt

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Private

Pratt Beach

17 June 1861

My dear Sir
I was amused your
note of the 9th ultimo and beg to
assure you that since I have enjoyed
the pleasure of your correspondence
I have had no cause of complaint
whenever, either as regards the duties
you wish me to perform or the
terms in which those instructions
are conveyed to me. The letter
which I regret to find has from
your recent communications was in
reply to your Circular Memorandum
of the 11th January in which you
found it necessary, (that being
reserved) to remind me of my
duty. For which, I beg, to accept
of my fervent apology for my
unjustified expression of my
misgivings, I am made useful
without commination.

The very generous &
encouraging manner in which
(alluding to my official career in
this colony) you have been pleased

to express yourself is indeed greatly
valued by me. And I sincerely trust
that when, in my former transactions
and dealings with you, ever, among
others, my present themselves to your
notice you will attribute their
cause to a faulty head and not
my heart.

Believe me,
my dear Sir, with much esteem
faithfully yours

Wm. Mordaunt

W. Mordaunt
London W.C.

#7 - Postbook - 1861.
Receipt

Receipt of money entrusted by
of certain amounts in 1861
to the Hon. Mr. [unclear]

Wm. B. Cox
Recd. book
17 June 1861.
In answer to a previous
note from [unclear] - in copy

Recd 17 July 1861

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Found on table, what
by him 1861
27 July 61

P. M. M. M.
17. June 1861

Sir

I am the honor to
inform you that the first
and second visit out I made
out an Indian Reservation
situated at the Northern
Extremity of Lake Monaghan
District formerly by trail
being 1200 miles & forty
five miles - The Indian
appeared well satisfied with
the arrangements having
selected the road to travel
& also named the Great
Assembly Place - I shall be
wished I hope on my next
visit to have portions of the
Country to report to you the
Extent of the Reservation - at
Present I cannot in a position
& also - All the defining State
an District & Prominent Place

To the

Commissioner of Lands
& Works

and I herewith Enclose for
a rough sketch of the
boundaries of the above in order
that you may form some
idea of the form & bearings

Therewith I enclose

to the

Governor the duplicate

Wm. M. S. W. R.

Assistant Commissioner

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424
1761
Helping the King out of an
Indian Reservation, about
North of Lake Champlain.
Windsor, Vermont
of June 1761

Recd 27 July 1861 -

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27c

from H. M. W. W. W.
by her order 27 July 61

Pennant
17 Dec 1861

Sir

L 257-13. I humbly don't
inform you that I have
received in full for the sum
of Two hundred & fifty nine
pounds thirteen shillings
four pence of Messrs. L. & C.
& Co. Contractors &
payable to their order which
I shall thank you much to
honour.

The above draft is
a balance due there from
for the erection of the Government
house at Rock Creek

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant

Wm. M. W. W.

Wm. M. W. W.

Wm. M. W. W.

Sir

Wm. M. W. W.
of Rock Creek

[Faint, mostly illegible cursive handwriting on lined paper]

10. 20. 1811.
O'Brien, George, Esq.
of the City of New York
Secretary for the Navy,
New York.

Under the seal of the
City of New York,
17 June 1811.

107
20
17th July
Ans

Sand.
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Post Office
30 June 1865

Sir
I have the honor
to acknowledge the receipt
of your circular of
29th ultimo transmitted to
me by you and I shall
pay my attention to the
points mentioned therein
contained affecting the
acquisition of unswayed
lands in British
Columbia

I have the honor
to be

Sir
Yours most obedt servant
Wm M. H. M.

Wm M. H. M.
Acting Provost Marshal

Recd 6 July 3
1861

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Wm George Cox
31 Jan 1861

Forms handed over to
Corporal House R.O.

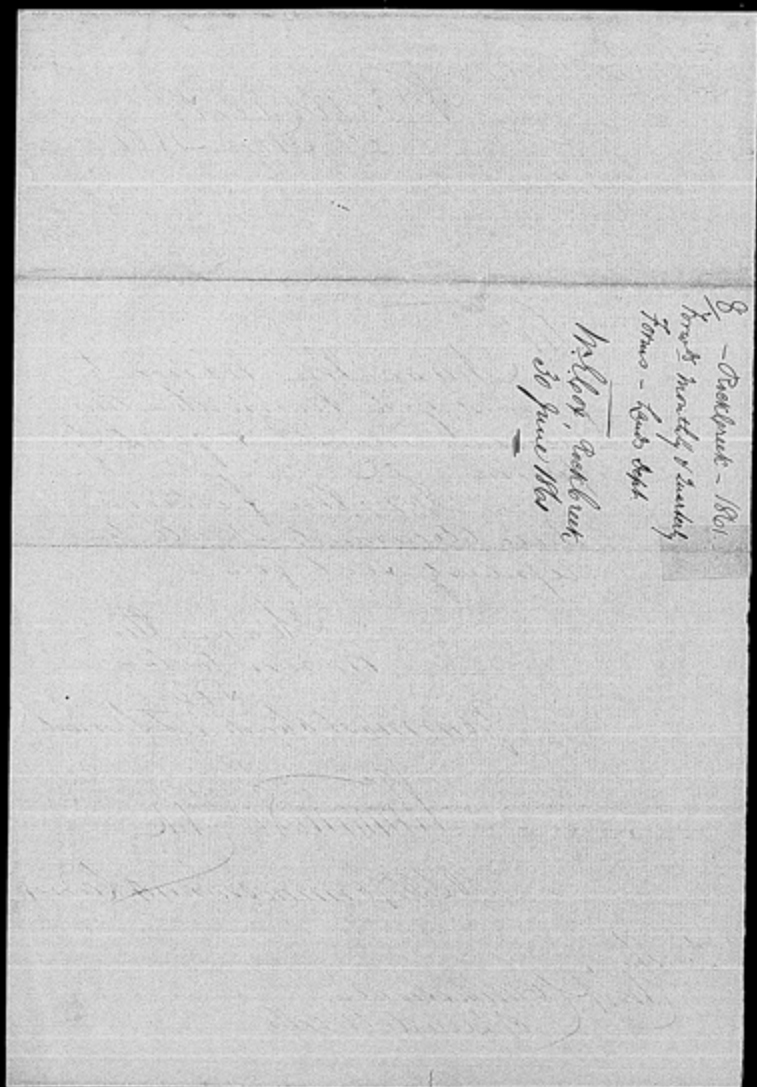
Sir
I have the honor to
forward you herewith the
necessary monthly & quarterly
forms. For the future
these documents should be
regularly sent you -

I have the
honor to be

Sir
Your most obedient servant

Wm George Cox
W. Commissioner of Customs

To the
Chief Commissioner
of Customs



8 - Rockport - 1801
From the handwriting of Samuel
Formo - June 1801
Mills, Rockport
to June 1801

-- COPY --

Rock Creek,
16th January 1861.

Mr. W.A.C. Young,
Act. Col. Sec.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd. ultimo containing a copy of the South Boundary Act, 1859. a duplicate of which I shall forward to Mr. Haynes at Shimilkheen.

I beg leave to enclose for the information of His Excellency the Governor a rude sketch of the respective positions of the British and American towns, Boundary Creek.

Mining was carried on here so late as the 28th Dec. by panning and rooking. \$7 a day to the hand being the average pay.

The weather still continues extremely mild a continued frost but not severe. and undisturbed by storm and rain.

A ditch which will take time and money is being constructed by Messrs. Cary Coy. Ditch will take its course along the s.w. side of the creek and terminate immediately opposite the town. Its length one mile and a half. It is for the purpose of washing these benches, which have been tunneled about twenty feet into the ground and thirty feet above the level of the creek, with fair results, four columns to the pen.

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A bridge is being erected over Colville river facing the town and will be a great improvement although I cannot at present see where the receipts are to come from; the river being fordable fully nine months during the year.

I purpose accompanying some men to the gold fields reported to exist near the Mission on the Managan lake or rather on one of the tributaries streams, as soon as I can procure a horse and shall report to His Excellency what is to be seen there."

I have the honor to be Sir,
etc etc etc etc.,

WILLIAM G. COX.

I omitted to mention that labour now averages \$3 a day without board, some men work merely for the latter just to pay off whiskey accounts.

LIGHT ORIGINAL

William George Cox
to
W. A. G. Young

16 January 1861
Rock Creek

Rock Creek
16 January 1861

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Mining was carried on here so late as the 28th december by panning & Rocking - \$7 per day to the hand being the average pay the weather still continues extremely mild, a continued frost but not Severe & undisturbed by either storm or rain

A ditch which will cost time & money is being constructed by Messrs Cuny Co. it will take its course along the S.W. side of the Creek & terminate immediately opposite the town - its length, one mile & half - it is for the purpose of washing these benches, which have been tunnelled about twenty feet into the ground & thirty feet above the level of the creek with fair results - four colours to the pan.

A bridge is also being erected over Colville River - vacating the town & will be a great improvement although I cannot at present see where the receipts are to come from, the River being fordable gully nine months during the year.

I purpose accompanying some miners to the gold fields reported to exist near the Mission on the Okanagan lake or rather on one of the tributary streams as soon as I can procure a horse & shall report to His Excellency what is to be seen there.

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Active preparations for building are going on and I, together with, I may say all others anxiously wait for His Excellency's instructions respecting the Survey of the town which I think should be proceeded with as soon as possible in order to meet the expected excitement the town now contains twenty three good houses some of which have been erected at a large outlay

I shall feel obliged by being provided with the necessary authority for disposing of agricultural land to Aliens as, at present I have nothing to guide me in the matter - Also I require to know the conditions on which a sawmill privilege is to be granted.

Are retail spirit licences to be issued to all applicants or only to a limited number

Farms have been taken & Houses built a few miles from this, South of the Line which I daresay will be used as storehouses for spirits & so until a favourable opportunity may present itself for smuggling such goods in here so will require to be well watched - the Creek affords every facility along both its banks for such manoeuvres unfortunately

The horses entrusted to my care by His Excellency are in good healthy condition & will be well fit for service when His Excellency may be pleased to visit this locality - I beg to enclose a list of prices of provisions - no imports have arrived

I have the honor
to be Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

William Geo Cox
A.G. Com^r

W. A. G. Young Esq
Acting Colonial Secretary

[P.S.] I omitted to mention that labour now averages \$3 per day without board. some men work merely for the latter to pay off whisky accounts

[Endorsed]: Rd 14th Feb

acknowledge receipt
thank ^{W^r} Cox for the sketch which he has
forwarded [MS. torn]

information generally satisfactory

L & W will communicate with him [MS. torn]
the disposal of land Copies of Alien Act were sent
We should encourage the building of sawmills without
hindrance or charge except for the timber cut on the
Crown lands, which is at the discretion of the
Magistrate

Cox - 16 Jany

[Enclosure]

Retail prices for the following
articles at Rock Creek

16 January 1861

#Prices Shimilkaneen

Flour	per lb	20¢	33
Bacon	"	50	40
Lard	"	50	
Sugar	"	40	30
Tea	"	1.20	
Coffee	"	50	50
Beans	"	30	
Rice	"	40	
Candles (Scarce)		1.50	
dried apples		40	
molasses	p. Gal.	5.00	

This notation in handwriting of one other than the
writer of this letter

William George Cox
to
W. A. G. Young

16 January 1861
Rock Creek

Rock Creek
16 January 1861

Sir

I have the honor to submit the following for the information of His Excellency the Governor

A Company (Mess^{rs} Kelly Morrison Co) has determined as a speculation & also at the request of the majority of the miners on R[ock] Creek to erect a bedRock flume, to extend Six thousand feet up the Creek - it will be three feet in width & two or more in height & will consequently cost a large sum of money lumber being about 10 cents p[er] foot the object in putting this flume in will be - on the miners part - to clear their claims of the large deposits of tailings now resting there & causing great inconvenience - Secondly - the drainage of the Creek by which the Bed Rock can be arrived at where it is believed the principal portion of the gold lies - this flume is to have a grade of such a nature as will ensure the clearing off of all present & future encumbrances - some claims higher up the Creek have been worked for a length of time but to no advantage - even by pumps - & it is believed that should this flume be accomplished all these difficulties will be obviated - the miners in order to encourage the work have each allotted to the Company Ten feet wide of ground in the length of their claims, as a gift - & the washing of their tailings the Company now seek from the Government a grant of mining ground situated on the creek where it is at present unworked & unclaimed in consequence of the difficulties of having same as stated above

the extent of the grant required is to be one thousand feet.

I have informed these gentlemen I would convey their wishes to His Excellency at the same time recommending them not to ask for more than three Hundred feet (Creek claims are One Hundred feet up & down) I believe three Hundred feet would form a good recompense considering the ground the miners have offered - the undertaking in question will cost a good sum of money no doubt - but

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there is every probability of its repaying all expenses attending its construction

A petition in favour of the Company would have been forwarded to His Excellency had time been allowed - the Express starting immediately prevents it

I have the honor
to be Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

William Geo Cox

W A G Young
Act Col Secty

[Endorsed]: Rd 14th Feb
 application for mining ground

William George Cox
to
W. A. G. Young

16 January 1861
Rock Creek

Rock Creek
16 January 1861

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W A G Young
Act Col Secty

[Endorsed]: Rd 14th Feb
application for mining ground

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William George Cox
to
W. A. G. Young

16 February 1861
Rock Creek

Rock Creek
16 february 1861

Sir

I have the honor to submit for the information of His Excellency the Governor the following

I duly received circular of 17 december 1860 and shall pay attention to the instructions contained therein

The gold fields on "Riviere de l'anse au Sable" - Okanagan Lake are now commanding a large share of attraction. I lately received some communication from that quarter respecting the gold found there which I showed to some miners here who immediately organized a prospecting party which left for these new mines twelve days since - and their return is looked for with much interest should these mines prove rich & extensive - small steam boats will ply between there & the dalles, one is already being built by M^r Grey (Traverse)

A few days since I visited Howlan's Claim, this Company have extended their tunnel Seventy five feet into the Bench but have not as yet met with the success anticipated. It is believed that by following the descent of the Rock (I beg to enclose a rude sketch) the original bed of the Stream will be arrived at & there deposits of gold will be discovered - the gravel & clay strat found indicate so. The miners consider that the present regulated size of hill claims is much too small for the nature of the "pay dirt" to be had & I believe fifty feet would be a very fair frontage, they ask for Seventy five. Will His Excellency allow me to make the frontage fifty feet, or Seventy five should the poorness of the ground justify me in so doing.

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[Endorsed]: Red 2d Replied to 5th March
Rock Creek Report

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William George Cox
to
W. A. G. Young

16 February 1861
Rock Creek

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1 March 1861
Rock Creek

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William Geo Cox

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[Endorsed]: Rd 29th March Ansd. 2 April

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Rock Creek,
March 3rd. 1861

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Sir, I have the honor to report for the information of His Excellency the Governor the following:

The mines here and at Boundary Creek are gradually entering on their labours. The latter place appears now to be held in high estimation and claims are being taken possession of some miles northward. The American town I regret to state is increasing and this mainly owing to the introduction of the "Southern Boundary Act". This proclamation created a serious feeling of hostility in the minds of all here, toward the Government and a universal determination to assist the smugglers. X

Business is exceedingly dull and will be so until the immigration takes place.

Two packed trains about thirty horses in all, lately arrived at foot of the Lake, where they remain.

One also from Colville with flour (2000) lbs and other goods as now encamped at the American town Boundary Creek where the goods will be retained in order to escape the tolls and fines.

One hundred and ninety head of cattle have just passed up the La Lake en route to the Fraser river.

Eighty more will follow tomorrow and a Mr. Jeffreys is approaching with eight hundred. I understand and will if possible control the beef market in the upper country.

The weather has been continuous exceedingly mild. The thermometer with sun averaging for the last twelve days 71.

Labour averages \$4 per day but has a general thing work is exchanged for whiskey and billiard debts.

I am informed on reliable authority that the outstanding debts contracted by Rock and Boundary Creek miners during last season and the late winter amount to \$16,000.

No news of any kind. I beg to enclose a list of prices of provisions.

I have, etc
William Geo Cox.

W.A.G. Young
Act. Cal. Sec.

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William G. Cox
to
W. A. G. Young

Rock Creek
March 6, 1861.

Rock Creek
6 March 1861

Sir

I have the honor to enclose for the information of His Excellency the Governor a return exhibiting as far as can be relied upon the amount of Gold taken out of Rock Creek mines last season between the months of June & November

There were other Companies and Individuals, of whom no notice is here taken who left for Portland without stating what they had earned.

I have the honor
to be Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

William G. Cox

W. A. G. Young, Esq
Ag Col Secretary

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A Return showing the amount of Gold extracted from Rock
Creek mines during the months of June July August Sept-
ember October and November 1860 by the following parties

Hatch C' [company]	\$8000
Nowland C'	7700
Lacey C'	1500
Dutch Harry	1000
R M Rice	4000
M ^c Key C'	5000
A Beane	3000
Negroe C'	2000
Taylor Statin C'	8000
Rufus Henry C'	1000
Haynes C'	7300
M Rice C'	7800
Bacon Campbell C'	1500
Greene C'	2500
Bell Claim	1000
Kerr C'	4000
Baker C'	2000
Draper C'	4000
Williams	700
Yreka C'	1000
	80000
	\$83000

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Rock Creek,

March 17th. 1861

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 14th. ultimo containing instructions from His Excellency the Governor relative to the levying of Pines under the "Southern Boundary Act "

His Excellency has been pleased to confide the management of this matter to me, trusting that my desire for the interests of the Government will guide me right. I feel highly honored by His Excellency's reliance on me and hope that what I perform may meet with His approval.

I must now state that the "Act" or proclamation in question created here feelings of no ordinary nature. The miners at Boundary Creek a few weeks since determined upon opposing the Collection of any tax stating that no other district in the Colony was taxed so heavily and all they sought was equal rights. This ebullition of feeling has somewhat subsided but not by any means in a satisfactory way.

I would not for any consideration whatever abuse the discretionary powers with which His Excellency has been pleased to invest me but I sincerely believe that by removing for the present the fine of "three per cent" good results will follow. For should this demand be made now enforced smuggling would prove a far more lucrative calling than legitimate trading.

The country from Okanagan to Boundary Creek is ever open plain offering facilities and inducements without compass for contraband manoeuvres, and persons concerned in such operations would receive the hearty co-operation of every man here. Merchandise can be deposited on the line a short distance from this and then wait until retailed off or crossed over when opportunities present themselves. Boundary Creek is, as His Excellency has perceived by a sketch sent by me some time since, in a similar condition and to guard against these points and I may add the surrounding country would require a staff of officers of no unlimited extent (few of these men can be depended upon) that I fear very much of the receipts would counterbalance the expenditure.

Then villages or receiving houses would be immediately erected contiguous to the Line. Very lately on hearing of the new tariff Residents of this town left unfinished a house of eighty four feet frontage and constructed another at the American town on the lower creek, their names are Thompson and Townsend.

In the next place there is no certainty of these mines lasting for any length of time, the bench tunnelling having for the present terminated unsuccessfully and the creek diggings require a large outlay of money and time merely to open one claim properly.

I have under all these circumstances taken upon myself the withdrawal until further orders of the fine of 3 percent and I most respectfully hope that His Excellency the Governor may be pleased to approve of my action in this matter. I have the honor, etc etc

W.G.Cox

W.A.G.Young,
etc etc etc etc

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Rock Creek,

29th. March 1861

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th. instant respecting the immediate employment of Suplie Larenn to examine the Shimilkameen river and build a proper boat for navigating the same.

I request you will inform His Excellency the Governor that I despatched a messenger this morning forthat person and when I see him shall be made fully acquainted with His Excellency's instructions in the matter.

I have the honor to be sir,

Your obedient servant

sgd. William G. Cox.

Charles Good, Esq.,
Actg Private Secretary.

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Rock Creek
29th March 1861

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge your letter of the 5th. inst. I trust His Excellency the Governor has received my despatch of the 1st. inst. containing much interesting information respecting the Okonagan mines also some specimens of gold taken therefrom. Enclosed is a rude but correct sketch of the trails, as yet known between Shimilkameen river and Boundary creek. His Excellency's instructions contained in paragraph 3 of your letter as above, shall receive due attention. Paragraph "4" I am aware that a Board of Miners is privileged to alter and repeal bylaws on certain conditions but at the same time it is requisite that one hundred and one miners should elect that Board and we have not at present so many. The Free Miners Certificates issued by me amount to sixty-nine as yet, shortly there will be plenty.

"6" I shall as soon as possible see Selahitza the Okonagan Chief and explain the laws and regulations respecting his and his people's reservations.

"7" On receipt of the the proper instructions from the Chief Commissioner of Lands relative to the above allotments I will proceed to the Mission country and mark out the reservations. I wrote to the Commissioner for these documents on the 18th. ultimo in order that matters might be securely arranged previous to the anticipated rush taking place and also before the pack trains would arrive here. I am much pleased to find His Excellency has approved of my procuring an iron safe from the Dalles.

I have the honor to be
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Your most obedient servant

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Endorsed -- Acknowledge receipt of this letter and thank Mr. Cox for the valuable sketch of the roads between Shimilkameen river and Boundary Creek, which I have no doubt is correct. J.D.

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Rock Creek,
29th. March 1861

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th. inst. accompanied by the reply of His Excellency the Governor to the miners memorial of the 23rd Janua
I have His Excellency's communication posted up in the town and copies of same sent to Boundary Creek.

I have been requested by the miners to convey their thanks to His Excellency for the concessions he has been pleased to extend to them and also for the interest His Excellency evinces for their welfare.

I beg leave to inform His Excellency in reply to paragraph 2 in your letter, that at the time the memorial in question was forwarded to His Excellency the memorialists and others were made fully acquainted with the traff of duties and fines collected by me when at Kamloops and I referred these furthermore to the entries in my books of that period to substantiate my assertions. but they ingeniously replied that Alexandria and other sections of the upper country were receiving supplies from the Fraser river traders cotemporary with those transported from Oregon, whereas Rock Creek has since its origin as a mining locality been solely dependent on the latter place for its necessary importations.

I would not under any circumstances whatever have identified myself with the memorial in question (trifling as it was) had I not been conscientiously induced to do so by them then existing circumstances and I sincerely and most respectfully hope His Excellency viewed the transaction in ~~the~~ that form.

I shall explain to all persons here the purport of His Excellency's further instructions contained in your letter.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
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Endorsed. Acknowledge receipt of this letter and inform Mr. Cox that I fully approve the course he adopted and appreciate the motives which induced him to forward and recommend the Memorial from the miners at Rock Creek.

J.D.

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" Traverse " Okonagan,
April 8th. 1861

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Circulars of 22nd and 25th, ultimo, and the required information shall be forwarded to His Excellency the Governoy immediately on my return to Rock Creek.

It is reported by all persons arriving here that fully five thousand head of cattle will shortly be here. The principal portion of which is intended ^{intended} for Fraser river. There are a good ^{many} packed animals also approaching and I believe will proceed to the same locality.

My object in coming here is to arrange matters in connection with the Customs departments so that the Customs duties will be easily and securely collected.

Suplic Larann, I am informed, intends farming and will not have time to survey the Shimilkameen river as instructed by His Excellency. Under these circumstances I shall at once communicate with some other experienced and responsible man on the subject. There is no time to be lost as the rivers are already slightly rising.

I have the honor to be Sir,
Yours most obedient servant,

Wm. G. Cox.
P.S. The boat constructed and intended for the Lake, I have seen. She is from end to end eighty five feet and will be worked by team. W.C.

W.A.G. Young, Esq.,
act. Colonial Secretary

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Town of ROCK CREEK
CENSUS 1861

British Subjects		Foreigners	
Under 21 years	Over 21 years	Under 21 years	Over 21 years
	7	2	114

18th. April
sgd William G. Cox,
Magistrate.

William George Cox
to
W. A. G. Young

27 April 1861
Rock Creek

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Rock Creek
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Lieut March could not afford me any satisfactory information relative to the discrepancy of the bearings at Boundary Creek

The English Commission has proceeded Eastward -

On Rock Creek there are 75 Steady miners
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Sluices working 16
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No of Sluices working last week	19
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[Endorsed]: rd 8th May Answd 9 May

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faction. JB

The specimen of white metal received with the report
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JD

[Enclosure]

Return of Merchandise imported into
Rock Creek during the month of April 1861

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Tea	110
Bacon	1275
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Whiskey	377

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William Geo Cox

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Custom House, Shimilkameen

11 June 1861

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th. ultimo, No "14" instructing me to dispatch horses and saddles to Lytton for the use of His Excellency the Governor and party

I arrived here early this day and on tomorrow thirteen horses with saddles etc. should leave for the above place via the eastern side of Okonagan lake, via Kamloops and thence to Lytton via Lake Nichols should the water admit of their being driven that way.

I fear much that His Excellency may be delayed at some time at Lytton in expectation of the horses, for according to your letter he and party would arrive at that place about the first of this month, but no blame can possibly be attached to me in the matter as I only received your instructions on the 10th inst. and you will observe no time has been lost in carrying out His Excellency's command.

I returned from the Great Lake on the 9th. inst. having been absent from Rock Creek seventeen days. You will, I trust therefore bear with any in the regular transmission of my reports during the period.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient and humble servant
sgd William G. Cox.

Endorsed Acknowledge receipt of letter, explanation satisfactory J.D.