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Victoria B. I.  
December 15<sup>th</sup> 1863.

To

His Excellency

Sir James Douglas K.C.B.  
Governor in Chief of the Colony of Vancouver  
Island and its Dependencies

May it please your Excellency

I venture to direct your attention  
to an application which I had the honour  
of addressing to you through the Colonial  
Secretary for the vacancy in the Clerkship  
of the Legislative Assembly and will state  
briefly the considerations which  
embolden me to trespass on your Excellency's  
time

I am an old resident in this Colony  
having arrived here first in 1853.  
Since 1858 I have been engaged till  
recently in farming on the Island and  
have sunk considerable sums, all my  
capital in fact in my endeavours to realize  
and independency in this Colony but  
I regret to say the result has been disastrous  
and now have a wife and sister dependent

on my exertions for support. I have been  
compelled at length reluctantly to apply  
for Government Employment from doing  
which I have hitherto been deterred by the  
knowledge that the Government must have  
many such similar applications from persons  
with even stronger claims than my own.

I have always had the strongest  
faith in the Colony and would feel much  
pained after so many years residence  
with the hope of making it my home, at  
having to abandon it for a more favourable  
field but in the absence of all employment  
I see no other alternative open to me.

I may mention that I am a  
man of Education and feel competent  
to discharge the duties of the office for  
which I have applied and believe your  
Excellency was good enough to place my  
name on record for Government employ-  
ment as far back as the year 1858.

Trusting your Excellency will  
pardon the length and nature of this  
communication

I have the honour to be  
Your Excellency's

Most Obedient and humble Servant  
Alexander Chambers.

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Victoria, V.C.  
August 24/61

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Col: Sect 3  
Sir.

I have the honor to request that you will lay before His Excellency the Governor this my application for permission to pass an examination as Pilot to the Ships of the Steam-Coast Coal Company. at their request. I would feel obliged if His Excellency would be pleased to appoint an early date. as it is a matter of very great importance to me.

I have the honor  
to be, Sir  
your obedient servant  
Alexander J. Chambers



Inform Mr. Chamber, that I am  
unable to comply with the order,  
with his reports I am much  
satisfied. I am not distressed about  
with any papers to appoint  
A. Board to examine

A. Board - 1/1/18

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Aug 26/18

if the names - yet  
the same - apply to  
the same

N<sup>o</sup> 22  
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21<sup>st</sup> August 1864  
A. J. Chambers  
Requesting to be per-  
mitted to have an exam-  
ination, as follows

Chambers A.J.  
R 513  
Rec<sup>d</sup> 26/9/64  
Victoria, T.C.  
September 26<sup>th</sup> 64  
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James H. Co. Coleridge  
Arthur Kennedy Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Att<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>r</sup> Tanqueren Island  
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Sir,  
I have the honor to lay before  
Your Excellency: An application for  
the Command of the new Steam  
Shaver now in construction for the  
Service of this Colony: feeling myself  
perfectly competent to take charge  
of her, from my long Experience and  
thorough Knowledge of the Coast,  
having been employed upon it, without  
intermission for 5 years, also some  
Six months more in the year 1854 and  
1855. During which period I had  
opportunities of becoming thoroughly  
acquainted with all the navigation  
(both inside and outside channels)  
of Tanqueren Island, as well as  
the Treader River and the Coast of  
British Columbia, and also of the  
Russian Possessions as far as the  
head of Lynn Canal, having been  
employed as Chief Officer of the  
Hudson Bay Company's Shaver  
"Calouche".  
Should it be requisite

before taking Command of  
the Vessel. I am perfectly pre-  
pared to pass any Examination  
for Pilot's Certificate in these  
waters.

Not having had an oppor-  
tunity of visiting England for  
some years. I have been unable  
to obtain a Masters Certificate  
but should it be possible to form  
an Examination Board here, or  
could a Naval Board be appoint-  
ed. I am equally prepared to  
pass the regular Examination

I should also mention that  
previous to my last arrival in  
this Colony (in 1849) I had been  
5 years on Foreign Voyages and  
have therefore the requisite  
experience for the Command  
of an Ocean Vessel.

Yours the honor  
to be

Sir  
Your most obedient Servant

Wm Anderson, J. Chambers

Slipped  
M. W. Chambers



Inform Mr Chamber that no  
provision has been yet made  
for the appointment he seeks  
but his application has been

Recorded

21st Sept 26/64

Done  
26/9/64

A. J. Chambers  
Secretary for  
the Colonies  
Victoria

10513 of 10/26/1864

11/25/64  
Record with  
this application  
for same office  
referred to  
Victoria 10/26/64  
11-12-64

Sir

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of January  
1864 I applied by letter to the  
Colonial Secretary for the appoint-  
ment of Master of the Steam tug  
in connexion with dredging Victoria  
Harbor and received answer that  
my application had been recorded.

As the machinery has ruined  
and it is probable that the  
appointment will be shortly  
filled up I beg to renew my

The Honble  
The Colonial Secretary  
Henry Wakeford Esq

applications.

I can produce certificates  
of good conduct and ability  
from all the Captains I have  
sailed with.

I must further state  
that I have had over four years  
experience in the navigation  
of these waters whilst serving  
on board H. M. Gunboat Forward.

I have the  
Honor to be Sir  
Your Obedient Servant  
William Clark.

Care J. J. Southgate Esq.

Subjects Certificate - 20th  
Masters or Pilot Certificates -  
Knowledge of Navigation  
Montague - 18th  
W.H.



See Mr. [unclear]

Victoria 7. 1. Jan<sup>y</sup> 1855

To His Excellency

Arthur. Edwards Kennedy C. B. Esq.

Sir

I have the honour most respectfully to offer my services as master of the dredging machine, and to state that should my application be favourably entertained, I can produce unexceptionable references, among whom I may mention G. M. Sprout, Capt. Wootton &c &c

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

John Handford

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To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
Acting Colonial Secretary

*Refer to the  
the*

I beg most respectfully to apply to the Excellency  
for the situation of Captain of the Landing Machine  
on the Shaw Tug.

I refer you to the following gentleman and enclosed  
testimonial.

I am Sir  
Your Obedient Servant  
John Stevens

I hereby certify that I have known Mr John Stevens as a seafaring man  
from the year 1832 up to the present time, during the past 8 years, he was  
in command of the schooner namely the schooner Ellen and the schooner  
Mary Ann, during which time he conducted himself so far as I know  
with much credit to himself and that I consider him a fit & proper  
person to take charge of any vessel trading in these waters, coming  
and going in & out of the Port of Victoria and that I most recommend  
him as a fit person to take charge of either Schooner or Brig.

Wm Wicks H. F. Tolmie James Murray Reid  
W. J. McDonald Chas Young J. S. McInnes  
Chas Stuart John Brown King C. C. Peayley  
W. G. McInnes Jas Harris James Trimble  
Chas A. Hallie G. Rod & Family James Duncan

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COLONIAL  
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

Mr. Coman & Son  
New South Wales  
Cuttlers  
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Address  
March Road



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Recd 14th 5th  
Applications

Sir proposed to call  
upon the Government  
14-12-64

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Fort Street Victoria, V.I.  
24<sup>th</sup> October 1864

Having been informed that a  
master will be required for the Steam  
Tug for Dredging purpose I have the  
honor herewith to offer my services in  
the Capacity of master of such Steam  
boat I may state that I am well  
qualified for such a post having had  
upwards of Twentyfour years practical  
experience in Steam and Sailing vessels  
having held a masters Certificate eleven  
years (No 130) from the Board of Trade  
in London I may also state that I  
hold a Pilots Certificate for Vancouver  
Island and British Columbia

I have the honor to be  
Your Humble and Obedt Servant  
Henry B. Ella

To the Colonial Secretary

Reports of the  
Board of the  
testimonies - Elipha  
Mar 16/64

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CHAMBERS, A.J.

COLONIAL  
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

The first of the two calls  
 is for the purpose of  
 the 17th. Genl  
 James J. Johnson, Putnam Co. N.Y.

I have taken the liberty of addressing  
 to you in reference to the Master's situation in relation  
 to the ship. I am from the  
 vessel in this port & should you require  
 anything as to what is possible, during the  
 absence of the vessel to the West or to the South  
 also in relation which I have previously and with  
 various and states, should be approved of by  
 you. I will hold myself ready to commence duty at  
 the shortest notice, and will make it my business  
 to give you every satisfaction which is in my power.  
 My only wish will be to leave as soon as I can about to leave the  
 ship.

I remain Sir  
 Yours respectfully  
 James Harris  
 Chief Officer of the above

To Mr. Paine



Submitted for the information of J. E. the  
Governor.

J. E. McLean

The Honorable

Admiral Sir John

26 Oct. 1854.

The Admiralty, Whitehall.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge

the receipt of your letter of the 20th

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and in reply to inform you

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Respectfully  
submitted  
11.12.64  
Sir

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Victoria B.S.

17<sup>th</sup> November 1864.

I beg to apply for the  
command of the Steam Tug -  
I am a master mariner holding  
Certificate No. 25,052 and am  
married and a resident of  
this place - for reference -  
I beg to refer you to Mr. Wallace  
of the firm of Mr. Dickson Campbell & Co.

I have the honor to be -  
Sir

Your most obedt Servant  
William Mculloch

to His Excellency  
the Governor

has been a  
steamer - Referred to  
McKean Campbell  
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Colonial Secretary

Replied to 31 March

Sir  
I have the honour to lay before you  
this my application to be allowed to  
pass an Examination as Pilot on  
the Lower Fraser River with the  
view of running the Vancouver Coal  
Mining Co. Steamer "Fidelite" between  
Vancouver Island and New Westminster  
Should my request be allowed  
I shall be most happy to present myself  
for Examination when required  
I have the honour to be

Sir  
Your Most Obedt. Servant  
Alexander Chambers  
Chief Offr "Fidelite"

New Westminster B.C.  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1865.



Every facility should be given to Mr. Chambers to enable him to become a Free Air Pilot - Now that the Commander of the "Tribune" is absent from the Station perhaps Mr. Ruder might be allowed to examine

Ans B  
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? Yes: every facility should be given. I expect  
if coming up soon - I should think  
you would also be present soon.  
J.C.  
27 March 1865  
W. J. G.

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3<sup>rd</sup> April 1865

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Sir

I am directed by the Governor  
to acquaint you in reply to your  
letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> instant applying to  
be allowed to pass an examination as  
a Pilot on the lower Fraser. That His  
Excellency will take <sup>immediate</sup> steps ~~at once~~  
~~contemplated~~ for the formation of  
a Board of Examiners for Pilots  
You should ~~receive due notification~~  
~~therein~~ to whom you  
a / Chambers Esq

Application will  
at once  
be referred