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Per Sierra Nevada June 18th

San Francisco, June 15th 1866

Wm & William A. G. Young,
Colonial Secretary &c,
Victoria, P. I.

Dear Sir;

Referring to a conversation which we had together April 30th with regard to the application of Messrs Gaston, Heywood and others for an extension of the lease of the Baynes Sound coal property for a period of three months from May 16th, I told you that I represented certain parties in this city who were anxious to obtain a property furnishing coal suitable for gas purposes somewhere upon Vancouver Island. My expedition to the north was principally

however, my search of an Anthracite coal upon one of the Queen Charlotte Islands and the examination which I made of the Baynes Sound property was subsidiary to the main enterprise.

At the time I saw you I had no authority from my principals to make any definite arrangements. The Baynes Sound property had been submitted to them for purchase upon certain terms which they have now definitely declined to accept and so far as I am aware they are the only parties who have had the affair under serious consideration. I repeated to these gentlemen the conversation

referred to in your letter of the 11th June 1866
I was asked to Surgeon General for his information and guidance

William A. G. Young
20 June 1866

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which I had with you and His Excellency the Governor when you informed me that you were prepared to grant liberal facilities to foreigners to develop the Mineral resources of the Colony and that you preferred treating directly with the principals in all these affairs. I now learn indirectly from Victoria that the parties interested in the Baynes Sound property have not as yet paid the necessary fees for an extension of their lease and that consequently by the terms of your letter to them under date of April 30th their original right has expired and not been renewed.

Under these circumstances I am now prepared to deal directly with the Government and to request a lease under the terms set forth in the proclamation of June 11th 1854 in favor of the gentleman whom I at that time represented. The names of the parties for whom I make this application are a sufficient guarantee of their good faith, all of them representing as they do some of the most important commercial and industrial enterprises on this coast. If you are not personally acquainted with them a reference to Mr. Long, of the Bank of British Columbia, in Mr. Walker's absence will be amply sufficient and remove any doubts you can possibly entertain with regard to their substantial character. They are Messrs J. L. Miller and W. C. Halston, President and Cashier respectively

of the Bank of California; Louis Mc Lane, Head and Manager of Wells Fargo & Co. on this Coast; B. M. Faulstich, President of the California Steam Navigation Company; W. E. Barron, Joseph Barron, and Thomas Bell, of the firm of Barron & Co; John Arnold & Lloyd Seis, Directors in the Navigation Company; S. A. Garnett, Manager of the San Francisco Wharfing and Rigging Works; Chas. E. M. Lane Manager of the Pioneer Stage Company, and A. Hayward, a prominent citizen and capitalist of San Francisco.

That these gentlemen are desirous of obtaining a "prospecting right" for a tract, which in addition to that known as the Baynes Sound and formerly held by Messrs Gaston and others, shall include another which will cover both banks of a river that I believe has no name, or at any rate none is mentioned on the charts of the Island, but that empties into Baynes Sound a little north of Deep Bay and some four or five miles south of the one which flows through the Baynes Sound property. As nearly as I am able to judge at present this tract includes some twenty eight claims of six hundred and forty acres each. I enclose herewith a sketch of the ground which we are desirous of exploring. Of course before the limits of this property can be accurately defined it will be necessary to make a much more lengthy and thorough examination than I was able to give it at the time of my visit but as soon as I can hear from you that the formal

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20 June 1856
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application for a lease of this tract will be favorably
entertained by the Colonial Government we shall
be prepared to proceed with the Survey in accordance
with the Land Office regulations.

The existence of coal seams in grounds lying to the
south of the Baynes Sound tract was brought to my
notice by Mr. Tidemann and should the facts
upon examination be found as represented an
arrangement will be made with him which will
doubtless prove quite satisfactory.

In case any funds are required to secure this
lease will you be so kind as to draw upon me at
sight through the Bank of British Columbia.

Mr. Walker passed through here on his way
home. He arrived only the day before the
sailing of the Panama steamer and I was
able to see but little of him.

With my kind regards to Mrs. Young,
I remain, very respectfully,
Yr. obedient servant,

W. Ashburner.



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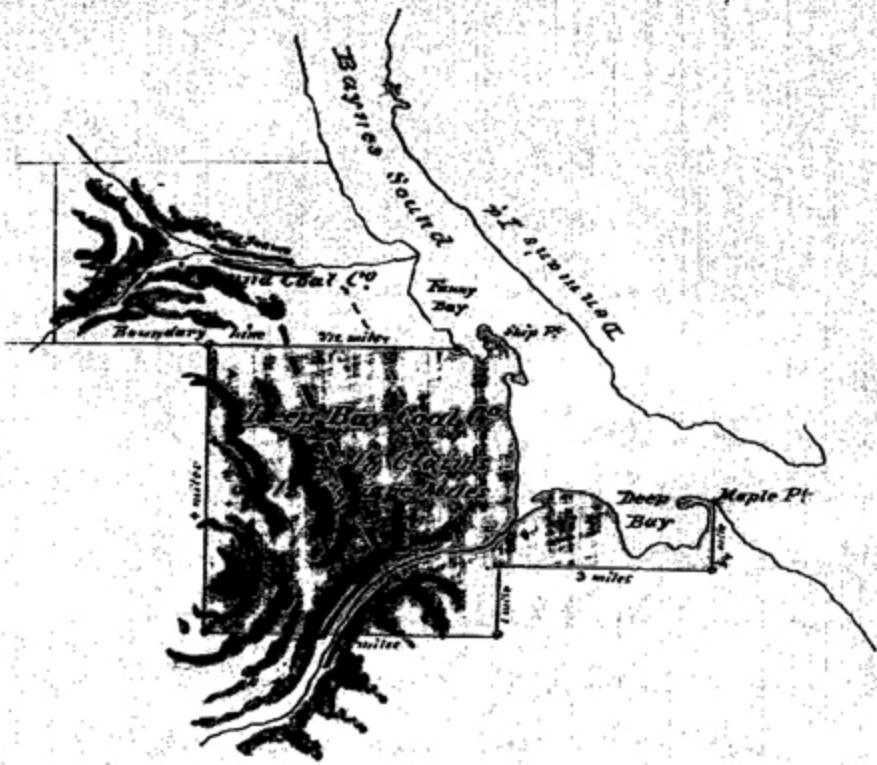
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 Submitted to Surveyor General for his information
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Subscribed to Surveyor General for his instructions
 and guidance
 William H. [Name]
 20 June 1861
 Wm. B. [Name]

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On the 14th Nov. 1865. The Baynes Sound
Coal Company obtained a Lease of a Tract
of Land of 10 Square Miles = 7,040 acres,
for a space of 6 mos. for which
they paid \$55.00. -

On the 21st April 1866. - they applied
for an Extension of Time of Three
Mos. which application was granted on
the 30th April by H.C. McGovern, but
they have never applied for the Lease
~~for~~ paid any fee for same.

Their Time has therefore expired by
about 5 weeks, and I believe they have
done nothing whatever in the way of
prospecting or developing the coal, their
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