



Victoria July 21<sup>st</sup> 1859

Sir,

As desired I shall be obliged if you will acquaint His Excellency R. C. Hood Esq. Lieut. Gov. of British Columbia, that I have a small cargo of Lumber, the growth and manufacture of this Island of the following dimensions

5	100 feet	Match Boards	6 inches wide	1/2 inch thick
H	.	"	1 x 3	2 x 3
7	.	"	3 x 3	4 x 3
H	.	1/2 inch Board	10000 inches wide	10000 feet long
H	.	"	9000	10000
10	.	"		

If the Government requires such a cargo I shall be pleased to deliver it at any desired point on these Islands for Twenty Eight dollars per thousand feet. The vessel having the above arrived yesterday I can put immediate supply with complete obligation, otherwise it is my intention to land it at Esquimaux.

Yours truly  
John A. Mills

John A. Mills Esq.  
Super  
Victoria

Victoria <sup>28</sup> 31 Feb 1859

My Myers  
Offering to sell a quantity of lumber  
See 21<sup>st</sup>  
Ans. 21<sup>st</sup>

Myers  
4

Starbuck

Replied to 30 March

Victoria July 22 1860.

Sir

I have been requested, as Agent of Mr. Pitt Rivers  
to make application through you to ascertain whether the Government  
will allow Buildings to be erected on Wharf Street below High Water  
mark.

I am Sir  
Very Respectfully yours  
J. Myers

D. W. A. G. Young Esq.  
Acting Colonial Secretary  
Vancouver Island.

Deposited for opinion of Attorney General  
of the Government of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
William A. S. Young  
at. Col. No  
27<sup>th</sup> Feb 1860

the  
I have the honor to report that your  
are still the practice of the Royal  
The Regulations of the ...  
with the ...  
The Government  
may however  
I must the ...  
be able to be of some further value  
be preferred to avoid the ...  
that the ...  
from the ...

LIGHT ORIGINAL

22<sup>nd</sup> February 1860

J. Myers.

Applying on behalf of the girls  
to erect buildings below bridge  
water works on ~~the~~ ~~land~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~land~~

In, having said before Mr. B. the fact of letter of yesterday date, I am contented to send it to you to request you that under the circumstances stated by you Mr. B. has indicated the Harbour Master to redress to you the boat which is seized for an infraction of the law.

Shipping Harbour Office

Recd 21<sup>st</sup> Feb

Answered 23 Feb

Victoria February 23<sup>rd</sup> 1860

Sir,

May I request that you will acquaint His Excellency Governor Douglas with the following seizure of my property this morning in Esquimaux Harbour under orders of Mr. Jeremiah Nagle, Acting Harbour Master.

These are the facts a Boat belonging to the H. B. Co. Steamer "Otter" which is in my charge and not plying for hire, was laden with Hides exclusively my personal property and two men in my employ were conveying such personal freight only to Esquimaux and in that Harbour she was seized under orders of Mr. Jeremiah Nagle aforesaid by two men to wit J. W. Bigham and J. Costen. One of whom maliciously broke one of the bars in said Boat which bar belongs to the Bank of British Columbia.

The Boat and freight therein was brought by said Bigham & Costen to this port my men refusing to do so, and is held in custody by Mr. Jeremiah Nagle.

For such outrage on personal property and rights I am desirous to seek redress at your Excellency's hands.

I am Sir  
Very respectfully yours.

J. W. G. Young Esq.  
Acting Colonial Secretary  
Vancouver Island

Feb. 23. 1860

Sir

Under the circumstances  
stated in Mr. Myers letter I have  
the honour to report that the Harbour  
master has no right to seize a boat  
plying with a cargo mule for hire  
The seizure therefore in this case has  
been so far as the facts are disclosed  
illegal and the Harbour master  
must be ordered to return the boat  
cargo and oars. I have the honour  
to remain Sir

Your obedient servant

George Amute Cary

Acting atty Genl

W. A. G. Young

Acting Colonial Secretary

Received for services of Attorney General  
of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
the sum of

William L. S. Quincy  
Att. Genl.  
22 July 1870

Wm. L. S. Quincy



The facts stated by Mr. Myers  
are correct the seizure was wholly  
illegal and the boat & cargo must  
be returned

22<sup>nd</sup> February 1800

G. Myers

Reporting the seizure of his boat  
in Saginaw Harbour and  
praying for redress

LIGHT ORIGINAL

Myers  
5.

Dear

Shipping - Harbour Dues

Victoria January 24<sup>th</sup> 1860

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge your dispatch of yesterday's date and duly thank His Excellency the Governor for the restoration of my property and I trust I shall not again have cause to complain of any subordinate officers of your respected Government.

With very consideration

I am Sir

Very Respectfully yours

J. Myers

W. A. G. Young Esq.  
Acty Colonial Secretary &c.  
Victoria Island

24<sup>th</sup> February 1860

J. Myers

Thanking you for the restoration of  
his coat

Myers  
2.

shipping

Received 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 3

Victoria February 27<sup>th</sup> 1860

Sir

206-16417 Vic  
C-107

I beg that you will acquaint His Excellency the Governor that after a delivery, 24<sup>th</sup> instant, by the Harbor Master of the Boat belonging to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Mr. [unclear] according to your instructions of 23<sup>rd</sup> instant, the Harbor Master notified me of a resignation of the Boat which was and had been being entirely sold at the very spot where the Harbor Master had his mooring at the time of delivery, after which said Boat was in sole custody of his owners.

Two days later, 27<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> Feb, I received the enclosed copy of the President's notice although bearing date 25<sup>th</sup> instant.

Seeing again the Harbor Master is acting contrary to His Excellency's instructions will you be kind enough to compel him to cease proceedings which bear the stamp of malicious disregard.

Regretting that I am again compelled to address you on this subject.

I am Sir  
Very Respectfully yours  
J. H. Myers

Wm. A. G. Young Esq.  
Colonial Secretary &c.  
Vanuatu Island

in, I have by accident found before Mr. Keffer's <sup>letter</sup> telling of  
the 27 others, respecting the assignment of a <sup>copy</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>same</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>British</sup> <sup>consul</sup> <sup>at</sup> <sup>London</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>1817</sup>

Albany, Oct. 4

2. Mr. S. has caused the engraving to be made

into the sun, and it appears that the engraving

is not done, but has been made under the 1817 (see Capt. 10)

see also, which requires that every British subject

to every British subject who has the means of

the ships together with the means of the port -

of those to which she belongs, and also

the master's name in favor of

publication, otherwise proved.

3. Mr. S. considers that the

laws were not amended by the

Parliament after the

altering of the rank &

of the country

found in the

the same

town

~~The instructions in the first instance~~ *Cher resignation*  
 reason of the short time which elapsed between the delivery up of the  
 instance by His instructions, *Cher resignation*, He has directed that in  
<sup>his</sup> ~~the~~ ~~hand~~ ~~be~~ ~~again~~ returned to you, but he trusts you will bear  
 in mind the provisions of the law to be carried into effect.  
 4 - His respects yourself, have thought it necessary to reflect upon the

conduct of the Harbor Master, for he cannot believe that that functionary was attended by <sup>any other motive than</sup> serious desire to do his duty under the grave responsibilities resting upon him.

iii.

It being investigated the circumstances of the reception of the Boat being to the Steamer left in charge of Mr. Myers of Messrs. Smith & Co., directed me to inform you that although fully aware of your anxiety to do your duty & desiring at all times to afford you every support in his power, yet on account of the exigencies of the service he was unable to be present at the time of the delivery of the Boat & his assignment to another duty he was unable to carry out the provisions of the law.

2. Mr. Thompson desires me to convey to you his unwillingness to deliver the Boat to Mr. Myers, warning him at the same time of the requirements of the law & advising him to have them carried into effect.

Yours truly,  
Myers.

Reporting received by the Secretary of the Navy

Henry Myer

27<sup>th</sup> February 1860.

Myers

Dec 3rd 1864

Shipping

Victoria March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1865

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge your dispatch of this date and allow me to inform you that I should like to see the Procurement for the restoration of the Boat belonging to the Steam Vessels and owners.

I much regret Sir to reflect on the official conduct of the Harbor Master and in addition to my previous charge I may add that of misconduct and as evidence permit me to review the facts.

The Harbor Master first made seizure of the Boat and freight W. Gibney, supposing therefore that the boat was abandoned and subject to forfeiture, my statement coming before His Excellency the Governor that the boat was not selling for him, the boat and cargo was properly returned under His Excellency's repeated orders of February 28 on which day I returned the boat to owners. After such return the Harbor Master re-seized the boat, and his notice thereof, dated date February 25<sup>th</sup> he used the following language.

"I have to inform you that I have seized a Boat stated by you to be your property &c." That remark Sir is a fabrication on the part of the Harbor Master, I emphatically deny ever claiming the Boat as my property, and furthermore the Harbor Master, knew the Boat solely belonged to the Steam Vessels and owners, and for any infringement of law, they alone were responsible, hence his communication was alike untrue, malicious and annoying.

I assure you Sir, it is a source of pain that circumstances have compelled me to reflect on the Harbor Master and the tenure of office under a free and enlightened government cannot draw from animadversions any misconduct of a subordinate.

The questions of this subject allow me to request His Excellency the Governor that nearly all Boats in the Harbor fail to comply with the strict observance of the "Customs Consolidation Act" quoted.



With very cordial wishes  
I am, Sir  
Yours most respectfully  
Thos. Myer

To Mr. A. G. Young Esq.  
Acting Colonial Secretary &c &c  
of Vancouver Island.

3<sup>rd</sup> March 1860

Henry Myer.

Committing upon the actions  
of the charter master and  
officers who conduct with  
saying so best