

Gaggin

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Mr. B. B. B. B.  
Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 1866

Sir

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In reply to your  
letter of yesterday's date,  
I have the honor to  
inform you, that I  
am at any moment  
after my arrival at  
Douglas, prepared to  
hand over my  
accounts, and arrange  
as far as I can explain  
all matters connected  
with the Douglas Dis-  
trict to Mr. B. B. B.

I have the honor  
to be  
Your most Obedt  
J. B. Gaggin

W. B. B.  
Acty. Secy

10/12/1866  
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Police & Gaol

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Magistrate's Office Douglas  
10<sup>th</sup> Dec 1866

Sir I have the honor to state in reply  
to your reference of 29<sup>th</sup> Dec 1866.  
directing me to make inquiries  
into a charge against Mr. Dautney  
Chief Constable here, made by Mr.  
P. P. P. for acting "as an agent in the  
collection of debts;" Mr. Dautney  
has informed me that he was asked  
as a friend to collect the money  
which he endeavored to do -  
which statement I believe to be  
correct.

Yr. Hble. Servant  
H. G. Mass  
Actg. Constable

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your most Obedt Servant,  
John Gaggin

Speak about the matter  
myself & Mr. B. J.  
March 12. 66

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Magistrate Office Douglas  
Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 1866

Sir I have the honor to state that in  
 July 1866 I find that I paid out  
 of the Douglas Chest the following  
 sums for which I have never obtained  
 credit in my accounts: though the  
 same were allowed by the then Colonial  
 Secretary in my requisition at the  
 time, viz -  
 Salary for Constable Miller -  
 who was drowned in Douglas Lake  
 £10 - 6 - 6  
 Fees of prisoners due to  
 the same - 7 - 0 - 0  
 Interpreting in Court £ 3 - 0 - 0  
 £ 20 - 6 - 6

J. H. Gaggin

H. M. Ball  
Acting Col. Secretary

a part

a part of the money Composing  
the first two items was expended  
in searching for and in burying  
his body; And the remainder  
in liquidating claims against  
him on account of Articles purchased  
for the keep of prisoners.

The last item was for  
Constable Franklin interpreting  
in Court, though allowed in the  
Requisition it was afterwards  
disallowed at the Treasury.

The money was paid at the  
time to Constable Nunn.

I have the honor to request  
you will be good enough to  
issue a special Authority to  
reimburse this amount; And to  
instruct the Treasurer and Auditor  
to accept my Voucher for the same  
under the circumstances. No  
person having taken out letters  
of administration;

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your Most Obedt Servant.

J. Boles Gaggin

Mr. Lee.

Does this refer to the deficiency  
in Mr. Gaggins' acct? I  
understand all his accts  
should be settled by you.

Wm. B.  
14. 2. 66

Mr. 15/2/66  
Gaggin

Power of Atty

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Magistrate Office  
18th Dec 1866

Sir  
I have the honor to state for the information of the Officer Administering the Govt that Mr W. Woodmatt has taken no law proceedings against Mr. Dabney. I have anticipated the orders of His Honor and have mentioned to Mr. Dabney the impropriety of not using more caution in matters which might be brought into collision with the public service.

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Yours Most Obedt. Servant,

W. M. Ball  
Actg Secy  
W. M. Ball  
Actg Secy

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M. Douglas  
July 10<sup>th</sup>  
1866

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Sir,  
I have the honor to inform  
You, that I am prepared to hand  
over charge, and accounts, of  
the Douglas District to whomever  
may be directed, by the Officer ad-  
ministering the Government to  
assume one of my duties here.  
If His Honor has no ob-  
jection I would be glad to give  
over accounts at the end of this  
month.

I have the honor to remain

Sir  
Your most Obedt. Servt.

John Boles

Do not be  
Clerk of the  
New Westminster  
1866



shall I instruct Mr. New-  
to proceed to Douglas, at-  
the end of month or so  
from as Mr. B. B. B. B. B.  
returns from there  
try to arrange with  
Mr. White.

14.2.11

would it be up to  
advantage to let to

we have

Will not Mr. Elliott  
fairly out. He will compare Mr. Elliott's acct.  
and be making claims for rates wanting all  
so formerly. I think it would be better for him  
to come down here, and place himself under  
Mr. O. Kelly's instructions, & let him understand  
that he received no report at Columbia, or  
the system under standing he is to be under Mr.  
O. Kelly. I fear he will require Mr. Kelly's instructions  
before he can will undertake the duties of the office.

Did you notice  
a letter in the C. &  
papers about a  
prisoner having  
been sent to Douglas  
for trial?  
From Lilliant

Ans  
15 Feb 86

*Magistrate  
Gaggin*

*Magistrate*

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*H 203  
Magistrate Office Douglas*

*Sept 19th 1866.*

*Sir*

*I have the honor to forward you  
the Census for the Douglas District.*

*I would have sent it in an earlier date but my absence at  
at New Westminster prevented my  
completing it during the Month of  
January I trust you will excuse*

*the delay I have the honor to be*

*Sir  
Your Most Obedt. Servant*

*Boles Gaggin*

*Mr. Gault*

*H. M. Ball  
Acting Colonial Secretary  
New Westminster.*

*Richard M. Smith*

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GAGGIN, JOHN BOLES  
1866

COLONIAL  
CORRESPONDENCE

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Douglas  
March 2<sup>nd</sup>  
1866

Sir,

I have the honor to report  
for the information of  
the Officer administering  
the Government that  
Mrs Lipsitt has resign-  
ed her appointment as  
School Mistress of this Island.

I have the honor

to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedient  
A. Douglas Gaggin

Double  
City Collyer  
New Westminster

New Westminster  
9<sup>th</sup> April 1866

When in Douglas I desired  
Constable Brown to make  
out a list for me of the  
children who would attend  
a school there. He gave me  
the accompanying one  
which shows 13 children.  
If there be that number  
I think the school ought  
to be continued but I  
think it would be well  
not to decide till I make  
further inquiries as I  
find that Browns wife  
is now keeping the school  
and of course it would be  
his interest to have the  
Government allowance  
continued. One of the  
children in the list Smiths  
from the 29 mile House was  
not in Douglas when I was  
there but was expected.  
It is positively stated that  
the school was in one  
way at least a very great

advantage to the children.  
it kept them away from  
the Indians who there is no  
doubt did them a great  
deal of moral mischief.

C. Newth

The Hon  
Colonial Secretary

Keep in mind Mr. Newth's  
promise to furnish further information

Col. Secty

Chas  
10. April 1866

Thank this school night  
be improved with.

6 children only.

ATMs

5.3.66.

you thank it

Receipt. refer the matter  
for the report of

Mr. Green also

in visit to

ATMs

5.3.66

ATMs

ATMs

copy by primary

Douglas district School Returns

Name of Parent	No of Children	Name of Children
Mr. Macdonald	2	Joseph & Alfred
Mr. Haman	4	Martin, Cecilia, George & Ellen
J. Parker	2	Malina & Katy
J. Eastman	1	Alfred
C. Reed	2	William & Charles
J. Smith	1	Jack
J. Franklin	1	Edward
Total	15	

no more

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Magistrate Office Douglas  
9<sup>th</sup> March 1866.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge  
the receipt of a Book of Original  
Land Records; previously sent  
from this Office to the Lands & Works Dept.

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your most Obedt. Servant,

John Gaggin  
No 52

The Honble  
J. W. Hutchins  
Chief Commissioner Lands & Works  
Surveyor General.



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1st Com. of 1860 1866  
— Douglas —  
Acknow ledging recd of bank  
of original land records  
— 9<sup>th</sup> March 1866 —

Gaggin  
Former happens on  
the establishment of the  
School / Mine in office  
perhaps had to letters  
W. Seymour

Douglas, B. C.  
March 17<sup>th</sup> 1866.  
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Sir  
I have the honor to state for the information  
of His Honor administering the Government,  
in reply to your letter of 12<sup>th</sup> inst, that when I  
was at New Westminster last January, I stated  
the circumstance of the closing of the school  
to the Acting Colonial Secretary. I am aware  
I ought to have done so in writing, but I had  
only one day here (on my return from the  
Harrison Rapids) to make up the acts of the  
district to the end of the year, having immedi-  
ately to proceed to New Westminster. —  
I presume the school has been opened under  
the authority of the School Committee, I certainly  
did not intend paying a School mistress  
(the school having being closed in the manner  
it was) without authority from your office.  
I was not even aware of an advertisement  
being in the paper till it was casually  
mentioned to me, nor was I consulted as to  
the choice of a mistress for the school. —  
The Committee has appointed Mr. Brown who  
I believe to be perfectly qualified for the  
situation.

*Situation*

I have the honor to be  
Sir

Your most obedient & humble servant

*John Boles*

*Hon<sup>ble</sup>*

*A. M. Ball*  
*Acting Colonial Secretary*  
*New Westminster.*  
*B. C.*

See above the abstract books  
contains of Mr Brown  
Approver of the selection  
of the Committee

Henry  
Smith

Gaggin

July 25th

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Wm. H. G. Hootenay  
July 25th 1866

Sir,

According to your instructions  
I have the honor to inform you  
that I arrived here on the 8th inst.  
I came by way of Colville. I was told at  
Rock Creek that I could not get beyond  
Sheppard as there was six feet of water  
on the Hootenay meadows; Along the road  
the water was very high, in consequence  
of which I had two days delay at Park  
House; and four days at the lower  
Hootenay ferry, and from the P.O. & Hill  
to the junction of the Sheppard, Kalle Valley,  
and Hootenay trails. The road is very bad. I regret  
to inform you that the Mosyie bridge had  
been carried away. Mining is stea-  
dily progressing, all the men on the creek  
are at work; and exceedingly good pros-  
pects have been found on the hill, there is  
every confidence in the latter paying well  
when water is brought in; on the surface  
a Chinaman found a nugget worth  
\$103.00. The several Companies are  
steadily working, one China Co. working  
old ground, made from ten to eighteen  
dollars a day to the head, another Co. in  
the creek has to the hand one hundred  
dollars per week. The Hydraulic has not  
washed to the 125 rock yet.

Howe  
a N. B. Cook  
Army Capt

I also beg to state that I sent prisoner  
Jones, charged with robbing Openheim -  
was sent here to Gold Creek for  
trial. Meekinson who killed the  
Indians last fall I was unable to send,  
as the only evidence against him  
has gone to hunt Buffalo.

No mail has been brought here  
since the 19th of May, which came  
from Sheepshead. Many persons  
complaining of ~~no~~<sup>no mail</sup> being sent away  
since winter, I thought it advisable  
I thought to make arrangements  
with Mr. Reid to proceed with our  
immediacy, the students having  
employed a private Express to run  
from here to Halle Halle.

I forgot on reporting on the Mines  
mentioning that four hundred and  
fifty is the probable number of men  
working. The amount of goods here  
is small. Clothing scarce and indiffer-  
ent. No shoes, boots, or under clothing,  
provisions for this part of the country,  
reasonable. I expect a large stock  
will be in shortly.

I have the honor

to remain

As  
Your Most Obedt

John Boles Gaggins

Gaggin

Mar. 17 July

FILE  
Kortney B.C.  
26 June 1866

Required for Office  
of Asst. Gold Commissioner  
Wild Horse Creek Kortney  
the under mentioned Blank  
Forms.

Viz

County Court Summons	100
Salaries Fixed	25
Summons of Jurors	50
Bill Vouchers	50
Pay Lists of Laborers	25

J. B. Gaggin

Manuscript  
Gaggin

Customs - Taxes

FILE  
Arthur B  
August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1866

Sir,  
I have the honor to  
report for the information  
of Sir Robert the officer admin-  
istering the government, that  
Customs receipts for the past  
month amounted to \$1388.54.  
I expect a larger amount  
for this month, as I understand  
that several trains are on  
the road from Walle Walle and  
other parts of the American terri-  
tory. Mining in this Camp  
is progressing steadily, but no  
new discoveries have been made.  
Chinamen are increasing large-  
ly in claims, and are getting good  
pay. The Percussion Powder Co  
have found good prospects; and  
now that the Machinery for the  
Columbia Shaft Co has arrived  
I hope to be soon able to send  
a favorable account of its success.  
There are about six hundred men  
on the Creek.

Boles  
Colonial Secretary  
New Westminster  
B6

I have the honor  
to remain  
Yours  
John B. Gaggin



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Hoolesey 126  
August 9th 1866

Sir, I have the honor  
to acknowledge the receipt  
of your letter of 29th June  
which in reply beg to state  
that, in consequence of  
illness and the expense  
of travelling I have been  
unable to pay any por-  
tion of the sum offered  
to be refunded up to the  
present time, but it  
is my intention to pay  
it off as soon as I pos-  
sibly can.

I have the honor  
to remain

Sir  
Your Most Obedt  
A. D. Gaggin

Asst  
Collector  
New Westminster  
B.C.

all in the draft

Some till 1st Jan'y. 1867, given  
by order. H. B. G.  
- 29. 20. 46.

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J. B. Gaggini

C.S.O.

1 Oct 1866

I have laid your letter dated August of the relative to the refund of certain monies due you to the Govt. and he has directed me to inform you that he expects that you will commence paying the monthly instalments, which were detailed to you in a former letter, at least by the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1867.

His Honor considers that ample time will have been allowed for any contingent in this date will allow you ample time to have provided for any extra expenses incurred by your removal to Kooknui, and instructions will be forwarded to the Treasurer not to pass your accounts after that date until the instructions contained in this & my former letter relative to the refund have been complied with by you.

M.W.B.

Gaggin  
MS. 20.1.10

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Hootenay B.C.  
August 9<sup>th</sup> 1866

Sir,  
I have the honor  
to state in reply to your  
letter of 15<sup>th</sup> May, which  
I received on 1<sup>st</sup> July, and  
had no opportunity of  
acknowledging before,  
that I left Sydney  
at almost a moment's  
notice, as I heard that  
the steamer from Colville  
would not be up for  
some time, and my inten-  
tions were to proceed to  
Hootenay as quickly as  
possible, and on consult-  
ing with Mr O'Reilly we  
considered that my going by  
Colville would be more  
expedient.

Yours  
Collected  
West West  
B.C.

I have the honor  
to remain Sir  
Your most Obedt  
J. B. Gaggin

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Proctor & Co  
August 9th 1866

Sir,

In reply to your letter  
of 18th May I have the honor  
to inform you that I saw  
the Journal of the Bradley  
Company in which the account  
of J. A. Smith was inserted,  
who informed me that he  
would go soon as possible  
for the money. I am aware  
that the claim up to the  
present time has not been  
enumerated, and full ac-  
count of Bradley's wish to  
liquidate the debt

I have the honor  
to be

Yours most Obedtly  
J. Boles Gaggin

Double  
Ct Secretary  
The Westchester  
Co

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J. M. Gaggin Esq. 21/7

C 50  
18 May 66

Sir

5th Dec '65  
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I am dir. by the U. A. C. to forward  
a true copy of a letter from the late  
acting Registrar of the Supreme Court  
relating to the estate of John Frederick  
Schmidt who died intestate in the  
Roxbury District, and sum to  
instruct you to take charge of any public  
sums realized on this estate for  
remission to the Registrar of the  
Supreme Court

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Manuscript

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Kortum  
August 1866

Sir: I have the honor to re-  
port that a mine, named  
Bernardino Vela, died in this  
Camp on the 11<sup>th</sup> of last April  
of Consumption; the deceased  
was a native of Buenos  
Ayres: where I understand  
members of his family live.  
Having died intestate his  
effects were sold, the sale  
of which realized \$87-37<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>  
which amount I have  
paid into the Collectate.

Deceased was also possessed  
of a mining claim which de-  
livers to be of no value.

I have the honor  
to remain

Sir  
Your most Obedient  
John Boles Gaggin

Double  
Collector  
New Westminster  
J.B.G.

The Nigerian General might  
take a note of this.

Account  
28 Sept 1866

Please return when  
available.

Hand  
28.9.66



New Westminster

28 Sept 1855

Sir

I have the honor to return  
herewith a communication  
from Mr Jaffin respecting  
the disposal of the proceeds of  
the sale of certain effects belonging  
to one Bernardino Vila. deceased  
Incessant.

I have made a copy of the same  
which I have deposited among  
the records of the Supreme Court.

I am, Sir, &c.

Sir

Your obedient servant

R. D. Buxby

Deputy Registrar O.C.

In the Hon.

The acting Colonial Secretary

Gaggin  
J. Boles

File 626  
New Home Creek  
Portman  
Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 1866

My dear Sir

Scarcely got your  
letter of June 18<sup>th</sup> the other  
day. Now Mrs O'Reillys arriv-  
ed here. I send you  
\$27.00 balance of your acct.  
I need not say how glad  
I was to hear that Mrs  
Hannan, the children, and  
yourself were well. I have  
every hope you will do  
well at New Westminster  
and it is much a better  
place for the children  
than Douglas -

I have not heard a word  
from Douglas since Sept.  
only a rumour that Mr  
White was going to be  
married. I wonder if its  
true. I like the Camp  
very much, first rate  
fishing and shooting  
and best of all the  
place opens with me.  
I am in first rate health.

With best wishes to  
the Mistress and young  
- also very truly yours  
John Boles Gaggin

How is Purcell? My  
good and true friend  
I often think of him  
Remember me sincerely  
to him and say I  
intend writing to him  
before long but I am  
waiting to have time  
to tell him a lot of  
news -

TOWN LOTS.

British Columbia.

Date, *Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 1861*  
Town of *Douglas*  
District of *Douglas*  
Block *Five*  
Lot *Twelve*

£ *20* : 0 : 0  
M<sup>r</sup>. *Duncan Robertson*

	£	s	d
Cash paid on deposit at Auction		<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>
Cash Balance due on		<i>18</i>	<i>0</i>
Do., do.			
Do., do.			

Certified by *J. Gaggin* £ *20* : 0 : 0  
Assistant Commissioner of Lands.

Gaggin  
Dec 15 1866

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Montgomery 136  
Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 1866

Sir,

I have the honor to report  
for the information of His Honor  
the Officer administering the Go-  
vernment that the Revenue of  
this District for the past month  
amounted to \$4,919.<sup>50</sup>, inclusive  
of customs, which was \$3,124.<sup>00</sup>.

I regret that I am unable  
to report any new discoveries  
by the men who were pros-  
pecting in the neighbourhood  
of Fuddy Creek but I understand  
a party intend wintering on  
that Creek and fluming the  
bed where they expect good pay.

A large number of men are  
prospecting in the direction of  
Bell River. Some of them were  
in here for provisions, and  
reported having struck dig-  
gings which will pay about  
\$6.00 per day to the haul.

They gave no information  
as to the exact locality, and im-  
mediately returned to their partners.

Yours  
John Boles  
Montgomery

Prospecting is being carried

on in the hills below the big river.  
"Now" on this creek, should be,  
and the Columbia shaft from  
successful, extensive mining  
may be expected next season.

The several ~~former~~ claims now  
being worked are paying fair  
ways; Chinamen had purchased  
extensively and paid large  
prices for mining ground.

All the Chinamen intend win-  
"tering here and I presume  
about fifty white men will  
also stay. With the exception  
of our case of shooting with  
intent, which was not suicidal,  
I have much pleasure  
in reporting the District  
as orderly and peaceful.

On receipt of your letter express-  
ing the wishes of the Officer  
Administering the Government  
for the formation of a Mining  
Board here, I put up a letter  
inviting an application, and  
spoke to several of the prin-  
cipal miners on the subject  
and also read your letter to them.  
They did not appear well  
disposed to the establishment of a Board  
and said they were perfectly satis-  
fied with matters as they were.  
I presume they consider the  
diggins as <sup>not</sup> being sufficiently

extensive at present, as well  
as the attempts of the mining ad-  
"ministrator to warrant its organization.

There are about ~~one~~ three  
hundred and fifty men on  
the creek at present, a good  
many have already left some  
for Portland more for Victoria  
and several for the Saskatchewan.

I have the honor

to remain

Sir

Your most Obedient

John Boles Gaggin

Gaggin  
Dec 15 '64

Courts

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Wootenay Bl  
Sept 18<sup>th</sup>  
1866

Sir,  
I have the honor  
to report that I have  
sent two cases for  
trial to the next New  
Westminster assizes.  
One Larceny, and the  
other shooting with  
intent. I have for-  
warded the documents  
necessary to the Attorney  
General.

Honble  
Aldy Colquhoun  
New Westminster

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your most obedient  
J. B. Gaggin

Ask the Attorney General  
for information

At. Holt

15 vols  
Wells

Mr. Attorney Genl.

Have you any  
notice of these persons  
had delivery for 8<sup>th</sup>  
pub. Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>.  
18-10-66.

I enclose the only  
papers I have  
received in the  
matter - Reuben New Wood.  
I have had no notice  
of the prisoners being  
tried at Yale nor do I see how  
it could be done there with  
advantage - Stuyvesant New Year.



Gaggin  
M. B. M.

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Rockaway 1866  
October 6th  
1866

Dear Sir

In compliance with  
your letter relative to the  
selection of a candidate for  
the Legislative Council, I  
have the honor to inform  
you that a poll was held  
here yesterday when Mr  
James W Galbraith and  
Mr John Duncan were  
proposed, and Mr Galbraith  
had a majority of 39 votes.  
I have forwarded the lists of  
votes to Mr O'Reilly.

I have the honor  
to be Sir  
Your most obedient  
servant  
John Boles Gaggin

Double  
Hall Ball  
City College  
New Westminster

Gaggin  
12 July

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Rootway 1866  
October 10th  
1866

Sir,

67

I have the honor to report  
the death of Benjamin  
F. Hathaway, who was  
killed yesterday by the  
accidental discharge  
of his revolver at the  
Rootway ferry. I held  
an inquest on the body  
today, when a verdict  
of "accidental death" was  
returned.

Honble Collyer  
New Westminster  
B.C.

I have the honor  
to remain Sir  
Your Obedt Servt  
J. Boles Gaggin

*ask the Captain General take a  
note -*

*Am*

*17 Jan 67*

*July 1866*

*John Boles*

*17 Jan 1867*

*[Faint handwritten text, possibly a letter or receipt, mostly illegible due to fading and bleed-through.]*

Gaggin.  
Dec 12 Jan 7

Portway <sup>F 626</sup> P 20  
Nov 23 20  
1866

Sir, I have the honor to  
acknowledge the recd. of  
Your communication of  
12<sup>th</sup> October, received & read,  
in reply & beg to inform  
you, for the information  
of the Officers & Administrators  
of the Government,  
that I am prepared to pay  
the sum, & that to be due  
by me to the Government.  
And which sum I have  
been ordered to pay up -  
if there was any authority  
of sending treasure from  
the Camp to the seat of  
"meat." I would be obliged  
by your being kind enough  
to inform me under what  
heading I am to pay the  
above into the Collectors  
of this District. And I  
have the honor  
to remain Sir  
Your most Obedt. Servant

Honble Col Secy  
New Fort  
13/4

Boles Gaggin

Gaggin  
New Jersey

F-626  
BB1  
Kortney  
Nov 23rd  
1866

Sir, I have the honor to  
acknowledge the recd of your  
letter of the 12th Oct. 1866, re-  
ceived on this date; In reply  
I beg to express my regret that  
the Officer administering  
the Government, did not  
consult some of the other  
Magistrates of the Colony  
who have travelled over  
the road, and who are  
"posted" as to the difficul-  
ty of getting over certain  
parts of the trail during the  
time of high water. I beg  
to state, that some days "of  
course" to this Camp I made  
forty and forty five miles,  
where on other parts of the  
trail I could only get over  
two miles in a day.

Wm. B. Colby  
New Westminster  
BB

I have the honor  
to remain Sir  
Your most Obedt  
John Gaggin

Gaggin  
John Boles

Pre-Emptions

FILE 626  
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Roadway 136

January 2<sup>nd</sup>  
1867

Michael

Sir. I have the honor to state  
for the information of His Excellency  
that Mr M Philips Agent  
at the Tobacco plains for the  
Hudson Bay Co, has applied  
for permission to preempt one  
hundred acres of land on the  
bank of Milk Horse Creek,  
near the Roadway ferry, and I  
beg to receive instructions as  
to whether I am to grant said  
land in his favour.

Galbraith Bros have sent  
me a letter stating their objections  
to the land being taken up, as  
they claim to have purchased  
from a former occupier, but  
is no title in them here  
they obeyed the instructions con-  
tained in the "Land Ordinances" I  
enclose at their request their letter,  
and I beg to state if any other  
than an Agent of an Incorporated  
Company applied for a warrant  
of the above land I would  
have no hesitation in grant-  
ing it to him. Should Mr  
Philips request be complied

Should  
Colonial Secretary  
New Westminster

with, I doubt, see how in any way the Galbraiths would be injured. Nor would it interfere with their ferry privileges.

I have the honor to be Sir

Your most Obedient

J. Boles Gaggin

Refer to the Survey General who will probably speak to Mr. O'Neill on this subject.

D.  
6 Feb 1866

Referred  
By Order  
J. Boles Gaggin  
6 Feb 1866

There is no record in this office of any land having been preempted or purchased by Jacob Myers in the Kookaway District and consequently Mr Galbraith's claim through Myers must be of no value - as stated by Mr Giffin and Mr O'Neill.

If Mr Phillips applies to record the land referred to in the name of or as agent for the Auctioneer Company I should think that such application should be refused - but I don't see why he should be prohibited from recording the land in his own name - and provided he fulfills all the requirements of the said law he may obtain a title from Government and afterwards dispose of it as he may choose.

If actual residence on the land were required by our law agents of companies would be much less likely than at present to take up land as Preemption claims.

Joseph W. Mitchell  
12 Feb 1866

John B. Gagin  
14th St. N.W.  
Washington

RP

14th St. N.W.

1866

Letter answer from said office

Return papers

Chief Clerk

*[Signature]*

28 Feb 66

Providence, R.I. 1866  
John B. Gagin  
14th St. N.W.  
Washington



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To the Honorable the Gold Commissioner  
Kootenai District

John Gaggin Esq

We beg to represent to your Honor that a notice had been posted on your grounds at the crossing of the roads leading to Wild Horse Creek known as the Jacobson Ranch purchased by us from him and held up to the present day in our possession by actual possession. Said ground is now being located by one Mr Phillips on behalf of the Hudson Bay Company and Mr Phillips not being in actual possession of the ground at the present time.

The following reasons we submit why we should be sustained in the grounds

First Having bought and paid and having actual possession

Second - It would be detrimental to our best interests to have the ground in dispute

Third - That no person except a resident upon the ground has actual possession

Fourth - It would be unjust to us for any inferior title or right to be dispossessed

of said ground and also our honor and credit

Praying your Honor to give this due attention and do justice

Respectfully Yours

John Gaggin Esq

Disherville  
Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 1866

No view of the presumption  
of the land in question was made  
by me, nor do I believe it was by  
Mr. Haynes, my predecessor in the  
Kootenay District, consequently the  
purchase ~~alleged~~ <sup>alleged</sup> to have been  
made by Mr. Gallbraith was useless,  
as Sawt Haynes could not have  
obtained a Certificate of improvement.

All applications to  
preempt have however been forwarded  
to the Land & Works office when  
the fact can be easily ascertained

J. D. Millly

New Westminster  
11<sup>th</sup> Feby. 1867.

Copy  
Gaggin & Boles

F626  
Hootenay Bld  
January 2<sup>nd</sup>  
1867

Sir,  
I have the honor to report  
for the information of the Secy.  
of the Government, that there  
are wintering at "Wild horse  
Creek" two hundred and fifty nine  
persons, of which one hundred and  
ninety seven are Chinamen. The  
Camp is particularly quiet, no  
disturbances occurring. I am  
happy to say that I anticipate  
no trouble from Indians.

The Blackfoot not being  
likely to come across the Moun-  
tains during winter, at four  
sent a large number of the  
Hootenays, Flat head falls, and Spo-  
Kaw Indians are having a great  
war Council at the Tobacco plains,  
as they intend to make war on  
the Blackfoot with a strong force.

The claims were at the re-  
quest of many Miners, laid  
over on the 25<sup>th</sup> October, as a  
number were anxious to go  
below, fearing snow weather,  
but this, up to the present time  
has been a very different sea-  
son from last winter. Many

Honble  
Col Secretary  
New Westminster

having worked with advantage  
till within the last ten days.

The "Big Shaft Co." have  
not yet struck the bed rock,  
they had to quit work in  
consequence of the frost.

The two tunnel claims  
are being worked, with what  
success I cannot say, as they  
are unable to wash up.

A train belonging to the  
HBC came in on 23<sup>rd</sup> of  
last month with five thousand  
pounds of flour, which  
is very dear here, \$40.00 per cwt.  
Coal Oil \$12.50 per gallon, and  
Candles \$2.50 per pound, other  
goods reasonable.

I expect pack trains will  
be hurried in as early as pos-  
sible this Spring.

I have the honor  
to remain

Sir  
Your most Obedient

Attendant  
A. Bousloggen

I should like to hear from Mr. [unclear] very  
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Mr. [unclear]  
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Mr. [unclear]  
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