Cormack

New Westminster B.C. F 365
March 4th 1862

My Dear Mr. Crease

Another Indian was stabbed the other day by a white man — at their Ranchorie. He recovered, and there the matter ends.

This brings us again to the Grand Jury. — Is it in keeping with the spirit of British Institutions that British subjects be tried by Foreigners — upon British soil? Is it just, is it politic — that British subjects in British Columbia should be

Hy Pellew Crease Esqr
&c &c &c

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be so humbled?

The fact is fraught with evils: one of which is the invalidity of law under the system now mooted here.

Yours sincerely

W. E. Cormack

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Colonial Hotel 1a
Victoria Apl 13. 1863

Dear Sir

I send over, for my Dictionary: It is one of a small collection of books - for reference - which I brought from England - and which I often much want.

Your note about it came duly to hand some weeks since.

Dear Sir
very Truly Yours
W. E. Cormack

Wm A. G. Young Esqr
&c &c &c
Govt House

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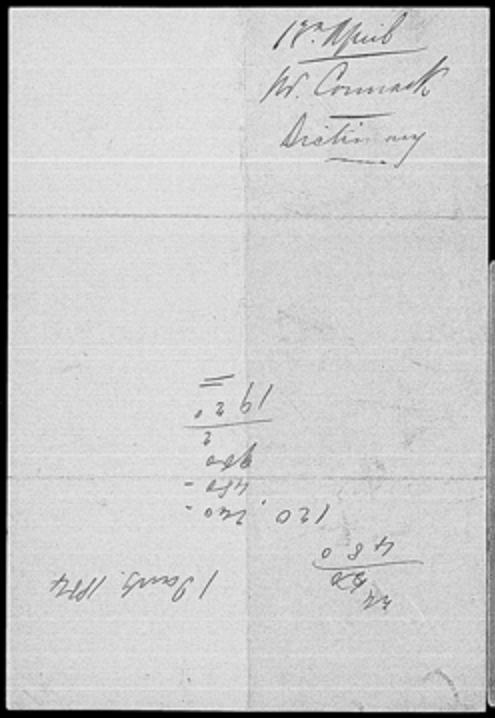

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Ack^d - 6th Oct

New Westminster
3rd of October 1863

Sir

We have the honor to transmit to you the enclosed document as addressed to His Grace the Duke of Newcastle K.G. Her Majesty's Principal Secretary for the Colonies with the request that His Excellency the Governor, will be pleased to forward the same, by the first mail to England.

We have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servants

W. A. G. Young Esq
Colonial Secretary
Victoria

W. E. Cormack
Henry Holbrook

Oct. Ack. receipt with accompanying documents and I will be provided to [illegible] at the earliest possible moment

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Newbeckminster
June 4th 1864

The Honble
The Colonial Secretary
&c. &c. &c.

Sir

Enclosed is a statement of the Expenses attending the Indian Demonstration on the celebration of the late Birth-day of Her Majesty. The statement has been shaped with some view to it's being suggestive of improvements upon a future celebration.

As soon as an approximate statistical

Reply Sent 7th June 64 SL

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statistical epitome of the tribes of Indians in British Columbia, - so far as can be ascertained, is made up, you shall have it. This document requires much careful investigation and enquiries, and I have the most obl. assistance in the matter.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient

Servant

W.E. Cormack

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To be paid from the sum voted in the Estimates? AuB 5 June/64

Yes!
D.
6 June 64.

The Col: Sec.

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Queen's Birth-day Celebration Expenses - 1864,
Indian Department, say for 3750 Indians.

Accounts for Supplies		Articles Supplied								
Supplier	amount $ ¢	Bread	Tobacco	Molasses	for canoe Race Blankets	for chiefs Caps	for school-boys Books	for school-boys Neck ties	Labor & Cartage	Remarks
W. J. Armstrong	96.25	5 cases = 400 lbs	49½ lbs @ 1.25	— ½ Gallon						
G. Fernandes	152.25	5 cases = 400 "	141 " @ 75 ¢	8 — " —						
H. Lewin	62.70		57 " @ 1.10							
J. A. Webster	30.62½					13, and 44½ yds lace				
John Murray	25.50	3 cases = 240 "								
R. Eickroff	21.—					11 Caps				
H. Holbrook	21.65			58 — gal.						
Picht & Hoyt	10.50			28 — "						
Clarkson & Co	22.62½						40 books			
Cunningham Bro.	2.—								3 tin pail measures	
W. Harvey	70.37½	567 leaves, 1,100 lbs								
Joseph Sorel	41.04	320 " = 652 "								
C. Drew	1.25	10 " = 20 "								
Siffken Bro. & Co	381.32½	30 cases, 2,400 "			5½ pairs Indigo blue	34 caps		40 —		
Henderson & Barnaby	137.—		76 " @ 1.25	84 — gal.						
John Hall	11.—								3 days distributing & provisions	
W. R. Lewis	3.—								2 loads to Camp	
Moore & Holmes	7.—								3 loads to Camp & Day distributing	
John McLennan	3.—								1 day distributing	
	$1,100.09		323½							
Deduct payment by the Revd M. Fougast to Indians in lieu of beer at fire	6.25		5 lb.							
Totals	$1,093.84	Bread 5,212 lbs	318½ lb. Tob.	178½ Gallon	5½ pairs	58 Caps	40 books	40 neck ties		

Please turn over to ✱

Errors & omissions excepted.
W. E. Cormack
Supert. Indian Demonstration

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* The complement of bread and tobacco intended at first - was, - to every one - young and old - 2 pounds of bread, and to each man ¼ pound of tobacco; but the number of persons collected having been greater than was expected - the quantities had to be a little curtailed

W. E. C.

Indian Commissariat.

Expenses

1864

24th May

C. S. O.
7th June 1864

Sir

I have duly received and laid before the Governor your letter of the 4th instant submitting a statement of account in regard to the entertainment of the Indians on the Queens birthday and His Excellency considers you managed matters with much tact and economy

With regard to the payment of these accounts I have to acquaint you that the sum of $109.54 will be handed to you on application at the Treasury

W. E. Cormack Esqre

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and You are requested
to return to the Treasury
the receipts when signed
His Excellency begs
me to convey to you
his thanks for your
valuable assistance
in this matter —

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Northumberland
June 6th 1864

Arthur M Birch Esq
&c. &c. &c.

Dear Sir

Capalanoro is — I understand — with a near you at the Camp His Cap, which has been in readiness ~~for time~~ to be presented to him — as from the Governor — before writing this hole — he has not come for, although he knew it was ready ever since you wrote to me about it: It is now sent to you under a supposition that

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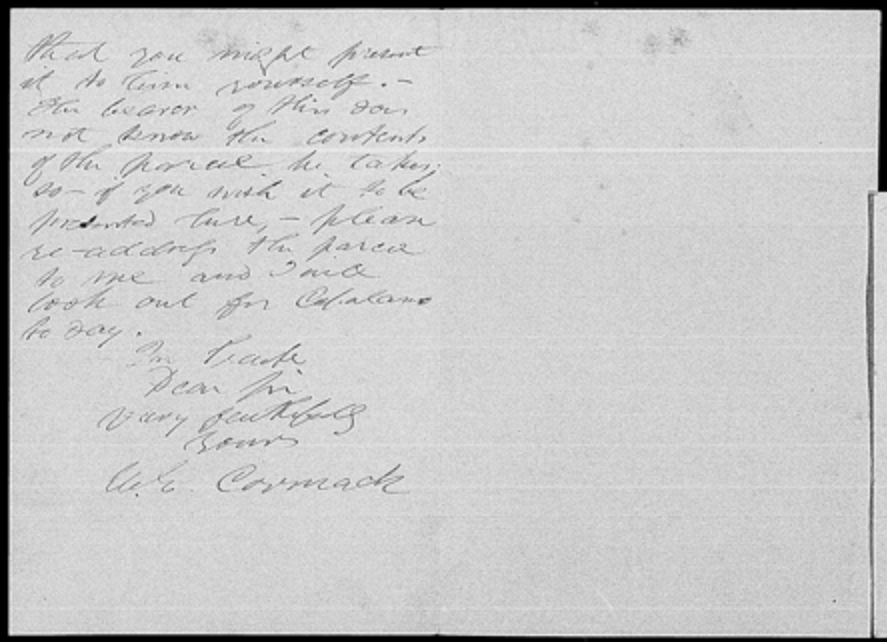

That you might present it to him yourself. - The bearer of this does not know the contents of the parcel he takes so - if you wish it to be presented here, - please re-address the parcel to me and I will look out for Catalano to day.

In haste
Dear Sir
Very faithfully
Yours
W.E. Cormack

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Rd 30 July

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New Westminster B.C
July 29th 1864

To the Honble
The Colonial Secretary
&c. &c. &c.

Sir

For the purposes of carrying on the Salmon or other Fisheries - I beg to apply for a "License of Occupation" - to the following portion of the Sea Shore in Burrard Inlet viz. -

Commencing at a point at high water mark on the North side of the Inlet - at the Western Termination of the Sand Bank at the "Second Narrows" - and extending along the shore - by high water mark to the Eastern Termination of the said Sand Bank, - and to include the Sand Bank Southward of high water mark between the two said points - to the Outer Edge of the said Sand Bank to deep water:

This License to continue valid until a law be made to regulate such matters in British Columbia, when the applicant or his assigns will be

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be ready to comply with
such law.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obd.t Servt
W.E. Cormack

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Simple grant I think —
But referred to the Attorney General
for Report

A M Bivila
29 July/64

Better wait until a
Law is made.
Besides the applicant
has no means. &
yet he seeks.
What Govt is
ever cautious in
giving an exclusive
right.
Henry P. Fellowes Crane
Col.
29 July/64

To Mr Cormack

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Cormack (Sir E.)

Fisheries

(1)

On the Fisheries of North America.

Agreeable to your Excellency's desire the following notices relative to the Fisheries of North America, are drawn up.

The great Atlantic fisheries are, and can only be carried on extensively, in the northern latitudes of America and Europe, because there, - the fishes most extensively used by man, and best adapted for Commerce, abound most; and also because the climate within those latitudes, - is that only - which is adapted for fish being cured to keep sound when exported to other parts of the world.

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2)

Fisheries

The fisheries of North America and of the North of Europe, are of established importance to all the civilized world, as providing a wholesome and essential article of food, and also as furnishing animal oils

Looking at the Pacific Ocean and its branch seas, and to the countries bordering thereon, there is only one line of coast on the whole expanse, and not two lines of coast as in the old Atlantic, where the same kinds of fishes, - so valuable for economical purposes, - abound in inexhaustible quantities, and which can be caught in their regular seasons of migration to any extent - to meet the requirements of all markets, and where, at the same time

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Fisheries.

line the climate is peculiarly adapted for the fish being cured to keep sound every where else,—which line of coast is that of North West America—between the latitudes of N on the coast of California, and N on the Russo-American Coast.

Within those latitudes,—commencing at the lower, there are met with in abundance,—the mackerel, the salmon, the herring, the cod (inferior near the shores, the sardine, (the anchovy?), the ulakan (the Indian name, a small fish resembling the sardine but superior in quality to either the sardine or herring—and very easily cured), and other kinds of esteemed edible fishes; and also numerous and various kinds of the whale, and of the shark, from which the oils are obtained.

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4)

Fisheries

There are no such fishing grounds on the West or Australian side of the Pacific; for there - there are neither Coast nor, - as a consequence, fishing banks, - in a suitable latitude for general fisheries.

At the present period, the inhabitants of Australia and of the other countries bounding on the Pacific and its adjoining seas, all receive more or less of Atlantic cured fish, - of similar kinds to those met with at this North West Coast of America - within the latitudes stated: -

When population increases here, and their circumstances improve, labor will become cheaper - and then capital and skill will be drawn to the fisheries, - and those distant countries will be supplied from this Coast

at

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at a cheaper rate than from thence.

There is no want, even at the present moment, of the spirit of fishing enterprise amongst the people already here: and therefore, leaving capital to be found agreeable to the usual course of free commerce, the first step for the Government to take towards manifesting a desire to encourage the establishment of fisheries at Vancouver Island and British Columbia, might well be, to promulgate that it will give free grants ~~xxxx~~ of "fishing rooms" or "plantations" to British subjects who will locate and occupy the same for fishing purposes, and defend possession so long as the fisheries ~~are carried on thereat~~. are

subject to all nations

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6) Fisheries

are carried on thereat. see I under

This introductory act would operate as a bounty, and inspire confidence in the spirit of fishing enterprise, and result in positive and material benefits both to the country at large and to the Government.

I. – By early British Statutes –

"Any part of Newfoundland not in use, may be used for curing and drying fish." –

"The first arrival of fishing ship, from British Dominions in Europe, the person commanding to have first choice of "fishing room", and shall make election within 48 hours after arrival of any after comers demanding his election, that after comers may choose likewise".

Standing trees not to be rinded, – nor woods fired; necessary fuel excepted.

No ballast to be thrown out of any ship into the harbours, – but to be carried on shore.

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The Bounties of
the different countries
will follow here

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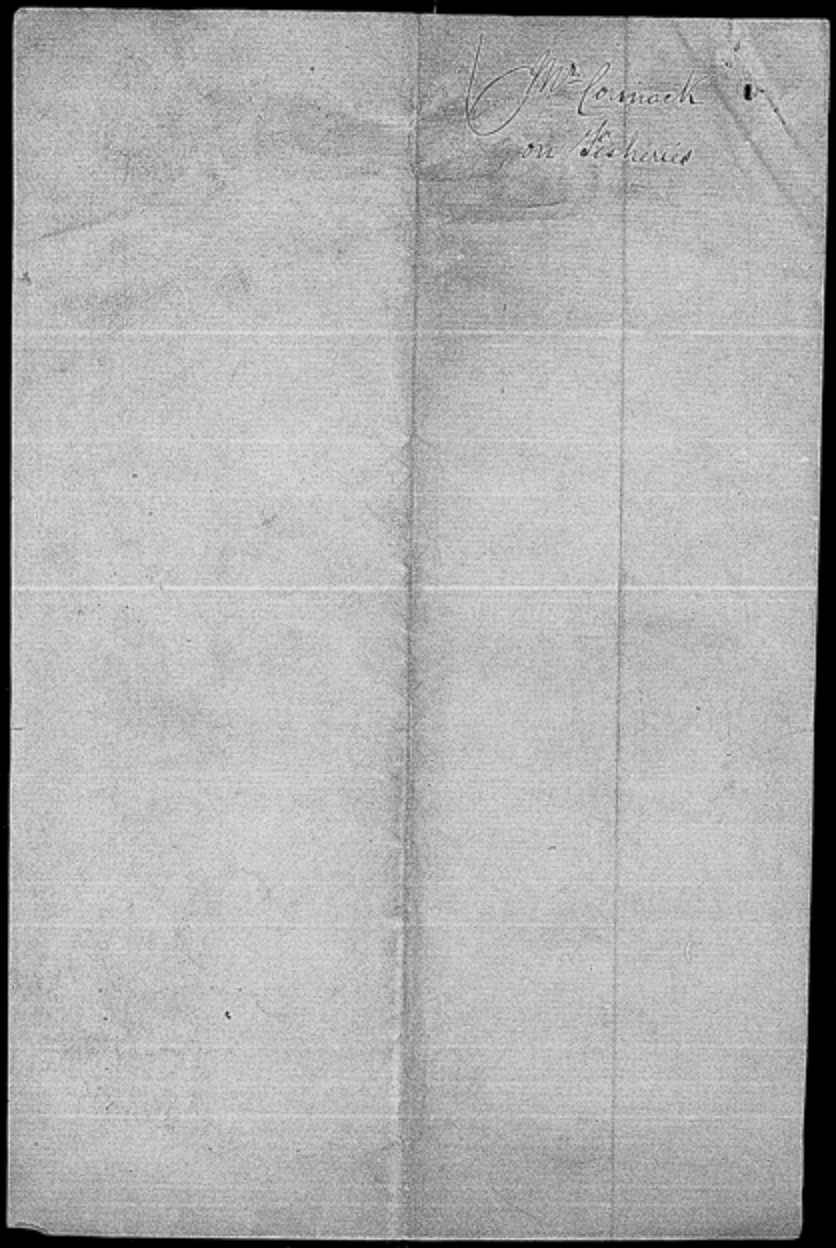

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Cormack Indians.

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New Westminster June 8th 1865

The Hon.ble Secretary
to the Committee of Management
for the Celebration of H.M. Birthday

Sir

Answered 12 June

For the information of the General Committee we enclose the accounts of all parties, so far as we know, who have supplied materials for the Indian Department.

Of the sums put down for labor, some of them being small - and paid when the work was done, are not vouched by vouchers or receipts, and the chief part of the whole has been already advanced to the Claimants.

The particulars of the distribution

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distribution of the provisions and tools &c to the Chiefs (and their followers) - and villages, numbering more than eighty, are so lengthy, that it would require several days to copy them correctly, but which, with other statistical information will be prepared for His Excellency the Governor as soon as time will permit:

As the supplies however, are expecting payment soon, the Sub Committee hopes that the present rough condition - not correct, of the statistical documents, will not be a reason for postponing a settlement with the suppliers.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servants

W.E. Cormack
Sub Committee

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requires your authority for payment?

Thanks Mr Cormack for his trouble?

AMB

13 June 65

Approved

R.

13 June 1865

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Colonial Secretary's Office
New Westminster
15th June 1865

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor, in reply to your letter of the 8th inst. forwarding the vouchers for the expenditure connected with the Indians entertainment on the Queens Birthday this year, to acquaint you

W. E. Cormack Esqre
New Westminster

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you that the payment
of the several sums
set down by you
has been authorized,
I am to request you to put yourself in communication with the Treasurer on the subject -
~~and the Treasurer~~
~~instructed accordingly~~

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant

I am to take this opportunity
of expressing His Excellency's thanks
to you, for the ~~great~~ trouble you
have taken in reference to the
entertainment of the Natives
on their visit to New Westminster
and ~~[illegible]~~ his gratification
at the success which attended
your endeavours in that
behalf.

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New Westminster June 19 1865

To the Hon.ble

The Colonial Secretary

&c. &c. &c.

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Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant - authorizing the payment of the several accounts referring to the entertainment and presents to the Indians.

Obeg now to enclose an additional or supplementary

$51.12c account for certain presents for the Indian chiefs - which it was necessary to send for to Victoria and which were not received

until

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until by the last steamer from France. As the vouchers for the first accounts are still in the Treasurer's hands in proof of completion, it would be a convenience to the Legislature could this account be conveniently merged with the former act.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed. humble Servant
W.E. Cormack

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Pay I suppose?

A.N.B.

24 June 1865

Allowed.

D.

24 June 1865

Pd. S.G.

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C S O
24 June 65

~~The~~
W. E. Cormack Esqr [signature]

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor in reply to your letter of the 19th instant to acquaint you that the Treasurer has been authorized to pay the Bill for $51.12 ~~or Indian act~~ ~~forwarded~~ for further presents to Indian Chiefs on the 24th May.

[signature]

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Newtlestminster
July 17th 1865

Replied by 19 July

The Honble
The Colonial Secretary
&c. &c. &c.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th Ultimo authorizing the Treasurer to pay the supplementary amount of $51.12½ for further presents to the Indian Chiefs upon the occasion of Her Majesty's Birth-day —

I unwillingly give you any further trouble, — but a bill

has

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has been handed in to me by Mr. Arthur Bullock for payment of some old mattress used on the night of the 23rd of May to protect the provisions for the Indians from the rain, which fell. I could not dispute - although it would have looked better as a contribution instead of a charge: and a certain Indian Chief of the Squamish tribe - named Menatlelton, who merits the Governor's notice - was accidentally omitted in the general distribution of presents, and for whom implements have been provided at a cost of

$9.87½

$9.87½ - similar to that of many of the other Chiefs. These two bills amount to twelve dollars and 12½, and will I trust be approved of by His Excellency the Governor, - and terminate all further claims for donations.

$12.12½

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most obedient Servant
W.E. Cormack
of the Committee for
the late celebration of
Her Majesty's Birth-day

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~~The~~
W.E. Cormack Esq

C.S.O.
19 July 65

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Sir

I am directed by the Gov to acq^t you in reply to your letter of the 17th instant that ~~he has~~ the Treasurer has been duly authorized to pay the amounts ~~#~~ submitted by you for further expenditure on account of Indian expenditure on the 24 May

Mr Connell
Please make out
Specific authority for 11.12
G.

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New Westminster
June 14th 1866

His Honor
The Administrator of the Government
&c &c &c

Sir

I have the honor to refer to a correspondence in July and August 1864 in reference to an application made by me to the Government for a "Licence of Occupation" to a certain piece of the sea shore at the north side of the Second Narrows of Burrard Inlet, - for the purpose of carrying on the Salmon Fishery thereon. —

Being prepared - and desirous - to establish fisheries there, and the fishing season being near at hand, I beg to renew my application for the

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the use of the said Sand Bank - from high water mark to the outer edge of it; the license of occupation to secure the protection of the Government to the Bank - from year to year - so long as the fisheries are carried on upon it, - as the fisheries require the investment of considerable capital - in materials - permanently - for a succession of years - to carry them on.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
W. E. Cormack

Cormack - The bed of oysters mentioned to me by Mr Howes is and from by Indians & the public generally having never been specially reserved. Do Cor^ts or any individual so far as I can learn - The oysters are very small and the bed not supposed to be of any importance - There is no special map of the locality - and of the general map of office reference Mr Crean has a copy -

Joseph C. Smith
27 June 1843

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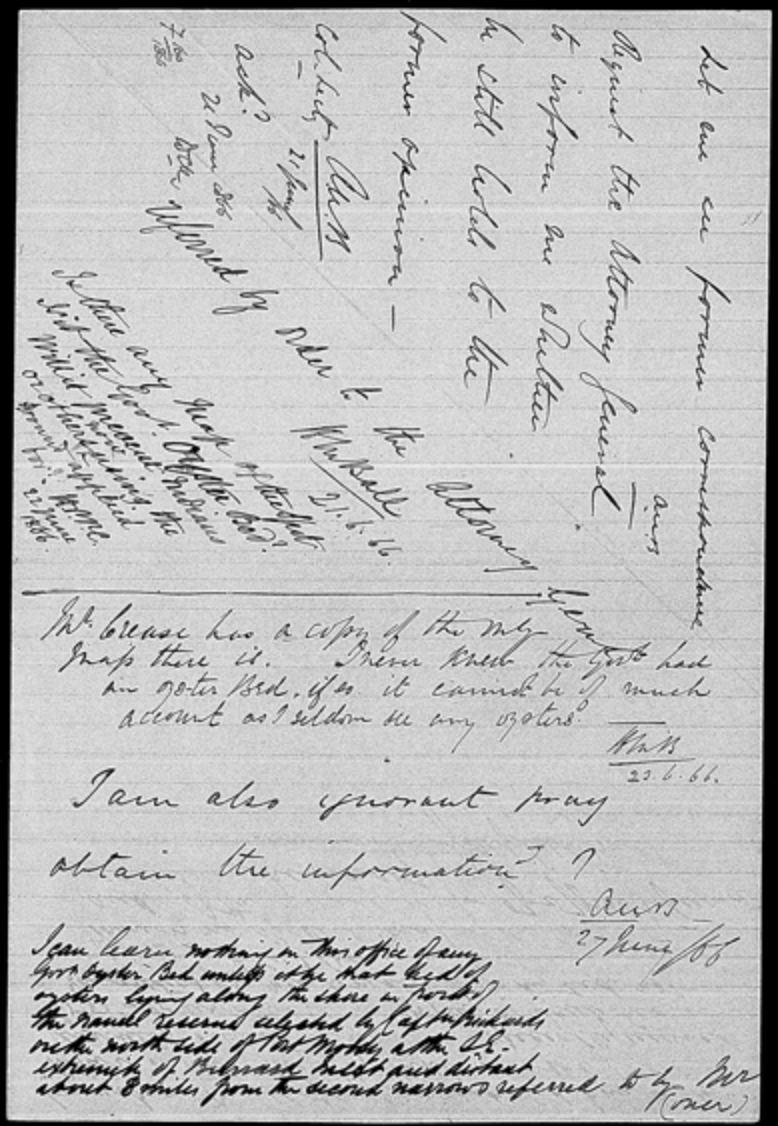

Let me see former correspondence

Request the Attorney General — Ans

to inform me whether

he still holds to the

former opinion —

Col. Secty. [illegible]

21 June 66

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21 June 1866

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Referred by order to the Attorney General

[illegible] 21.6.66.

Is there any map of the Govt. Oyster Bed? Will it present Indians or otherwise [illegible] the [illegible] applied [illegible] 22 June 1866.

Mr. Crease has a copy of the only map there is. I never knew the Govt. had an oyster Bed, if so it cannot be of much account as I seldom see any oysters.

[illegible]
22.6.66.

I am also ignorant pray

obtain the information?

Ans
27 June 66

I can learn nothing in this office of any Govt. Oyster Bed unless it be that bed of oysters lying along the shore in front of the Naval reserve selected by Capt. Richards on the north side of Port Moody at the S.E. extremity of Burrard Inlet and distant about 8 miles from the second narrows referred to by Mr (over)

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Fishwille, Westminster
Jany 15th 1867
15th Ann

My Dear Sir

The inclosed paper for His Excellency the Governor is not official: At a time when probably bills are being framed for the better &c. I have ventured to write it, as, if similar information is not at hand, it may perhaps be suggestive; and I have had practical knowledge of the subject matter.

My Dear Sir
faithfully yours
W.E. Cormack

A.C. Maunsell Esqr
&c &c &c
Government House

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...has worked, and
...orks admirably.

...having ascertained
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...h river road
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...s in a rough
...he has fixed
upon. A copy of this sketch is
thereupon inserted on an appropriate
office map—in his presence—and his name
inserted in it: this being done he
pays a small fee and receives
a document called a "License of Occupation"
to the land chosen.

License of Occupation

The license gives him a claim
to that land for two (2) years—
without any further cost or trouble.—
By this a poor man has generally time
to earn some money to pay—at least
an instalment upon it.

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The Land System in New Brunswick, which has worked, and it is presumed still works admirably.

The intending settler having ascertained by his personal inspection of the Maps of the Colony at the Land Office – these being at all times open and free to every person, and by information from some responsible official in the office, as the lands which are vacant and free from all lawful claims, sets out upon his journey to some favorite district for settlement – to see for himself. – After days, or it may be weeks, having chosen land, he marks the front boundaries on the river, road lake, &c., and then returns to the land office and hands in a rough sketch of the land he has fixed upon. A copy of this sketch is thereupon inserted on an appropriate office map – in his presence – and his name inserted in it: this being done, he pays a small fee and receives a document called a "License of Occupation" to the land chosen.

License of Occupation

The license gives him a claim to that land for two (2) years – without any further cost or trouble. – By this a poor man has generally time to earn some money to pay – at least an installment upon it.

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At the end of the two years he returns to the Land office and pays one third (⅓) part – at the least – of three shillings and sixpence (3/6) p acre – the price of the land; – returns his license of occupation, – and receives in exchange a "Ticket of Location": one condition of the ticket is that he is to pay the remaining two-thirds (⅔) of the price – within two years, or if not paid then – interest to be chargeable thereon till paid. – But Government never deprives a settler of his land if interest runs on even to fourteen years: –

"Ticket of Location"

If instead of paying one third (⅓) when his license of occupation expires, – he pays at once – three shillings (3/.) p acre, he obtains a Grant.

"Grant"

The intending settler almost invariably returns to his affianced spot during – or at the end of the two first years, generally with his family or a wife.

After paying up the whole price with interest he receives his "Grant" to the land.

"Grant"

Under the spirit and principle of this system (the above may not be strictly to the letter) the land of the country becomes a source of certain and increasing revenue, of population, and of wealth and power.

W.E. Cormack

The co-existence of giving free grants – need not in any way operate against the adoption of a system such as that described, but on the contrary – may be an adjunct.

W.E.C

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New Westminster August 26th 1867

The
Assistant Colonial Secretary
&c. &c. &c.

Sir

At a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Public Library held on the 27th of September last it was resolved —

"That the Honor the Officer "Administering the Government be "requested to furnish a Copy of the "Dispatch of the Principal Secretary "of State No. 2 — of July 6th 1866 — "accompanying the Collection of the "Principal Speeches and Addresses of "His Late Royal Highness the Prince "Consort — presented by Her most "Gracious Majesty — to the Public "Library of New Westminster", for insertion in the Minutes of the Institution. —

A Copy of the Dispatch referred to not having been furnished, — it was resolved at a recent meeting of the Board that the Application be renewed.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed. Servant
W. E. Cormack
Act. Sec. Lib. —

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Public Library
New Westminster Aug. 3d 1867

The Assistant Colonial Secretary
&c &c &c

Sir

The Board of Directors of the Public Library have instructed me to apply to the Government for a Grant in aid of three hundred and ninety eight Dollars and forty seven cents for the Institution.

$398.47

I am desired to mention that a great portion of this is for old arrears - for the purchase of Books and Papers previous to June 1867.

The above amount does not include the acting Librarian's Salary for two months.

I am desired to request that

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Public Library
New Westminster Nov. 4th 1867

Sir

I have the honor in compliance with the enclosed Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Public Library - passed at a meeting held this day, - to apply for a grant of Public Money to the amount of five hundred and sixty eight dollars, - to enable the Board to defray the existing liabilities of the Library.

$568.00

In order to enable His Excellency to judge of the length of time the arrears have been due, and the substantiation of the creditor's claims, the Board have ordered me to lay before the Governor a statement of our accounts on the 1st of Nov. 1867, and lists of the subscriptions, and cash in hand, we can rely on, - to meet part of our engagements.

As several of the accounts are of old standing (1866), and part of the arrears is for the Librarian's

To the Assistant Colonial Secretary &c &c &c

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Librarian's ~~salary~~ back salary for five months, the Board venture to hope that His Excellency will not hesitate to grant the assistance required in aid of an Institution which confers so much benefit on a large number of colonists staying – as well as resident.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant
W.E. Cormack
Act.g Librarian

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Memorandum of accounts due August 1st 1867

Clarkson & Cay, for books, papers &c	$293·13
Cunningham Bros, coal oil &c	63·65
W. J. Armstrong, coal oil &c	43·13
J. S. Clute, velvet for glass case	1·50
J. King, for rail and fixing hatch door	3·–
H. Elliott, for firewood last Winter	10·50
	$414·91
bkg cash in hand	16·44
	$398·47

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Resolution.

At a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Public Library held at New Westminster on the 4th Nov. 1867

Present The Hon. the Attorney General
The Hon. John Robson M.L.C.
& Henry Holbrook Esq. P.M.C.

It was Resolved

"That the Acting Librarian forthwith apply to the Government for a grant of money to defray the balance of liabilities unprovided for (after the expenditure of the subscriptions and cash in hand and now due), amounting to $568.01,— and at the same time lay before the Governor a statement of such liabilities - and collections, and call His Excellency's attention to the fact

$400.00 that out of four hundred dollars - the only sum which has been paid over by the Government in aid of the Library during this year, - no inconsiderable portion was expended in payment of old liabilities of previous years.

Signed 4th Nov. 1867 H.P.P.C."

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Extract from

Public Library account for October 1867

Receipts

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Balance of petty cash for Sept.	36.31½	
Subscriptions in October	64.—	
	100	31½

Expenditure.

Petty Expenses in October	4	62½
Balance	95	69
	100	31½

Balance on hand Nov. 1. 1867 — 95 69

Liabilities, — Nov. 1. 1867 :—

Charlton & Co. for papers, books &c. from March to Nov. 1867 —	$371.79
Cunningham Bro., for Coal &c. Oct. 66 to July 11th 67 —	63.65
W.S. Armstrong, for Coal &c. Nov. 66 to Oct. 67	44.88
J.S. Clute, Oct. 66	1.50
H. Holbrooke, for Coal &c	4.50
Wm. Clarkson, for Coal &c. Sep. 67 to Oct. 31.	9.88
H. Elliott, for firewood Oct. 66 to April 67	14.50
John King, for bell &c. for Library Room, July 67	3.—
Acting Librarian Salary — for June, July & August @ $40. p mo. $120.00	
Sept. & October @ $45. p mo.	90.— 210.—
	$723.70

Subscriptions due, and reliable, Nov. 1. 1867

W. Good,	August	5.—
Hon. Comm. Lands & works,	Sep.	10.—
" W. Walker M.L.C.,	May	5.—
H. Elliott	June	5.—
Rev. W. Maynar	Oct.	5.—
W. Hooper	Sep.	5.—
W. Graham	Oct.	5.—
W. Maunsell	Aug.	5.—
W. Bushby	Oct.	10.—
Rev. W. Cave	June	5.—
		$60.—

Abstract :

Liabilities		$723.70
Cash in hand	$95.69	
Subscriptions, good, due &c. —	155.69	
Balance still due & applied for in aid		$568.01

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Nov 4th 1867

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Account for Oct. 1883

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Sir

I am desired by the Board ~~of Directors~~ respectfully to apply to His Excellency the Governor - again - for the five hundred and sixty eight dollars required on the 4th instant - as a Grant in Aid of the Public Library - to pay off debts - some of which have been more than a year due, and none of them having been paid within the last six months.

$568.00

Four hundred dollars only have been granted this year out of the appropriation in the Estimates in aid of Public Libraries.

Some of the storekeepers are very pressing - having lain so long out of their money.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt. Servt.
W. E. Cormack
Acts Librarian

Charles Good Esqre
Assistant Col. Secy
&c &c &c
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New Westminster, B. C.
March 4th 1862

My Dear Mr. Crease

Another Indian was stabbed the other day by a white man - at their Rancherie: He recovered, and there the matter ends.

This brings us again to the Grand Jury - Is it in keeping with the spirit of British Institutions that British Subjects be tried by Foreigners - upon British soil? Is it just, is it politic - that British Subjects in British Columbia should be so humbled?

The fact is fraught with evils; one of which is the invalidity of law under the system now mooted here.

Yours faithfully,

W. E. Cormack

H. Pellew Crease, Esqre.,
&c &c &c

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Fisherville, N.Westminster
Jany. 16th, 1867.

My Dear Sir

The enclosed paper for His Excellency the Governor is not official. At a time when probably bills are being framed for the better &c I have ventured to write it, as, if similar information is not at hand, it may perhaps be suggestive, and I have had practical knowledge of the subject matter.

My Dear Sir

Faithfully yourm

W. E. Cormack

A. C. Maunsell, Esqr.,
&c &c
Government House

THE LAND SYSTEM IN NEW BRUNSWICK, which has worked, and it is presumed still works admirably.

The intending settler having ascertained by his personal inspection of the maps of the Colony at the Land Office - these being at all times open and free to every person, and by information from some responsible official in the office, all the lands which are vacant and free from all lawful claims, sets out upon his journey to some favorite district for a settlement - to see for himself - After days, or it may be weeks, having chosen land, he marks the front boundaries on the river, road, lake, &c., and then returns to the land-office and hands in a rough sketch of the land he has fixed upon. A copy of this sketch is thereupon inserted on an

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appropriate office map - in his presence - and his name inserted in it: this being done, he pays a small fee and receives a document called a "License of Occupation" to the land chozen:

The license gives him a claim to that land for two (2) years - without any further cost or trouble. - By this, a poor man has generally time to earn some money to p ay - at least an instalment upon it.

At the end of the two years he returns to the land office and pays one third (1/3) part - at the least of three shillings and sixpence (3/6) p. acre - the price of the land, - returns his license of occupation, and receives in exchange a "Ticket of Location": one condition of the ticket is that he is to pay the remaining two-thirds (2/3ds) of the price - within two years, or if not paid then -interest to be chargeable thereon till paid - But Government never deprives a settler of his land if interest runs on even to fourteen years:-

If instead of paying one third (1/3d) when his license of occupation expires, he pays at once - three shillings (3/) p. acre, he obtains a Grant.

The intending settler almost invariably returns to his affianced spot during - or at the end of the two first years, generally with his family or a wife.

After paying up the whole price with interest he receives his "Grant " to the land.

Under the spirit and principle of this system (the above may not be strictly to the letter) the land of the country becomes a source of certain and increasing revenue, of population, and of wealth and power.

W. E. Cormack.

The Co-existence of giving free Grants - need not in any way operate against the adoption of a system s uch as that discribed, but on the contrary may be an adjunct.

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I have read Mr. Cormacks paper on the Land System of New Brunswick - and cannot perceive that it is more liberal than the system existing in this Colony.

Joseph W. Trutch

25th Janv. 1867.

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