

Dec. 21. Oct.
N.R.L.

Ans. same date -

Fort Hope 17th Oct. 1859

Sir
Having been informed that a trail
is to be cut from Fort Yale to the Thompson
River, and as there are a number of
British Born Subjects (Canadians) who would
enter into a contract for the completion
of such work I would humbly request
information on the following points

By
length of trail, price per mile, mode and
terms of payment, specifications, and
by whom the work is to be accepted
an early answer would oblige.

Col. Moody
New Westminster

Your obedient servant
J. O. Ames, Orr

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Resp Trail from ~~the~~
Yale to Thompson River

James Orr
17 Oct 59

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ORR, JAMES

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

Rec^d 12th Feb^r 1861

Original forwarded to
Mr. O'Reilly, Hqs.,
14 Feb^r 61

Port Hope 8th Feb^r 1861

Sir,

I hereby protest against a title being issued to Serjt^t McColl for thirty acres of land located about one mile above the forks of the Similkameen River as the same land was preempted and improvements commenced thereon by me previous to Serjt^t McColl's arrival in that part of the Country. —

As I intend returning to the Similkameen in a short time in order to settle on the land, you would greatly oblige me by informing me whether my protest will hold good. —

Your obt. Serv^t.
Sgt^t James Orr

Com^r of Lands & Works B.C. }
New Westminster }

Forwarded to Mr. O'Reilly, with whom
Mr Orr has been requested to com-
municate on the within subject

Lieut R. G. Moody

Col R. G. F.

C. C. H. W.

Wm. O'Neil,
14 Feb. 1861.

Original forwarded to Mr. O'Reilly
14 Feb. 1861.

Received 14th

Feb. 1861

James Orr, Fort Hope

Protest against a title being
issued to Capt. M. G. Cole R. G.
for 30 acres land at the
Forks of the Semikamun

Copy No. 9. Feb. 1861.

Copy

Hope 27th March 1861.

Sir

Original with
enclosures ret.
to Col Sec
16 April '61

I hereby protest against a deed being issued to W^m McColl of the Royal Engineers for thirty acres of land, situate about one mile above the forks of the Semilkameen River, on the north bank of what is known as the north fork, as the said land was preempted by me & improvements commenced thereon previous to the purchase by W^m McColl. —

I herewith enclose a copy of the plan made by the late Mr Portman, who acted as Crown Surveyor, together with a copy of my registration at Hope. —

My reason for applying to you is that I cannot obtain any satisfactory reply from the Crown Lands Department. — I entered my protest with Mr O'Reilly the resident Magistrate here, by whom I was referred to Col. Moody, by Col Moody I was referred back to Mr O'Reilly who again referred me to Col. Moody — in the meantime a Certificate of Title has been issued to W^m McColl who can demand a deed at any time. —

Trusting that you will lay the matter before His Excellency at your earliest convenience.

I remain &c. —

Jas Orr

Wm. A. Young Esq
Colonial Sec. O.S.
Victoria
V.D.

" see copy of Jas Orr's letter 8 Feb
and reply of 14 Feb Page 132
Land Book — and Capital Grants
" Memo of 9 April '61 —

Copy No. 7.

To be referred to Col. Mowbray for his report.
The A.C. should be strictly enjoined not to interfere
with the land claims of settlers. Being maintained
and travelling at the Public expense, they must
not use that advantage to the injury of the
Public - nor engage in land speculations -
H.M. Govt. will severely discountenance
such proceedings

Jr. J. D.

2 April 1861

To be returned with report,

Copy to be given
enough to engender into
this & report.

Jr. J. D.

Copy

Copy Ref. 16 April

Similkameen District,
24 Sept 1860. -

Application is hereby made for 160 acres of land,
more or less, situated on the Similkameen River,
about a mile west of the mouth of the South Branch
of that river and on the north side of it. At the
south east corner is a blazed tree, from thence about
N. W. W. say 1/2 mile - the other sides at right angles
with these as per accompanying sketch
sig. J. Orr

Similkameen, Nov 24, 1860 Copy Ref. 16 April

I enclose you a plan of Orrs which I surveyed
for him the day after you left, it is situated on
the north bank of the North fork of the Similkameen
& is bounded on the South by that River
crossing a small ^{creek} stream and bring in a square
of forty chains making in all 1600 acres.
There is a line of bench & timbered land on the
north side as per plan annexed. -

I have N.

sig. J.

Edw. Portman
C.S.

P. O. Reilly Esq. 19.
Hoped 36.

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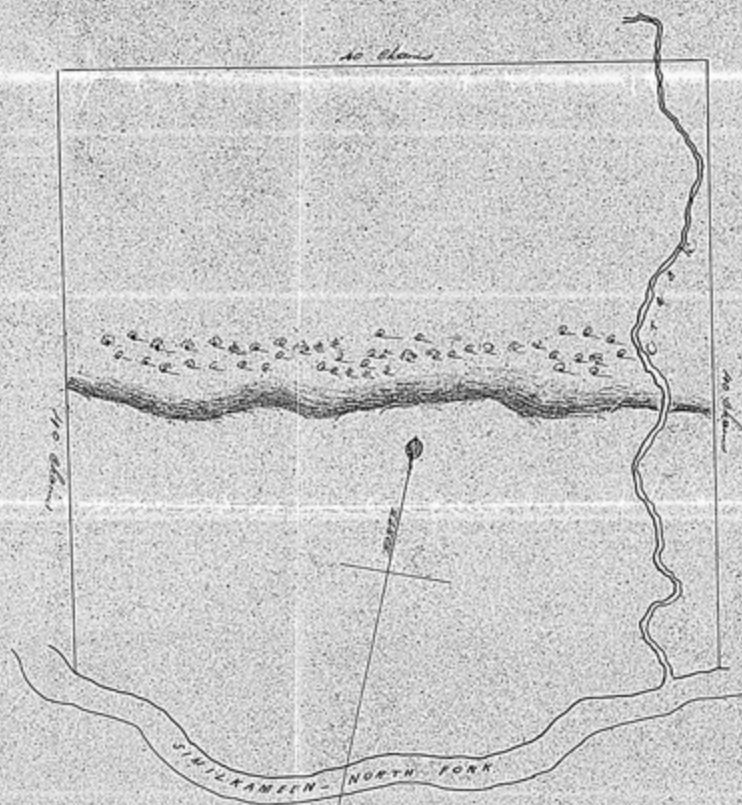
ORR, JAMES

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Copy of a Copy

*Copy returned to
Col Sect. 16 April '61*



PLAN - LAND

*As depicted by the
of C. M. ...
No 10 1850*

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ORR, JAMES

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

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1861
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Repts 30 acres of land in
the town of ^{Manchester} ~~his~~ ~~land~~.
Says in 1802 & 1803
Copies
W. G. the Govr
2 April 1861
Original returned 16 April
III - p. 16. 22 April

orr

Pre-emptions -

St. John's 10th June 1861

Yours of the 1st inst. is this day
 together with the enclosure
 in reference to Col. Moody's report, I beg
 to acknowledge the promptness of his reply of
 the 14th of July, which instead of protecting my
 interest merely referred to Mr. Kelly, by whom
 I was again referred to Col. Moody.
 With regard to the statement made in
 Cap. Grant's report, I beg to say that mine
 was the first and second parcel of land pre-empted
 in the Samulkenan. That my notice was placed
 at one corner of the land, on the 20th of Sept. last,
 when it still remains. That I commenced the
 erection of a log house on the 10th of Oct. following.
 That on returning from where I was mining on the south
 fork on the 15th to complete the house I found
 the land was jumped by Mr. Coll. That Mr. Coll
 saw the foundation I had laid for a house and
 also a notice written in pencil on a tree where
 the trail crossed the small stream, before he
 purchased the land. That Mr. Coll placed no stakes
 on the land but only wrote the word purchased
 in pencil on a tree in the middle of my

pre-emption. That the only improvement
made by McFall was to have about twenty
square yards of the land spaded for which
he paid \$16. That I never went onto the
land with Lt. McFall, and the few small trees
he saw were part of the walls of a house
which would have been finished last winter
had I been certain of being protected in my
claim.

I beg to thank you for the copy of
the proclamation as I shall now know
how to proceed.

Your Obedt Servt
James Orr

W. G. Young
Colonial Secy

James Orr.

1857

New Westminster 25th March 1868

Sir

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I have the honor to acknowledge the rec^d of your communication of the 27th inst. In reply to the various questions, I beg to say, that the only persons at present interested in that portion of the creek are the persons who have made the application for the grant, so that there would be no conflicting interest to deal with.

- There has not been any regular survey made of the ground as it has nearly all been located in the regular way by individual runners.

I am unable to say what the total acreage will be, ~~but~~ a great portion of the ground must necessarily be worthless for mining purposes.

I have the honor &c
James Orr

The Hon^{ble}
Colonial Secretary

I hardly think W. O'Reilly will
agree to portions of this letter -
Refer to him?

Ans B
27. 9. 65

Genl! pray ask him to report
soon as he is to dispose
of this case.

J
27 March 1865

Col. Orr

If W. O'Reilly's former letter be
taken as an application for a lease of
the meadows on Wm's Crk., I cannot
recommend its being granted: it does not
state that any of the Conditions of the
Gold Fields Act have been complied with,
and the ground applied for is so inadequately
described that it may include 100. or 1000
acres. which is too large a grant to
make to any company without being
satisfied that they can command
sufficient Capital to carry out their
propositions - P. O'Neill
27th March 1865

James W. Orr

J

28 March 1865

Col. Orr

Mr. [unclear] ²⁹ [unclear]

Mr. [unclear] has had under his consideration
your letters of 23rd & the 25th inst.
making application for a lease of a
portion of the Meadows on [unclear] Creek,
for Mining purposes. and I am
directed ^{by} H. C. ^{to inform you that he} much regrets that he is
unable to accede to your request, owing
to the imperfect information supplied
to him, & to the fact that none of the
rules laid down in the gold fields act
appear to have been complied with by you. He will
however be glad to reconsider the matter on
your presenting another application, which
he suggests should be made in detail
from [unclear] Creek after the ground has been
surveyed, & the whole subject reported on
by the resident gold commissioner.

James [unclear]

CHAPTER
MINING BOARDS AND THEIR CONSTITUTION.

Upon petition signed by not less than one hundred and one Free Miners in any district, it shall be lawful for the Gold Commissioner acting for such district to constitute therein, a local board, to be called "The Mining Board."

The Mining Board shall be elected by the votes of the miners of the district, and shall consist of not less than six, nor more than twelve of the miners of such district. If there shall be not more than 150 voters, then the Mining Board shall consist of 6 members. And for every complete number of 50 votes beyond the first 101, the Mining Board shall comprise one additional member, but not so as to consist of more than twelve members. Provided that no Free Miner shall be eligible for election as a member of such Board, except he shall have been a registered owner of a mining interest for three months prior to such election. The members of the Legislative Council for any mining district shall be *ex officio* members of the Mining Board of that district.

The members shall be elected by the votes of the Free Miners of the district, who shall have been Free Miners during three months at the least, previous to the election. Each voter shall have as many votes and no more as there are members of the Board to be elected, or vacancies to be filled up, which he may distribute among the candidates as he may think fit.

The votes of the electors shall be given in person by the voter, and the Gold Commissioner of the district shall act as the returning Officer. The first election shall take place on such day as the Gold Commissioner may appoint.

If any member shall cease to be a registered Free Miner in the district, or shall be convicted of any misdemeanor, or felony, or of any wilful and malicious contravention of this Ordinance, or of any by-law in force in the district, he shall *ipso facto* vacate his seat in each case and not be re-eligible, save that a member vacating his seat only by reason of ceasing to be a registered Free Miner, shall be again eligible at any time upon his becoming a registered Free Miner.

Whenever any member shall absent himself from three or more of the regular or adjourned meetings of the Board, he shall, upon a resolution passed by the Board to that effect, be considered to have vacated his seat therein.

The Gold Commissioner shall fill by appointment all vacancies which may arise in the said Board, and when the same may occur, and such appointees shall hold office until the next general election.

Three members of the Board, or so many members as together with vacancies caused as aforesaid, shall make up three members, shall retire annually by lot, or agreement, or seniority. Retiring members shall be immediately re-eligible.

The Mining Board shall, subject to the provisions hereof, have power by resolution to make by-laws, and also from time to time to alter and repeal any existing by-laws, for regulating the size of claims and sluices, the mode in which claims may be worked, held and forfeited, and all other matters relating to mining matters in their district, until the same shall have been disapproved of by the Governor in Council.

Provided further that every such by-law, repeal or alteration being duly made and approved, and not being contrary to the statute or common law, and not being contrary to natural equity, shall be admitted in all Courts of British Columbia, as a good local law, and a copy thereof extracted from the by-law, and purporting to be signed by the Gold Commissioner of the district, shall be good evidence thereof, and that the same have been lawfully made, and were in full force at the time specified in such copy or extract.

Any resolution of such Mining Board may be passed by a bare majority of the members of such Board. The Gold Commissioner shall within seven days of the passing of any resolution concerning any by-law or general regulation which he shall on any grounds deem expedient to lay before the Governor in Council, make and send a fair copy thereof signed by such Gold Commissioner, with his opinion thereon.

The Mining Board shall meet at such times as the majority of the said Board shall decide, and one-half of the members of the said Board shall constitute a quorum. Provided, nevertheless, that it shall be lawful for the Gold Commissioner and so often as in his opinion occasion shall require to call together such Mining Board. And the Gold Commissioner shall provide a suitable place in which the Mining Board may hold their meetings.

The votes on all resolutions of the Mining Board shall be given by the members personally and by word of mouth.

All questions of order and of the time and manner of conducting the business at such Mining Board, and of the times and places of meeting after the first meeting thereof, and of the propriety of elections and qualifications and disqualifications of members subject hereto, may be decided by the majority of the said Mining Board, either from time to time as any question shall arise, or by any fixed rules and others as may be thought advisable.

It shall be lawful for the Governor by an order under the Public Seal of the Colony, at any time to declare the Mining Board in any district dissolved, at a day to be named in such order, and if no day be therein named in that behalf, then as from the date of such order.

Provided always, that notwithstanding any such dissolution, all by-laws and working rules and regulations established in the meantime under the authority of this Ordinance shall be valid, until the same be altered or repealed as hereinbefore provided.

Constitution of Mining Boards.

Six to twelve Members according to number of Free Miners.

Voters qualification.

Gold Commissioner to be returning Officer.

Vacancy of Membership.

Vacancies in the Board.

Three to retire annually.

Power to make by-laws &c., which must be approved by the Governor.

Evidence.

Majorities.

Mining Board meetings.

Mode of conducting the proceedings.

Power to the Governor to dissolve any Mining Board.

Interim acts to continue.

P. Orr et al.

Ferris

To His Excellency

Frederick Seymour
Governor of British Columbia
657c

10103

The undersigned humbly request the right to construct a ferry across the Kootenay River at or near the place at present known as the upper crossing for the term of nine years with the right to construct a substantial bridge of wood or wire, at any time within eighteen months from the first day of May next at any point on said stream to where the traffic may be diverted with the right to levy and collect toll at the following rates
Rent to be paid for the ferry at the rate of five hundred dollars per annum payable quarterly in advance, all officers goods and animals belonging to the Government of British Columbia to pass free of charge

Schedule of toll

For every person passing over said ferry or bridge	25
For every 100 ^{lbs} of freight	75
" " Horses of cow cart or mule	50
" " Sheep calf pig or goat	25
" " Vehicle	1.00

and your petitioners as in
duty bound will accompany

James Orr

Edw Kelly
A. W. Black

Edw Kelly and full James
to do with their application

in the first instance.

V.D.

28th June 1865

M. J. P.

Let me have your opinion

J. P.

17th Dec 65

~~J. P.~~

This should not

be printed & think

The signatures

are those of

gentlemen etc

have seen

then the

country

To accede to the existing law in the present case would be tantamount to a complete surrender of the least and most important part of the public domain. I should therefore be glad to see a charter in favour of the public domain. I would be glad to see a charter in favour of the public domain. I would be glad to see a charter in favour of the public domain.

Yours truly
 J. P.

Wild Horse Creek 11th Oct 1864

To his Honor John C. Hayes
Gold Commissioner Terr Dist

Dear Sir

We do hereby make application to your
Honor for a Ferry situated on Columbia
River at a point now known as North River
within 10 miles of which the extent below
the mouth of the said North River & 4 miles
for which favour we will do in duty
bound ever pray

H. H. Howell
C. H. Howell

Let Wth ^{B'kings} Rogers have full
power to deal with this
in the first instance

J.
28 March 1865

John S. J.

Applications
for Power
on Columbia
River

Wild Horse Creek
10th September 1864

Sir,

We hereby beg to apply
for permission to locate a Ferry on the
Columbia River, at or near the mouth
of a creek termed by the Indians, the
Shuswap, which enters Quil River, say thirty
miles below the head of the lower Columbia
Lake.

Should this petition be granted, we
intend placing a boat at the station above
mentioned during the ensuing winter.

We are

Yours obed^{tly}
J. W. Mead
John Clugston

John G. Hayes Esq
Chf. Commissioner
Notame District

Let Mr. Meagher have full power
to deal with this in the
first instance

J.

28 March 1865

Mr. S.P.

Alphington
for hand
10-11-64
L. Brinkman
Bris

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March 14
1865

Gov: Bruce,

March 24th 1865

Gentlemen,

I have received
your letter applying
for the right to
establish a ferry or
construct a bridge
across the Kootenay
River.

I find on enquiring
that some persons
have already gone to
very considerable
expense in the
building

James Orr
& Kelly
Dr. Black

building boats & a
saw at the place
mentioned &.

Therefore feel reluctant
to grant a monopoly
being one else within
present time.

I propose to give
very ^{great} discretionary
power in matters of
this kind to W. O. Reilly
as soon as he is prepared
to start for the coasting.

Orr ^{etal}

New Westminster B. C.
April 4. 1865.

To
The Hon.
The Colonial Secretary;

Sir: The undersigned

members and on behalf of the Committee appointed by the miners interested in the Meadows on Williams Creek for the purpose of securing a grant of mining ground in those Meadows, have to express their regret that it is not practicable for them, at this time, to give the necessary information concerning the proposed grant. Since the consolidation of all the mining claims in that district or section was contemplated it has not been possible to make a survey of the ground, or do anything else in the matter. We are firm in the belief, however, that if we had an assurance that a grant on liberal terms would be given by the Government a consolidation of all the claims on

the Ordnance can and will be ef-
fected for the purpose of pas-
specting that ground. We would there-
fore respectfully request that you
will, if it is not deemed inexpedient,
give us such assurance. It would
not be possible at this time to call
together any reasonable number of
the parties interested for consulta-
tion or organization. This can only
be done on Williams Creek -

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
of the
James Orr } Committee
B. P. Anderson }
W. Boone }

Inform Anne that there is
very little on the part of
the Gov: to assist them &
that all which can
be done consistently
with other claims,
if such exist,
shall be done.

J.
5 April
1765

Supr James Orr

5 April /65

B. P. Anderson

~~W. E. Boone~~
W. E. Boone

gentlemen

J. M. V.

Have received
& laid before the
Gov. your letter of
the 4th inst- and I
am directed to ~~inform~~ ^{assure}
you that there is every
desire on the part of
the Gov^t to assist
you in your Enterprise
and that you may
rely upon everything being
done that can be done

Consistently with the
law & ~~other~~ ^{prior rights} claims, if
such exist.

A copy of this
Correspondence will
be forwarded to Mr. Cox
for his information &
guidance.

Copy Recd 5 Sept - W.
\$221 78

Copy
Copies of these Copies sent to
Mr. Haynes, Otago, same
date viz 5 Sept
Hamploop August 25th 1865 - 1865

Please pay to W. M. Culloch or order
the sum of Two hundred and twenty one \$700
Dollars, balance due for services on the
Big Bend Harbour prospecting party

To the Chief Com^r of Lands & Works } James Orr
New Westminster }

Copy
#193.50
Hamploop 25th August 1865.

Please pay to Samuel Hodge or order
the sum of One hundred & ninety three \$700
Dollars, balance due for services with
the Big Bend Harbour prospecting party

To the Chief Com^r of Lands & Works } James Orr
New Westminster }



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1865

Big Boat Expedition.

Copies of 2 orders \$193.58
in favor of W. F. W. C. C. C.
and J. H. H. H. H.

James Orr
25 Aug 1865

Oct 6/65

Honorable J. H. Fritch
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works &c
for the Colony of British Columbia

Sir

The undersigned requests the Colonial Government of British Columbia to grant them permission, with the exclusive privilege for the term of two years, to prospect for petroleum or coal oil within the area of five miles square on the banks of Fraser river, making the junction of Quesnelle and Fraser rivers the centre of said area of five miles; and also the exclusive privilege to purchase any quantity of land not exceeding five thousand acres, and not at present occupied, within the said area of five miles square, or adjacent thereto, at the Government price within the term of two years from the granting of said privilege.

The undersigned have discovered what they consider good petroleum or coal oil and are willing to risk their labor and capital in prospecting for and developing the same, if sufficient encouragement is given them by the Government.

This project will open out a new source of wealth for the colony - the magnitude of which cannot be estimated - if they are successful in their undertaking.

An answer at your earliest convenience will oblige

Yours very respectfully
James M. Laughlin

New Westminster
October 1865

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Applying for permission
to search for the
for Sir J. M. Douglas
October 1865

3d. Apr.
Helen Lanning S. Margh
1866

Sir

I would beg to call
your attention, on behalf
of the miners of this
District, to the state of
the trail from this place
to French Creek, a distance
of fifteen miles and other
portions of the mines

From the nature of
the country it will be
almost impossible, after
the snow melts to convey
property from this point
to the mines, until late
in the season, unless a

Trail is constructed along
the base of the mountain.

There are ~~at~~ present
23 men at work on Grand
Creek with provisions to
last them until about
the middle of April or
the first of May; and unless
some means are adopted
by the government to facilitate
the transportation of provisions
from the Columbia down
to the mines they will
be obliged to leave.

The opening of a trail
from the head of the Lake
Huron, to the Nelsons Landing,
would also greatly facilitate
the transportation of supplies

through British Columbia
by the route travelled by
the Smith of Colwood.
This route. The distance
from the base to the landing
not being greater than
to Kerby's, on the Columbia,
below Beach Rapids; and
would save the cost of
transportation from that
point to here, a distance
of not less than twenty
miles; over the most
dangerous portion of
the River.

There are at present
37 men in the District
and others constantly arriving.
A number of claims

have been located on
the upper part of
French & McQuibban
Creeks, and the course
of prospecting pushed on
vigorously. An immigration
of from 8 to 10 thousand
men is expected as soon
as the season opens, and there
is not a sufficient supply
of provisions for one day
in the whole district

Trusting that you will
give the above your
earliest attention

Yours

Wm. S. Smith }
Chas. C. Smith }
New York

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1866

Report on the state of the
trails from Wilson's Landing
to French Creek —
8th March 1866 —
- James Orr -

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ORR, JAMES

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

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