

De Cosmos

Answered  
Jan 19.

Victoria, V.I. F447  
January 17. 1860

Sir,

I have the honor to request that  
may be permitted to take a copy  
of the Poll-Books of the Election  
for Victoria Town District.

I Am with all due respect,  
de de

Amor De Cosmos

To His Excellency,  
James Douglas, Esq.  
Governor &c of  
New South Wales

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I am instructed by Mr. Thepot to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> Inst. regarding the permission to take a copy of the Park Bonds for the New District.

2. In reply Mr. Smith informs you that the Bonds in question will be forwarded to the Office of Accounts and Mr. suggests that you should apply to the Office to obtain your report, as it would not be proper for him to place these Bonds in the hands of any private individuals prior to such delivery.

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17<sup>th</sup> January 1860

Amor D<sup>o</sup>. Cosmos

Requesting permission to take  
a copy of the Pile Books  
for Tielma district

De Cosmos

Victoria, N.S.W. January 23, 1867 2

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a communication of the 19th, per W. A. G. Young, Esq. Acting Colonial Secretary, in which your Excellency denies me the privilege to take a copy of the Poll-Books of the Election for Victoria Town district.

Whether as a 'private individual' or public servant, it was not expected that so reasonable a request would be denied; nor that your Excellency would volunteer the information that "it would not be proper to place these books in the hands of any private individual prior to their delivery to the House of Assembly, - when no statute exists guaranteeing to any private individual the right to inspect and obtain a copy of the Poll-Books."

What appears consequently as a zeal on the part of your Excellency, in guarding from the public eye what the entire inhabitants of the district believe to bear evidence of illegality, is doubtless attributable to your Excellency's legal advisers.

To His Excellency James Douglas, C.B. }  
Governor & Commander-in-Chief }  
of New Caledonia &c }  
X X

W. Mitchell



Agreed to Attorney General, who is to be asked to  
decide what may be necessary  
by Government of the Colonies  
W. H. G. Young  
Ad. G. G. G.  
27th May, 1860

Without, therefore, entering further into a discussion  
as to my right to obtain a copy of the Poll-Books,  
I again renew my request:-

I ask Your Excellency to allow me to inspect  
and obtain a copy of the Poll-Books of the Election for  
Victoria Town district.

If what I claim is not accorded to me to-  
morrow, to-morrow, I beg leave to acquaint Your  
Excellency, that I shall consider myself at liberty  
to use those legal measures that will speedily secure  
to me the enjoyment of the privilege.

Hoping that a review of Your Excellency's decision  
will avoid further correspondence on my part, and  
induce Your Excellency to concede my rights,

I have the honor to be

Your Excellency's

Most Obedient Servant,

Amor De Cosmos

N.B. I beg to refer Your Excellency to Statute 6 Vic. Cap. 18,  
Section 95.

W. H. G.

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DE COSMOS, AMOR

COLONIAL  
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

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Dear Sir, I am directed by Mr. W. P. to acknowledge  
the receipt of your letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> inst. & to  
advise you that the same has been forwarded  
to the proper authorities.

Remains respectful to impart  
Your Obedt. Servant  
John de Cosmo

John de Cosmo

23 January 1860.

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DE COSMOS, AMOR

COLONIAL  
CORRESPONDENCE

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 Committee Room  
 House of Assembly  
 January 8. 1864  
 Receipt of Mr. Young

when I lodge  
 the receipt of  
 petition -  
 which will be  
 laid before the  
 Legislature

Sir, I have the honor herewith  
 to enclose to you a petition from  
 the Inhabitants of Cinise to His  
 Excellency the Governor praying for  
 a representative for that District.

If you will lay  
 it before His Excellency at the  
 earliest opportunity, you will  
 confer a great favor on  
 the petitioners.

I have &c  
 &c  
 W. A. G. Young Esq }  
 Colonial Secretary }  
 &c } *A. B. Cosmos*

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deputacion Casanaky

Cosmos

Thos. C. Lusk  
12 June 54

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I the undersigned  
of James Douglas & Co.  
Governor General of  
San Francisco & Co. California

Sir The undersigned  
settles of Comas, feeling the  
great want of a Representative  
for the settlement, and knowing  
that we are laying under great  
disadvantages by not having a  
voice to represent our interests in  
the House of Assembly, do hereby  
thanking you that your Excellency  
be pleased to have this settle-  
ment represented in the House at  
early as convenient, and your petition  
as we daily labor will we pray.

John Bailey  
G. M. F. Faland  
Henry Harro  
James Gundersen  
E. L. Carwithen

C. A. Burrows  
Andrew Rodgers  
George Flora  
J. M. Lawrence  
John P. Hart  
R. M. Phelps  
James Thompson

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The Boston  
Massachusetts  
C. Fletcher  
Wm. Garrison  
John Wilson  
P. S. P. S. P. S.  
Patrick Haly  
Harriet Burson  
Clayton  
S. P. Clark  
Thomas Finley  
W. W. B. B. B.

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Recd. 17. 11. 64

Replied to  
17. 11. 64

Victoria V.S. Nov 17 1864

Sir,

We have the honor to  
apply to your Excellency for the right  
to work a Quartz vein situated on  
the Swan Road as per Sketch herewith,  
in the prosecution of which we  
have already incurred Considerable  
expense. You would respectfully ask that  
your Excellency would name the terms  
on which the same may be taken up  
and held.

We feel confident of  
our ability to form a Company to  
work the said vein, provided we  
can give the assurance to Capitalists  
that the Government will concede  
terms sufficiently liberal to warrant  
such a necessarily heavy investment.

Yours faithfully  
W. E. Kennedy  
General Mgr.

Yours

We would state that we  
are unable at the present moment  
to point out the exact locality,  
but would wish for at least a  
rough notion which to file a  
sketch and full particulars.

We have the honor to be  
Sir  
Yours most obed<sup>t</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>  
A. De Cosmos

J. De Furgate

Chas. W. Williams



B<sup>#2</sup>  
B<sup>779</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1864

A. de Cosmos Montepidre  
C. H. Millard

Asking for night  
to run for a great  
claim's interest  
as has been said

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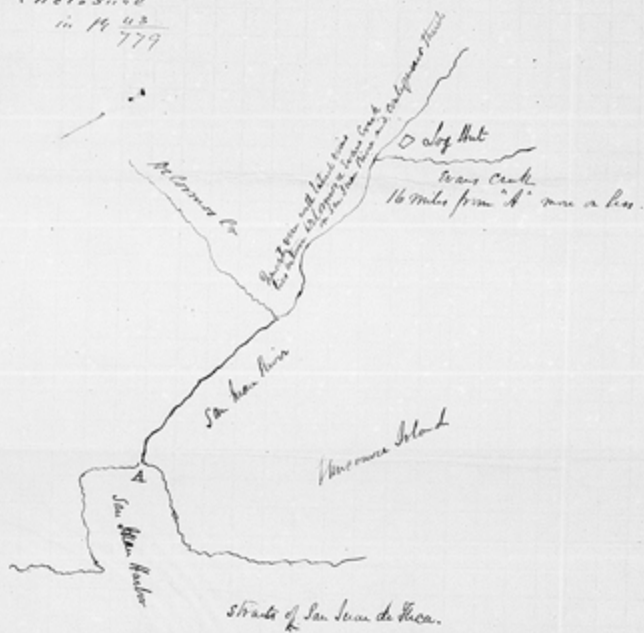
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Sketch Map referred to in Letter dated Nov 17. 1864

Enclosure  
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S. J. Puttgate  
Chas. H. Wallace

Rec. 12. 9. 67

Victoria, V.I. F4.77  
Sept<sup>r</sup> 13. 1865<sup>36</sup>

R  $\frac{120}{2030}$

Answered  
13/9/65

Sir, I have the honor to ask permission to examine any documents, maps, &c., in the departments of Colonial Secretary and Survey-General, that relate, in any manner, to the Church Reserve (so called) in the City of Victoria; and, also, ask the privilege of making extracts from or copies of such documents, maps, &c.

My object in asking permission, as above, is purely a public one, appertaining to the constituency that I have the honor to represent in the Legislature.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,  
Your obedient servant

A. De Cosmos

to  
Hon. W. A. G. Young,  
Col. Secretary  
Victoria V.I.

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I have received the enclosed paper by John [unclear]  
of this date and as it is from the [unclear]  
section in the [unclear] the  
you had any [unclear] you may  
regard upon the subject of the Church  
[unclear] to be effected with  
[unclear] if you wish to [unclear]  
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I inform Mr. DePomoy that  
the information which he  
desires on this subject will  
be readily afforded  
L.H.  
Sep. 18/65

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R <sup>120</sup>/<sub>9241</sub> 14<sup>th</sup> September 1866.

A. Dr. Cosmos.

Requesting to see all  
documents &c relating  
to Church Revenue.

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DE COSMOS, AMOR

COLONIAL  
CORRESPONDENCE

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Rec. 14. 9<sup>65</sup>  
 Victoria. V.I.  
 Sept. 14. 1865.

Copied 15 Sept 1865  
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Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 13<sup>th</sup> in reply to my letter of the same date in which I requested permission to examine and make extracts or copies of any documents, maps &c. relating to the Church Reserve of the City of Victoria, in the department of Colonial Secretary & Surveyor General.

Your reply informs me that any information in any of the department will be afforded me with pleasure, & I will let you know what particular documents connected with the Church Reserve that I desire to refer to.

In answer allow me to state that I do not desire to examine particular documents, but I want to examine all the documents, maps, &c. relating to the Church Reserve, in the

Hon Wm. Young  
 Col. Secy  
 Victoria V.I.

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departments above mentioned, with the  
object of gaining the fullest and most  
exact information on that subject,  
and I sincerely trust that the Execu-  
tive will be pleased to grant my  
request.

I have the honor to be

Your Obedient Servant

A. H. Gomez

As appears on reference to clause  
xxviii of the Papers of the Com<sup>o</sup> on  
Grounds that this question has  
fully gone into all documents  
bearing upon it examined - if  
the former wish to examine these  
documents or any other in possession  
of the Department they are invited  
at his Service - I find that  
my predecessor in reply to a  
Resolution of the Sep. Council

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Forwards a copy of Correspondence relative to the Compearance of the C. M. Resurre for the Lapse of the Month on the 7<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1800. Merit is of course sure and Instruction will be given to the Surveyor General to submit a Map which Mr. Keble may refer for his Inspection - And an Officer will be directed to ~~send~~ attend at the Council Secy's Office with the Documents which Mr. Keble may refer for their Report.

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*Delivered*

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Victoria, Feb. 14. 1870.

Sir,

I have with forward for presentation to His Excellency, the Governor, a Petition from certain bona fide settlers of the districts of Squinalt and Metchosin, respecting the opening of a new Road.

The line of road referred to by the Petitioners is partly open now for wagon traffic; and has long been regarded by the settlers in those districts as the shortest and best route between the points indicated in the Petition.

In 1865 or 1866, the V. Island Legislature made an appropriation to open it; but from some cause the vote lapsed.

If the state of the public finances warrants the outlay of a sufficient sum to complete the proposed undertaking this year, an appropriation for that purpose would be well expended in its completion. But whether or not, a much more pressing necessity exists for the grading of certain portions of the Metchosin Road below Albert Head, and for the completion of a road connecting Happy Valley with Sooke Harbor.

Awaiting a reply to the enclosed

Petition.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

A. DeCosmos.

Hon. P. J. Rankin,  
Col. Secretary,  
Victoria B.C.

Feb. 24/79

Agreement Mr. De Cosmos that and  
provision has already been made in the  
for the Order in Philadelphia District in the  
with consent.

J.M.

14. Feb 24/79

Agreement  
17/10/79

W. J. P.

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To His Excellency the Govern-  
or of British Columbia,  
&c, &c, &c.

We the undersigned, pe-  
tition for the Road (known  
as the Happy Valley Road)  
to be improved from Fisher  
and Lawrence's Farm and  
extended through the  
Bullock Range to connect  
with the Metcalfe Road  
at or near Sir James Douglas  
estate. The cost of construction  
of this road will be com-  
paratively small and the  
benefit to the settlers great  
as it will be much nearer  
than the present road and  
will avoid all the heavy  
clay hills. The proposed road  
will run through almost  
a level country and good  
farming land now lying  
idle which would be soon  
settled up if the above road  
was constructed.

L. S. Brown  
John C. D.

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W. B. Brown  
John C. Davis  
Louis J. Cott  
Richard H. Johnson  
John Lawrence

William K. Fisher  
David Campbell  
Thomas Good  
H. L. Hilgerson  
Donald Fraser  
E. W. Mincham  
Charles Williams  
Isaac Mull  
John Irvine  
W. J. McQuinn  
W. J. Cars  
John Fair  
Charles H. Brown  
William H. Miller

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C. J. S.

14. Feb 76

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 10th Feb  
forwarding for the info information  
a petition from certain inhabitants  
of Spruwell and Melkhorin  
requesting the survey of a new road  
I am directed by Mr. C. J. S. to acquaint  
you that such provision has already  
been made in the Estimates  
for the roads in the Melkhorin  
District as the finances will  
permit.

Copy

F447  
25 March 1868

Notice

On Tuesday the 31<sup>st</sup> March instant  
I will ask the Hon: Attorney General

Whether the Gulf of Georgia  
North of the 49<sup>th</sup> parallel and  
Johnson's Straits are exclusively  
British Waters or not?

And whether foreign  
Vessels have any right to pass  
through Johnson's Straits

If so, by virtue of what  
authority?

If not, whether it is  
the intention of the Government  
to assert our exclusive right  
to the Navigation of Johnson's  
Straits

March 25<sup>th</sup> 1868

A. de Cosmos

Thy's Attorney's Act as English  
Walter is in Albany situated in  
Lancaster's wife's property  
King's & Queen  
Edw. 688  
Cot. 25  
The position has  
been announced  
in the House  
by the  
Attorney General. He stated it was a matter for the  
and Court Colonial Consideration  
The Government  
W. J. P. P.

Received  
21st March 1868

Lands New Westminster, B.C. <sup>F447</sup>

March 31. 1868

Sir,

I propose in connection with parties in Victoria and San Francisco to erect a mill for the manufacture of Lumber on <sup>or near</sup> the Mitchell river that falls into Gueaquins Arm, Woohs Sound, - provides a future explorer, and suitable terms from the Government, warrant the undertaking.

Reports of a partial exploration of the Mitchell favor the conclusion that sufficient Timber and other natural facilities <sup>exist there</sup> to warrant the construction of mill capable of cutting 30,000 feet of lumber per day. But before coming to a final determination warranting the outlay of Capital necessary to cut such a quantity of lumber, a thorough exploration of that section of country will be necessary, - and, in addition, assistance from the Government that it will afford such facilities as would make the undertaking practicable.

What would be required of the Government is.

Hon J. W. Mitchell,  
Commissioner of Lands & Works  
New Westminster, B.C.



is as follows:

1. To make a reserve for six months of the timber on the Mutchlat, in my favor.

The object of asking a reserve for that period is to allow time to thoroughly explore that country to determine whether there is timber there of a quality and sufficient quantity to warrant the proposed undertaking; also, to determine whether sawlogs can be floated down the river, and at what season of the year that can be done.

2. To grant the first right to select, within that period, a mill-site on the Mutchlat, and, also, a suitable place on Guaquina Arm for the erection of a Steam Saw-Mill, with wharf facilities.

3. To grant the first right to locate and lease ~~to~~ 15,000 acres of timber land on Mutchlat river; and the right to locate, lease or purchase 1000 acres of land suitable for agriculture if such exists on the river.

4. That the place selected on Guaquina Arm for shipping lumber abroad be made a Port of Entry.

If the Government should feel disposed to afford the above facilities, I would like to learn on what

terms a 21-year lease would be granted.

As the projectors of the proposed undertaking desire to commence exploration as soon as possible, I would feel favored by an early answer to my application.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

A. De Cosmos.

submitted for the consideration of  
the Secretary of the Government - with  
comments on a separate sheet

File No.

Proclamation  
No. 1186

Copies  
of  
P.R.O.  
forwarded

Lands (134)

Sir

30th April 1848

In reply to your letter of the 31<sup>st</sup> ult. proposing to erect a saw mill on (Mudchut River - Van<sup>o</sup>. Island) of the Gov<sup>o</sup>. will grant to you and those interested with you the right of purchase a tract of land suitable for the site of such mill and a timber cutting licence over an extent of land adequate to supply the requirements of the proposed mill. I have the honor to inform you that I am authorized to offer to you the following terms -

1 - The applicant to define within one month from this date the boundaries of the tract of land he desires to have reserved; & if the extent thereof be not made and the land not otherwise appropriated at that date the same to be reserved in his favour for six months.

2 - The right of purchase in 320 acres of such reserved land at  $\$1.00$  per acre for the site of a mill - wharves &c and 1000 acres for agricultural purposes at  $\$1.00$  per acre

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3 - a timber cutting license  
to be granted over 10,000 acres  
for 21 years at 2 cts per acre  
per annum say \$200 per annum  
subject to the conditions set forth in  
the 2d clause of the Land  
Bill 1867 reserving the right to  
any person to preempt any part  
of the land so leased such pre-  
emptor not being however entitled  
to cut from such preemption claim  
any timber for sale or for any other  
purpose but for clearing the  
land or for use thereon -

3 - The tracts of land to  
be sold - as well as that to  
be leased - be separated  
from in compliance with the  
money clauses of the L. O. 1865  
to be selected and marked off  
by the applicant & maps thereof  
furnished to this office before  
the expiration of the period of  
renewal above specified subject  
however to find money and  
recognition of boundaries by  
govt. at the applicants expense -

4 - The timber cutting  
license to be conditional on  
a mill capable of cutting  
30,000 feet of lumber per annum  
being erected within ~~the~~  
one year from this date

to be kept at work - accidents  
excepted - during the continuance  
of such license -

5 - Crown grants of the land  
proposed to be sold to be issued <sup>in the name of</sup>  
applicant when the saw mill  
of above capacity is completed  
in conformity with the  
satisfaction of gov't -

6 - On completion of the  
saw mill as above specified  
to the satisfaction of gov't -  
the point at which such  
saw mill is erected will  
be made a port of entry -

Shaw W -

Amo. Amor de Cosmos -  
Historian

Recd. 26/5/44

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Victoria, B.C. May 20 1868

Sir,

In reply to your letter of April 20 setting forth the conditions on which myself and others might secure a lease of timber lands on Mitchell river, I have to state, that taking advantage of the time - one month - within which I was to submit you with the boundaries of the proposed timber land, I despatched an expedition to the Mitchell to make an accurate exploration. The expedition returned on the 18th, and I regret to say that their report was unfavorable to the proposed enterprise.

Consequently, whilst expressing my thanks for the facilities proposed to be afforded to the enterprise by the Government, I have to inform you that the undertaking has been entirely abandoned. You will, there

Hon. W. Forster,  
Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works,  
New Westminster

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Victoria - B.C. July 6. 1868 F447

I wish to rent for a period of not less than five years and ten years if possible from the Government, a <sup>40</sup> tract of land containing about 250 acres, situated on the Indian Reserve, Cowichan. Enclosed is a sketch of the land in question, accompanied by a statement from Mr Patterson, Surveyor General, that the Indians have ceased to occupy it.

I am assured that the Indians are not disposed to raise any objection to the Government ~~own~~ disposing of the land and would gladly accept annually a consideration from the Government in return for relinquishing temporarily the possession, which is of no value whatever to them at present. I am persuaded that a very brief interview with the Indians by a Government agent would arrange the transfer with their consent.

My object in making this application is to secure land on which I can cut wild hay at present, and in future years timothy and clover, as it is my intention, if the government grants my application, to import 100 head of breeding cattle at once, and next spring add another 100 head to their number.

I have no desire to trespass on  
Hon. J. W. Mitchell.  
Chief Commissioner of Land Works.  
Victoria B.C.



I believe the land for the Swamichan's consideration  
 as the land applied for has been  
 depicted as apart for the use of  
 the Swamichan Indians it should  
 not be otherwise appropriated  
 except with their concurrence.  
 If they do not occupy this  
 portion of their reserve and  
 are not likely to turn  
 it to any useful account  
 it would be strange for  
 the general authorities  
 to let the land should  
 be leased to those  
 who would  
 improve and  
 stock it  
 rather than  
 let it  
 should

the right of the Indians; but by the course that I suggest, I  
 believe that a very fine tract of land may be utilized in  
 the interest of all parties concerned. On the contrary if nothing  
 be done to utilize the land, it will continue to lie waste  
 and be practically useless to any one, and that in a section  
 of the colony where unoccupied and open land is not to be had.

I may add that on reference to a map dated 1860, the  
 Swamichan Reserve only included that portion of the land applied  
 for that lies between the dotted line (red) in the sketch enclosed and  
 the river; so that half the land applied for is a later reservation.

I shall feel obliged, if you will be pleased to answer  
 my application within the ensuing three or four days; for if  
 the answer be delayed, though in my favor, I would not be  
 able to cut the grass this season, and consequently <sup>will</sup> be con-  
 -pelled to defer the importation of stock.

I have the honor to be  
 Sir  
 Yours obediently  
 J. De Cosmos





This may certify that the North  
half of S<sup>th</sup> 15. R 1111 Duaneham  
the North<sup>r</sup> half S<sup>th</sup> 15. R 1 Conchan  
the South<sup>r</sup> half S<sup>th</sup> 16. R 1111 —  
Duaneham and the West<sup>r</sup> half  
S<sup>th</sup> 16 R 1 Conchan are contained  
within the limits of the Indian Reservation  
warranted out by B. W. Pease. Esq. actg.  
Surveyor General during the Spring of  
1867. Also that said lands, as surveyed  
by the Indians as they have exhausted  
them by over cropping and that said  
lands are now covered with a wild  
grass also that in my opinion I do  
not think that the aforesaid lands  
will be again used by said Indians  
judging from conversation I have  
held with them as they consider  
said lands, wholly worthless.

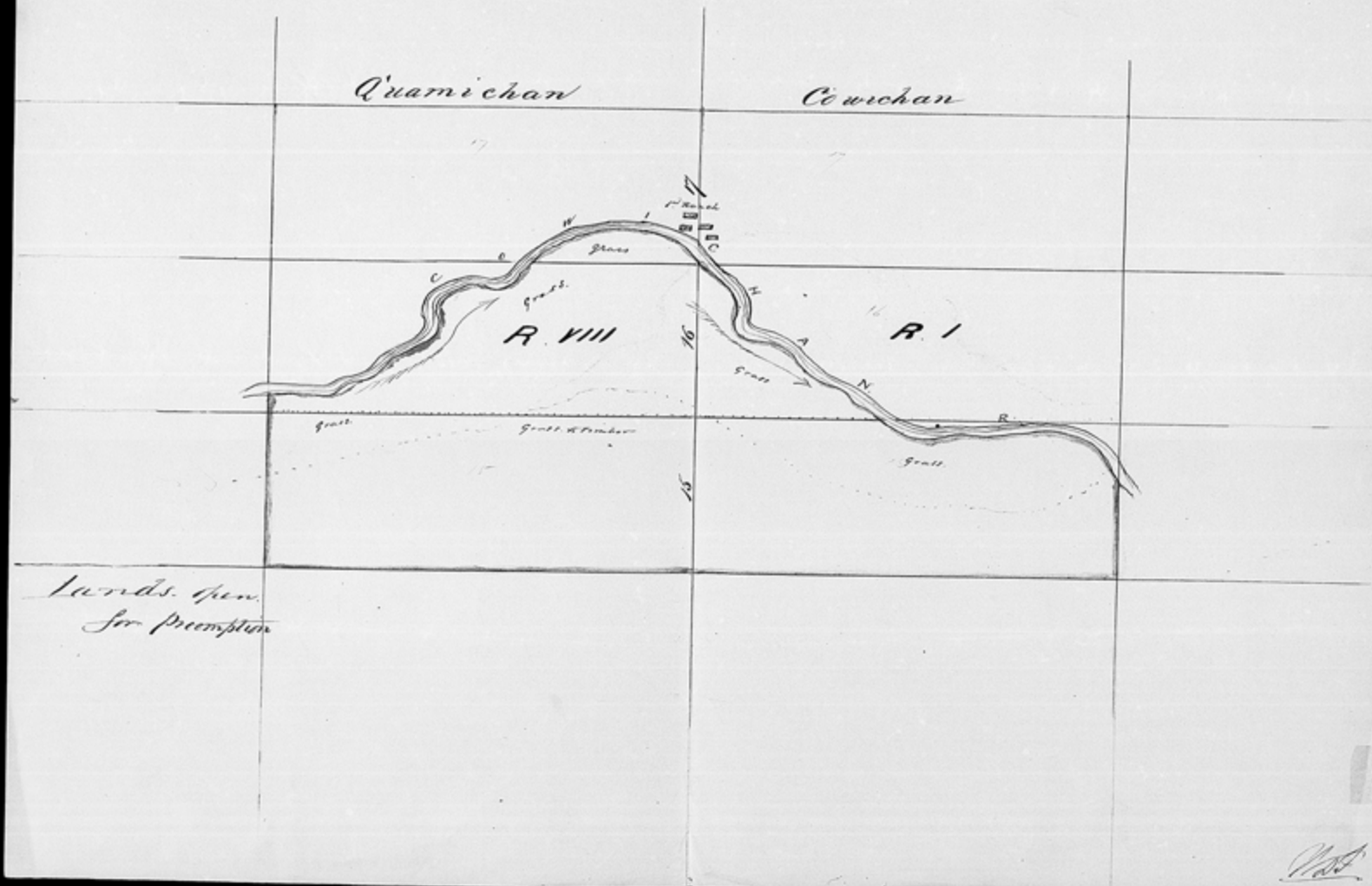
Grown under

Dry hand.

Given 21<sup>st</sup> day of July  
1868

W. de Cosmos Esq. W. J. Tallman Esq.

Scale 10 = 1 inch



copy of J.M.

Lands and Works office  
Victoria - July 10<sup>th</sup> 1858

Sir,

Having submitted  
for the consideration of the  
Governor your application  
dated the 6<sup>th</sup> inst. in  
letter form of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst.  
applying for a portion  
of the Indian Reserve at  
Lawsonham I am directed to  
inform you that as the board  
of this reserve have  
been recently been rather  
favourably advised after long  
pending an order it seems  
it undesirable to open this  
question and regret that your  
app<sup>n</sup> cannot therefore be  
favourably entertained.

Yours  
J.M.

Non Amos Cosmos  
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There are various patches or  
gardens on the land applied for  
by Mr. De Cosmos, but I did not  
observe whether they were or were  
not occupied as such at present.  
The land is of a very rich descrip-  
-tion, & though flooded in parts  
very valuable for a Stock Farm.

If the Indians do not raise any  
objection, it would certainly be  
well for the General Interest of the  
Colony, that Portions of this Reserve  
should be cleared, for their benefit  
as at present nearly 2,000 acs are  
lying unimproved, & unproductive.  
A personal visit would settle  
this point at once, but the Terms  
should be clearly defined & a  
"Paper" or agreement in writing  
made with them. —

The Applicant states that the Reserve  
has been enlarged — On the contrary  
it has been curtailed about  
700 acres. — I would venture to  
suggest that in dealing with this  
matter great care is required, as  
the Indians are very jealous of their  
Rights in the lands set apart for  
them, and as no Payment has been  
made to them for the lands  
now occupied by the Whites,  
whereas in all the other Districts  
except that of Norway, the

Sands have been conveyed to  
the colony, for a consideration.

The Am:  
Chief Justice  
L. A. S. C. C.

W. M. Lawton,  
27<sup>th</sup> July 1841

Recd June 5/1871  
Receipt acknowledged  
same day

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Victoria B.C.  
June 4 1871

Sir  
Herewith I enclose certificate  
of purchase of Robert C. Coleman  
in lease, for section 15 situated  
me to get Crown Grant for  
the same. I will therefore  
be obliged if you can  
see me the Crown Grant  
as soon convenient

Yours  
James  
Wilson

Chief Commissioner  
Lands Works,  
Victoria

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1 April 1870  
Deferred

Victoria B.C.  
March 5. 1870.

F447

Sir,

Herewith I forward a Petition addressed to His Excellency the Governor respecting the creation of School District in Courchard.

I have much pleasure in endorsing the prayer of the Petition, and, at the same time, drawing the attention of the Executive to that part of the Petition respecting aid in erecting suitable school-houses. Unless some assistance can be extended to the settling in Keesauks District, it is doubtful whether a school-house can be provided there. On the other side of Courchard, there are two buildings belonging to the Episcopal Church that may be used temporarily for school-purposes.

I have the honor to be  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant:

A. Cosmos.

Hon. P. J. Macfarlan.  
Col. Secy.  
Victoria,  
B.C.



*Admission*

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Victoria B.C.

April 28. 1890

Sir,  
Sometimes one and then another of  
the Cowichan and Kwikwaka'nam people enquire  
by letter and otherwise about the result of  
of their school petitions, and express  
themselves anxious to have the Country dis-  
tricted &c.

I would consequently feel much  
obliged to you if you would place me  
in a position to acquaint them with  
the determination of Government in the  
matter.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obt. servant

A. De Cosmos

Hon. P. J. Hanbrie.  
Col. Secretary.  
Victoria  
B.C.

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position tomorrow

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Victoria B.C.

Dec 16 1870

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the inhabitants of Metlakoon and Esquimalt districts have requested me to ask Your Excellency to place \$300 on the Estimates for a weekly mail service, connecting with Victoria. The sum is adequate; the service is much required; and an appropriation for the purpose has been recommended by several successive Councils. I may also add that every other settlement has either a weekly or monthly mail service.

I have also to acquaint Your Excellency that the settlers in Chemainus District are put to great inconvenience for want of a bridge over Chemainus river; and have desired me to ask Your Excellency to place \$500 for that purpose in the Estimates. The settlers on the south side of the river are cut off from the Steamboat Landing at Esquimalt, and those on the north side from communication with the south and Courcheson districts, unless by fording which is accompanied with great inconvenience and considerable personal risk. The bridge would be of great advantage in promoting settlement in the District.

Trusting that Your Excellency may be pleased to place the respective amounts on the Estimates,

I have the honor to be

Your Excellency's  
Most Obedient Servant

A. DeCosmos

To  
His Excellency  
Governor Misgavon  
Keke  
Victoria

Check, and say that I shall be happy to

consider his suggestions and advise them if possible

but that I am very anxious to keep down the

estimate for this year as far as I can in view

of financial arrangements with General

on the approaching Corporation

Mr

Bring this report with you

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Informe de Cosmos

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A. Belcomer

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19. Dec '70

Sir, 5th 8

I am directed by the Gov to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> instant making application on behalf of the inhabitants of the Province of Virginia for a sum of three hundred dollars to be placed in the Estimates for 1871 to meet the expenses of a weekly mail service and in reply to acquaint you that His Ex<sup>ty</sup> has placed that sum on the Estimates accordingly.

With reference to a further request for a grant to erect a bridge over the main river I am to acquaint you that provision was duly made for that purpose in the Estimates prior to the receipt of your letter.

De Cosmos  
Victoria, Jan 28/71  
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Sir,  
I have the honor to forward  
the enclosed Petition for Your  
Excellency's consideration, and  
understand the same as being  
the expression of the wishes  
of the signers  
Yours Obedt Servant  
De Cosmos

To  
His Excellency  
Gov. Whitman  
L. L. P. Victoria.

Col. Saug  
Forward the Petition to the Lands Office to  
ascertain whether it is all in order and, if so, acknowledge  
and state that the usual notice will be issued.

AM.  
30<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1877

Forwarded to the Chief Comr; who is  
requested to report if there is  
any objection to the creation of this  
dist. as a Tenue District.

AM

Jan '30<sup>th</sup>

I know of no objection to the  
prayer of this petition being granted  
believing it to be signed by at least  
two-thirds of the resident land owners  
or occupiers in the districts named  
as certified by M. Pearce. *Proplise [unclear]*  
30<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1877

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To the Excellency the Governor  
of British Guiana

May it please your Excellency,

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*Mr. Clark  
Henry Rogers  
James Stewart  
London  
Mr. Sturdy*

*H 0 921866*

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DE COSMOS, AMOR

COLONIAL  
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC



a de la mos.

W. L. S. O.  
30 June 1870

Sir In reply to your letter  
of the 28<sup>th</sup> Inst I forward  
a Petition from the Inhabitants  
of the Esquimaux, Metchoin  
Kennedy Lake and Highland  
District praying that the  
same might be erected into  
a Town District under the  
Ordinance of 1869. I am directed  
by the Governor to acquaint you  
that the necessary Proclamation  
will appear in the next Gazette  
and to request you will acquaint  
the Petitioners accordingly

McCombs  
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26 Mar. 1871

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Col. Long

Send copy of proposed Drafts of copy to the Memorial.  
I respectfully  
and let Colonel have copies of both Memorial and copy of publication.

AM

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AM  
26 March/71  
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DE COSMOS, AMOR

COLONIAL  
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

To His Excellency Anthony Musgrave Esq.  
Governor of the Colony of British Columbia.

May it please Your Excellency,

The undersigned Elective Members of  
the Legislative Council, representing a majority  
of the popular members of the said Council,  
respectfully request that, Your Excellency will  
not give your assent to a Bill, intitled "an Act  
to provide for a Permanent Civil List."

1<sup>st</sup> Because we believe that the said Bill should  
not comprehend any offices other than those of the  
Colonial Secretary, Chief Commissioner and  
Attorney General.

2<sup>d</sup> Because it is eminently calculated to cause  
serious discontent in the public mind at a time  
when it behoves all public men to conciliate  
public opinion and remove all just causes of  
~~the~~ discontent

A. De Cosmos

*[Signature]*  
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*[Signature]*

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C. P. O.

27. March / 71

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The Governor has had under consideration  
a Memorial signed by yourself and four other  
Members of the Legislative Council in which His  
Excellency is requested to withhold his assent to the  
first List Bill on two grounds -

1. That the Bill should <sup>in your opinion</sup> not be passed <sup>with</sup> <sup>comprehension</sup> more  
than certain <sup>functionaries whose Office</sup> ~~three Officers~~ <sup>are named.</sup>
2. And that you regard it as calculated to cause  
serious discontent in the public mind.

I am directed by the Governor to state in reply  
that he finds himself unable to agree with you on  
either of these two grounds, causes of objection. He  
regards it as highly <sup>for many reasons</sup> desirable that the operation of  
such a measure should not be limited to the ~~affairs~~

of Colonial Secretary, Attorney General, and  
Comptroller of the Treasury, and he believes that  
when the principle and ~~scope~~ <sup>and effect</sup> of the measure are  
better understood, the public sense <sup>of the necessity of</sup> both of justice  
and prudence in the administration of affairs,  
will ~~unavoidably~~ cause the propriety of the measure  
to be admitted. The Bill seeks only to do that  
which is by no means unusual in other Colonies,  
and which would have been done here long ago  
if the ~~age of the Colony~~ <sup>Colony</sup> were not yet in its  
infancy, and unacquainted as regards the working  
of constitutional and organized government.

It is by no means necessary, or <sup>generally</sup> in fact the practice,  
to leave the fixed Salaries of established Public  
Departments to be dealt with annually by yearly  
votes, although it is the duty of the Legislature  
annually to provide the means necessary to defray

the charge of government. The proceedings of the  
Parliament  
General ~~are~~ are in accordance with this view, and  
many colonial instances can be ~~adduced~~ <sup>adduced</sup> by a  
different precedent <sup>some of the provisions of</sup> in the Canadian  
Bill Louis Act of 1859, <sup>of 1858</sup> of which the first clause  
who signed this Decree did appear to be ignorant.

The plan has and in some respects the mode form  
of government which has ~~generally~~ prevailed almost  
unavoidably in a young country, up to this time has  
left all provision for the public service to be dealt with  
from year to year at the end of the year administration  
in a form of vote. Such a loose arrangement is no  
longer proper. The frequency is entering upon political  
changes of which the immediate effect upon the  
conduct of public affairs is uncertain. And it is  
both just to existing Public servants and prudent  
in regard to the public interests, to protect present



Incumbents, and the organization of Official  
Departments from the effects of <sup>unconsidered</sup> <sup>independent</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>unplanned</sup>  
change <sup>which might be temporary</sup> arising from the <sup>inadvertence</sup> of one political  
Party or another. The Bill does nothing that  
has not been done repeatedly in other countries  
of a free Representative Institution, and I do not  
fear. It does not prevent any Official servant  
from dismissed for misconduct, nor prevent  
reconsideration of departmental arrangements.  
It only ensures that nothing shall be done hastily  
unadvisedly, and without legislative sanction;  
and the former sees no reason for declining his assent.  
I have &c

A. De Cosmos Esq.

Standard Office 447  
No 24  
August 28<sup>th</sup> 1870  
P.O. Plaza Cap.  
Chief Commission L.O. to

Sir  
We hereby request to  
furnish you with 1000 copies  
of the enclosed telegraph form  
We supplying the paper for  
the sum of sixteen dollars.  
(\$16<sup>00</sup>)

We are Sir  
Your obed<sup>t</sup> servant  
D. C. Amor  
P.O. 1/3/70

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