Lands & Works Dept
New Westminster
April 6th 1866

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 21st ultimo — applying to be allowed to add to the land already held by your Company under lease from Government, a certain piece of land on the South Shore of False Creek adjoining the land held by your Com-
pany, and marked A on the tracing

Captain E. Stamp
&c &c &c
New Westminster

tracing accompanying your
application.— I have the honor
to inform you that having —
submitted your letter for the
consideration of the Officer
Administering the Government
I am instructed to state to you
that the piece of land asked
for cannot be granted to you
as it embraces a pre emption
claim recorded some months
since by the late Mr Valentine
Hall.—

In regard to the further —
request of your letter "that the

Saw Mill Company may
be authorized by Government
to dam the stream running
from the Lake shown on the
tracing at about the point
marked "dam" and to take
water therefrom for the boilers
and other necessary purposes
following near the course
marked in black dotted lines
to the Saw Mill", I am to
apprise you that the Govern-
:ment fully authorized you,
so far as Public rights are
concerned, to carry out the
plan

proposed in your letter;
but that as regards any
private rights that may
be interferd with, the Go-
:vernment cannot assume any
responsibility.—

I may add for your in-
:formation that lots 181 and
182, through which you propose
to lead the water are verdrd
to Mr Burnaby and Mr Grase
respectively, and that the pre-
:Emption claim — marked B
on your tracing is held by Mr. —
John Hall.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed Servant
Joseph W. Trutch
CC & W.C.G.

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