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New Westminster B C
30th August 1865

Sir

In accordance with a conversation I recently had with your Excellency; I now take leave to bring to your notice a circumstance equally injurious to this Colony and to Her Majestys Govt.

The ship "Shamrock" is now loading a cargo of Spars at Camano Island Puget Sound said to be under contract to Her Majestys Govt; I have shipped many cargoes of Spars to the various govts of Europe including that of our own; some of which were procured from the American side; but I can safely state that the Spar timber of British Columbia especially at Burrard Inlet and Port Neville is very much superior to the timber of the American side this arises from two causes; the Forests of this Colony have not yet been touched while the best Trees on the American side have already been cut; and from our more northerly position the timber is of slower growth more dense and close grained; out of Two hundred Spars which we recently cut at Port Neville two thirds are altogether without Knots and the balance nearly so

I am now preparing a quantity of Masts at Burrard Inlet under contract with the French govt; some of which are

His Excellency
Governor Seymour
New Westminster

40 inch diameter -

I am willing (on the part of the Company I represent) to engage to Contract for the delivery of any quantity of Spars of the finest quality that may be required for the use of H M Dock Yards 12 inch to 40 inch diameter and of Admiralty length

I shall be very much obliged by your Excellency bringing the very superior quality of the spar timber of this Colony under the notice of H M Govt.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obt Servt
Peter Hamet

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Governor Seymour
Referring to Spars
F. G. T.

No 5 (Spars)
Capt. Hamet
to Governor Seymour
August 30 1864