New Westminster 29th July 1865

Sir

I take leave to state that my attention has been directed to the formation of a ~~Coal~~ Coal Company who are said to have obtained from the Government 600 acres of land on English Bay, part of the land that I supposed I had leased ~~from the Govt~~ for the use of the Saw Mill Company I represent, and on which is our best timber; without this land I should not have commenced to build a Saw mill at Burrards Inlet; and without it we cannot go on; a Coal Company can ~~not do~~ no more do without timber ~~any more~~ than a Saw Mill Company; their tramways and the Saw Mill Companys Logging roads will interfere with each other; I believe the two operations cannot be carried on, together without certain litigation and trouble; I respectfully beg to request that His Excellency, Governor Seymour will not permit a Coal Company to commence their operation on land already leased to the Saw Mill Company, and on the faith of which they can ~~I am &c~~ ~~proceed~~ decide to build their saw mill at Burrards Inlet

I am &c

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Colonial Secty
29th July 1865

Referring to Coal
Company and
Land —

1865 Coal Co

E. Grant
Acknowledge

July 29th