New Westminster
7th ~~January~~ 1867

Sir

I had the honor of addressing you on the 24th and 31st ultto. in reference to the ~~timber~~ Lease of the Naval Reserve English Bay which I believed had been secured to the Company which I represent; and to which communication I am without any reply from yourself.

I have no doubt His Excellency Governor Seymour will remember my pointing

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out to him on the Map the several pieces of land the Saw Mill Company wished to secure on lease, and that he referred the matter to Mr Brew stating that if he saw no objection the Governor had at the same time the Map was sent to Mr Brew done ~~the said map~~ is now in my possession with the Naval Reserve included within the lines initialed by Mr Brew, at the time and which I will produce whenever you wish ~~you service if you desire to see it~~ to see it.

While this matter remains unsettled I have no legal power to compell -

Mr

Mr Rogers to deliver the Spars and Timber cut on this reserve under a Contract with myself as manager of the Saw Mill Comp.y; and although I have advanced to Mr Rogers on account of this Contract over Six thousand dollars.

~~and~~ unless the Govt decide that ~~I have~~ the Naval reserve is included in the Lease to the Saw Mill Company I have no security which was only made under the belief that the timber belonged to the company for this large advance, nor can I prevent him from selling the spars to others which he is now endeavouring to do —

The Ship "Astarte" is daily

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expected at Barrard Inlet to
load these spars; the Company
one under heavy damerage to the ship and
the French Govt. in case of
some delaying, this I shall not
be able to do unless I obtain
possession of the spars now
cut on the Royal Reserve.
which I must maintain is
under lease to the Saw
Mill Company

Will you be good enough
to inform me what action the
Govt intend to take in this
important matter

I am &c

W. L. Rogers
P. Stanley
New Westminster
February 7th