New Westminster B C
24th Janry 1867

Sir

It Has come to my knowledge that Jeremiah Rogers one of the men recently employed by the B C & V I S L & Saw Mill ~~Comp~~ Comp^y which I represent has made application to the Gov^t to lease a piece of land on the South-East side of English Bay marked on the Official Map as the Naval reserve, and included within the boundaries of the land recently leased from the Gov^t by the said ~~British Columbia and Vancouver Island Spar Lumber & Saw Mill~~ Comp^y

The Honble
A. N Birch
Colonial Secretary

during the many discussions that took place the right of cutting timber on this, Reserve and the Reserve between English Bay and Burrard Inlet known as Col Moody Fort Reserve was frequently referred to, and although neither of these Reserves are specially named in the lease it was well understood by myself and I believed also by the Govt that the right of cutting timber was conceded to the Company; at the same time the lease specially stipulates that another Reserve adjoining the Naval Reserve shall not be entered on while no mention whatever is made of the said Naval Reserve

Should the Govt decide that the Saw Mill Company

have not a right to cut Timber
or enter on this Reserve, then
in that case they, Compy would be shut
out from the whole of the land
immediately behind the Naval
Reserve containing over 5000 -
acres on which is there best -
timber and, it is absolutely necessary
to enable the ~~Company~~ Compy to work
their Saw Mill

I may here state -
as a further proof how con -
fident the Saw Mill Company
were that the right of cutting
timber on the Naval Reserve
had been secured to them -
that all the Spars and Timber
(three Cargoes) shipped by the -
Company have been cut on
that land, and that much

money has been spent in making Roads thereon

In conclusion I take leave to protest against any grant, lease, or right being given to Jeremiah Rogers or any person to enter on or cut timber on the aforesaid land - except as provided for by the lease to the Saw Mill Compy

I further state - that the only object Jeremiah Rogers has in view is to - obtain the possession of this land for the purpose of compelling the Saw Mill Company to purchase the timber from him at exhorbitant rates

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Captn Stamp
to A. R. Birch
January 24th

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