Victoria Vancouver Island

5th June 1865

Sir

I take leave to inform you that the Steamer "Otter" arrived ~~arrived~~ at Burrards Inlet from Port Neville with Spars on friday afternoon last; and as there was no officer there she had to proceed to New Westminster to enter and clear at the Custom House; as it was too late to enter the Fraser River on the day she arrived at Burrards Inlet; one whole day was lost, for which the Company I represent had to pay $90 — I again beg to request that Burrards Inlet may at once be declared a port of entry, or that an Officer be stationed there to receive duties and enter or clear Vessels

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obt Servt
Edw Hamd

The Honble A N Birch
Colonial secretary
New Westminster

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to A. N. Birch

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