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COLONIAL SECRETARY
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Nov 29th 1865

Dear Capt Stamp

Mr Birch wished me to write to you privately, and to enclose you copies of the reports of the surveys of the two proposed lines of Road leading from New Westr to your Mill at Burrard Inlet, and as the Govt is anxious to make some communication between the Town & your Mill the False Creek line has been the selected as the best, (although a little longer) but certainly the most useful

useful at all seasons, as you may judge from the reports, but at the present time the finances of the Colony are not sufficiently flourishing to justify the Government commencing the work at once, and the inclemency of the weather, as well as the lateness of the season will be a serious obstacle to the Road being completed before next Spring.

As communication between the Town & Mill, will principally benefit yourself and employees, Mr. Birch considers that some portion of the expense should be borne by you, an arrange=ment which might enable the Govt. to commence & complete the work much earlier, and as a Bridge across False Creek will be required, if you will undertake to build the Bridge, the Govt. will commence on the Road as soon as the weather

weather & season will permit.

In a conversation you had with me on the subject, you may remember you offered to ~~do~~ a portion of the ~~work~~ Road via False Creek to your Mill, and I shall be happy to hear to what extent you are prepared to assist the Government in this work.

I remain
Yours truly
Wm Ball

Capt Stamp
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