Colonial Secretary's Office
25th Novr. 1868.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th Inst. respecting the embarrassments which have occurred in consequence of the uncertain titles upon which certain parties are cutting timber on the Reserves at Burrard Inlet.

The Governor deeply regrets any inconvenience to which you may have been

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been placed. He had
but little idea when
granting you the verbal
permission to cut timber
upon the Reserves - two
township and fort Reserves -
that he was entailing so
much trouble upon
himself.

But His Excellency thinks
you must see that the
whole of that trouble has
arisen from disputes between
yourself and certain parties
you employed. Had things
gone on smoothly in your
operations you would

never

Provision will be made to secure you access to the land behind the Naval Reserve.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your obedient Servant

William H. G. Young

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Colonial Secretary

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never have heard of any interference from the Government. His Excellency is of opinion that in preparing the abundant timber of the country for exportation, you, or any one employed under you, are conferring a benefit upon the Colony. It is not now his wish to interfere with your operations if you can come to some sort of agreement with the men whom you placed on the ground, and with whom you subsequently quarrelled.

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The question which the Governor is asked to solve appears to him to be a private dispute. He should like to see that dispute amicably arranged, either by arbitration or other means. Had you had a cutting Licence, or Lease, you would have had a legal remedy: as it is His Excellency can only recommend a compromise.

The mere verbal permission of the Governor, revocable at pleasure, cannot be held to grant any exclusive right.

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