Colonial Secretary's Office.

New Westminster

9th June, 1865.—

Sir.

The Governor having given instructions that every facility should be given to vessels requiring to enter and clear at Burrards Inlet, previous to its being declared a Port of Entry, His Excellency caused your letter of the 5th inst: to be referred to the Collector of Customs for explanation. That Officer reports that, upon your applying

Captain Stamp.—

applying to him on the subject previous to the arrival of the "Otter" from Port Neville, he informed you that the vessel would not be required to come up to New Westminster, and that it would be unnecessary for the Captain to report himself at the Custom House; that Captain Swanston was at liberty to return direct to Victoria and would only be required to send up by the bi-weekly Steamer - "Enterprise" the entrance and clearance money

with

with a Certificate that nothing had been landed liable to Customs Duties.—

Under these circumstances the Action of the Government can hardly be made responsible for the loss which the detention of the Steamer has occasioned to the Company which you represent.—

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

Arthur A. Rich

New Westminster
9th June 1865

Sir

In reply to your communication of this date in reference to the Steamer Otter having to come from Burrards Inlet to New Westminster to clear; I beg to state that the permission as stated in your letter was given about 4 P.M. on Friday the 2nd inst too late to be of any use, as the "Otter" arrived on the same day at the Inlet, and although I wrote to the Captain my letter could not then reach him in time to prevent his coming here.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obt Servt
Edw Hamley

The Honble A. N. Birch
Colonial Secretary
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Answering to Otter

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