Victoria V. I 18th July 1865

Sir

I take leave to inform you — that in preparing the ground for the Saw Mill on the site selected at Beverards Inlet we have come in contact with obstacles of so serious a nature that ~~it may be necessary~~ we may ~~be~~ compelled us to — abandon that particular site, on which we have already ~~spent~~ gone to a considerable expence ~~there~~; but it is better that we should sacrifice the money already spent and seek for a new locality than to proceed with so large an undertaking where there are grounds to suppose that a failure might be the result, and as I am told that

Yrs —

Hon'ble A. R. Birch
&c &c &c
New Westminster

His Excellency Governor Seymour is about to leave New Westminster for a ~~considerable~~ time I think it necessary at once to bring this matter under the notice of the Govt. and to request, (if found necessary,) that I may be permitted to make a new selection, the place likely to suit us is a point about half way between the present Mill site and the end of the New Road I believe also a reserve

I regret that business here will not allow me to leave this place before Friday next or I should have personally made this application, I shall be at New Westminster on that day

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Colonial Secretary
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