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## RETURN

To an Order of the House for all correspondence in reference to the appointment of a Mining Recorder for the Kettle River country.

JAMES BAKER,  
*Minister of Mines.*

*Provincial Secretary's Office,*  
*27th March, 1893.*

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GRAND PRAIRIE, B. C., July 5th, 1892.

At a called meeting of Free Miners held at Grand Prairie the following proceedings were had and done, to wit:—

H. Mauley chosen Chairman ; Thos. J. Hardy, Secretary.

The object of the meeting was stated by the chair, which was for the purpose of petitioning the Lieutenant-Governor to form a new Mining District ; also to elect a Mining Recorder.

Donald McLaren was placed in nomination for Mining Recorder, and was elected by unanimous vote.

Resolved, That we, the Free Miners of Kettle River, petition the Hon. the Lieutenant-Governor to appoint the said Donald McLaren as Mining Recorder for this district, and also to form a new Mining District. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

THOS. J. HARDY,  
*Secretary of Meeting.*

Receipt of the above duly acknowledged.

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YALE, B.C., July 4th, 1892.

*To the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.*

SIR,—We, the miners of Kettle River and Boundary Creek, petition you to form a new Mining Division with Rock Creek as its west boundary and the west line of the Kootenay District as its east boundary.

We have about 250 miners interested or working here, and as Recorder C. A. R. Lambly has been removed to Osoyoos, 60 miles from the centre of proposed Division, miners will have to travel sometimes 90 miles to record, over two high ranges, where in winter it is almost impossible, except on snowshoes.

Donald McLaren is centrally located, has the confidence of the people, and his appointment as Recorder would give general satisfaction.

FREE MINERS,  
HOWARD C. WALTERS, No. 41,155,  
and 56 other signatures.

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KETTLE RIVER, B.C., June 8th, 1892.

*Mr. Hugh Nelson, Governor of British Columbia.*

DEAR SIR,—As I understand there is a petition to be forwarded to you in regards as to having another Recorder appointed here. In regard to it I would say that it is not necessary at the present time. The reason that the same has been sent to is simply this: There is a certain party here that wants the appointment, and in order to get it he called a meeting at his own place, calling in a few friends and fixed it up to suit themselves; the most of the signers are men from Washington, simply waiting for the Colville Reservation to be thrown open; a number of them have got B. C. Mining Licenses in order to prospect until such times as they could cross the lines into Washington again. There is no doubt but in time another Recorder will be wanted, but at the present it is unsettled, and in order to get the sit. they have taken this opportunity, at the same time exaggerating the wants and number of signers a great deal.

And we sincerely hope before the appointment is made that an investigation by a Government official will be made.

As for the present I remain yours,  
THOMAS J. HARDY.

Receipt of the above duly acknowledged.