Victoria V.I. July 17. 1862

Royal Fisk Esqr.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 12th inst Came duly to hand with B/L & invoice of Butter for E.W. Seybour Enclosed please find W. F. & Co $145 for Two Hundred dollars Enclosed you will also find Invoice & B/L of 20 Cases Tobacco shipped to you on the Steamer Serra Nevada. Which I wish you to sell to the best advantage on my a/c I purchased it at the amt as per invoice I bought about 70 cases in all and as I see tobaccos are very high in your Market I make this shipment and will send the balance if it will pay well. It looks a little bad on the outside but is good & sound inside which you can see by opening a case & splitting it open. I send you a consuls Certificate which I presume will be sufficient to pass it at the Custom House. The Tobacco was shipped here from Honolulu. There can be no question but what it is of the produce of the U.S. But for fear of trouble I shall Messrs Janion & Green to write to Honolulu and have a certificate forwarded to you from them stating on what vessel it arrived &c. In case you have no trouble and can sell it you will please purchase something for me that is chap

J a McLean
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I would like a good assortment of Spices if low -
20 or 40 Gammon of Salt in 5a bags. or any bargain
I do Not want any more butter for a few Months as
We are fully Supplied with fresh butter and will
be for a few Months.

Trade is very dull here. and
but little dust Coming from the mines but
We look for better things Cunningham a Caraboo
Miner offers to bet $5000 that he will take out
One ton of dust this season there are many
other Claims paying largely. The Stickeen
Rim is doing well & there is quite a rush
that way. There is an Error in your Statement
of two dollars you will perceive in your Statement of
May 13th that you have Not added the Credit
up Correctly should be two dollars More -

Yours Truly,

J. A. McCrea

P.S.

If they object in the Custom House to passing this Tobacco you can call in Tobacco men who would swear it was grown & manufactured in the U.S. B C Horn is an old friend of mine & if you told him it was mine he would cheerfully do all he could but if you cannot pass it any other way you can give a bond & I will send you a certificate from here that it arrived from Honolulu in Bank Francisco & you will receive one from Honolulu that it arrived in a vessel from Boston with full discription

Yours Truly

J A McCrea