Victoria 22nd April 1863

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D Sir

Yours of the 17th inst has come to hand. Please find enclosed cheque Bank of British Columbia for one thousand Dollars which please credit.

You will also find enclosed cheque Southgate endorsed to the order of Mr W B Storey, which you will please hand over to that Gentn informing him that we only found 181 Bales of Hay & send him the amt as agreed upon, you will of course take his receipt.

We want 50 tons of hay immediately & as we believe it will be difficult to get it over by the present lines at $8 pr ton we suppose you might have a chance to charter a vessel on moderate terms, if this is possible say about $500 00 considering that she could be loaded in about two or three days & unloaded in two days, you could put into her the following goods besides the Hay

X 10 tons Bran — 20 tons flour 150 Bbl G.G. & 50 P.V. X
X 20 Do Oats — X 10 Do Barley
X 10 End Barly — X 10 Do Wheat

You might in fact go a trifle higher than $500 & we would save ourselves on the freight. Though some of the goods we do not want at present in fact you might ship some of your other freight also if it did not interfere with our arrangement with St Louis.

If it is not possible to procure a vessel please forward what Lay you can & 300 sacks Oats & 50 Bbls Golden Gate flour

Keep a sharp look out and should the opportunity present itself of getting a ship at a low figure you will know what to put on board & may increase the amount of Bran to 20 tons if it is selling low

We note your remarks about Commission on flour & also thank you for same & for the information about Oregon flour

Yours truly

Leonard