Victoria 6th July 1863

Royal Task Esqr.

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Your favors of 25th & 27th inst have been received & contents noted.

Please find enclosed cheque Bank of British Columbia for $1500 — Say One thousand five hundred Dollars which please credit.

Please forward per Sailing vessel

250 Sacks of Wheat. 2nd quality with as little Oats & Barley in it as possible, the last you sent was good enough for our purpose

150 Sks Potatoes

40 cases of onions, if they charge for the cases let them deduct the price of the Germans.

100 Bbls Pleasant Valley flour

50 Do Golden Gate Do

If the price of Barley does not go down send us small lots occasionally until it does, the same with Oats, we expect that both will sell much lower shortly & would not like to have any on hand. As to Bran we have yet considerable of last winter & are in no hurry you can watch the market & buy without further notice

(Private) We feel a certain amount of delicacy in speaking of a customer of ours, who we see you have been

supplying lately, he has been buying from us and is now considerably in our debt & we do not consider it exactly fair that you should do his business for him, he is not a merchant but a consumer & by the same reason that you supply him you might supply all our best customers and thereby injure our sales considerably. We consider the party in question perfectly solvent otherwise we would not give him credit, but it is hard upon us that he should be buying in San F. with the cash which ought to have been paid us long ago. We expect this to be strictly private & leave it to your good will & judgement if we are right in thinking it would be fairer for the party in question to buy through another Agent.

Yours truly
Lemuel Ford