

Friday 8th Decr

I followed Mr. Anderson I said I gave you much pleasure to inform them that I was much pleased with their good sense and good reasoning. I showed them with respect to timber leases. That the Mills now in operation in Bernard Inlet and other places. That they cost a vast amount of money. That they were of vast advantage both to the Indians as well as the White men of the Province. That the Port Govt were glad to see the timber which had been growing ~~and~~ falling by rotting at length brought in to use. The Port Govt therefore granted large leases of Timber to the industrious enterprising Builders & workers of the Mills to encourage them to carry on the work. The Mill owners however were much to pay money for said timber leases. The money thus sent by the Provincial Govt went towards making brass building Light Houses &c &c I told them also that they had as good a right to cut timber and where suitable these leases (and what other leases might be given) as the white man. I again showed them that the unimproved & unclaimed ground was as free for hunting purposes Fishery &c as free to them as ever and to the white man also.

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In Conclusion I said it gave me much pleasure to tell the Indians that we stated with the Government. I showed them the shell tribes that on doing so we did not omit an Indian who had a bad word to say against the whites and that the Whites will give of their spoils well of the Indians. I said I should certainly repeat the above with pleasure to my Govt. My Brother officers and self informed them that we could not take upon ourselves to give them timber leases but that we should state their wishes to the Port Govt and recommend the Govt to give them what they thought they required which was done.

Mr. Sproul said a few words in response to what ~~the~~ Mr. G. & myself said said of Complimentary. That Mr. Sproul on their good behavior Loyalty & determination to improve the young by education & Religion.

Following our course and after many kind wishes and affectionate farewells we finished with the Sea Shells. They taking their course home while we steered towards Comox. The weather was very foggy however but for all that we could see the Land on the North end of the famous Strada Islands. We got to a ground ^{at Comox} about 1100 feet long about 400 deep. ^{at Comox} Comox a little north of which. The appearance of