mention that on Monday the 4th October I left the Mill, and camped at Port Moody: it rained heavily during the night, and in the morning before they had actually commenced the work for which they had been sent up on the previous day, the cook, and the two men came to me, and wished to leave; I wrote down at once to Mr Diety, who in reply told me it was impossible to procure men, and that if they insisted on leaving, the Survey must be discontinued, on hearing this they agreed to remain until other men could be procured, and with the exception of the cook whom I shortly afterwards discharged, they did remain under the idea, that they were conferring a favor on the Mill Company.

You will also see by comparing the sketches given to me, with those of the Reserves as actually surveyed, that the former were not of the slightest use, but on the contrary rather served to mislead me.

We have also experienced very bad weather.

I find that two hours and a half, a day, on an average, were occupied in going to and returning from our work; this was occasioned partly by the distances and partly by the very bad country we had to traverse.

With regard to the Reserves which are unsurveyed, that on Texada Island, lettered I on the sketch, is not required the Indians having destroyed the timber by fire.

That lettered H and situated near Frost Bay, has also been burnt, though it is believed that the timber has only been partially injured, and that on examination the Reserve may be formed sufficiently valuable to be retained.

The Reserves lettered B, E, & G, situated respectively on the Hill Wood and Squamish Rivers and Capstans Creek, cannot be surveyed until the water subsides, as at present I am informed, that it is impossible for a canoe to be taken up any one of these streams.

The Reserve lettered A on the Fraser River was postponed on account of the weather until the other Reserves should be surveyed.

I make these statements simply as explanatory of the length of my absence, and without casting any

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