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New Westminster, B.C. 11 May 1899.

A. W. Vowell Esq.
Indian Superintendent
Victoria

Sir,

I have the honor to request authority on behalf of the Skiammon Band of Indians for permission to hire a white man with team of horses or Oxen to haul balance of the Logs which they have been authorized to cut on their Reserve for the purpose of constructing a Church. The hauling to be paid for from the Logs when sold. Unless the Logs are hauled for these Indians they will not be able to complete the work they have undertaken. The Logs have to be hauled a distance of from a ¼ to ¾ of a mile to where Booms can be made up and will cost about $1.50 per 1000 M to do the hauling. The Indians have got out a Boom which measured 193,671 feet, B.M. which realized $4.25 per 1000 M or $823.10 They hauled this Boom themselves by fastening a long rope with a Clevice to the end of the Log and then 30 to 40 Indians getting hold of the rope and hauled the Log to the water sometimes over ¼ a mile. This is hard tedious work and they have got completely discouraged. It has taken them upwards of 12 months to get out this small Boom. The Logs already cut by them I find are cut rather too short to realize best price, but they were obliged to cut them short so as to be able to handle them. I would strongly urge that a team be engaged to do the hauling. As it is not reasonable to ask the Indians to haul such heavy Logs. Skiammon Reserve is not at all suitable for Hand Logging being mostly flat

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flat or level ground. If you will refer to my letter of 25 January 1898 when forwarding the requisitions of these Indians. You will see that requisitions called for hauling to be done for them. I trust the Department will see its way clear to authorize the balance of the Logs required to be hauled for them.
One dollar 50 cts per 1000 ft is the usual price charged for hauling logs to the water and I feel sure I can get them hauled for that amount. although Chamon his partner an out of the place and few Indians on Okeir is that part of my Agency.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
Frank Devlin
Indian Agent

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Ottawa 25th May 1899-

Sir-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th Instant, No 634/I3, enclosing a letter from Mr. Agent Devlin asking, on behalf of the Sliammon Band of Indians for permission to hire a white man with team of horses or oxen to haul the balance of their logs, which they have been authorized to cut, on their Reserve for the purpose of constructing a Church, and to inform you that in view of the statements made by Mr. Agent Devlin and of your recommendation, the Department is willing to accede to the Band's request and you may advise Agent Devlin accordingly.

Your obedient servant

E. D. McLEAN

Secretary-

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