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Government House Victoria

Vancouver Island 11 August 1859

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Executive

David B. for 27 Oct 1859

Admiralty
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Sir

I have the honor to
acknowledge your Despatch No
9 of the 30th April enclosing for
my information the Copy of a
Report from Her Majesty's
Colonial Land and Emigration
Commissioners, in respect to reserving
the Coal and Timber both of
the North Forks British

Sir Edward Pakenham Esq. Bt.

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British Columbia and Vancouver
Island for government purposes

I am a competent person of
that sort. I am able to learn
that reference to such reservations
does not point them out as being
salutary and that in the case of
Colonies where they have been made
they have been wisely discontinued.

I shall therefore in
conformity with the views you have
expressed on the subject make no
reservation of soil or timber for
government purposes in British
Columbia and Vancouver Island
my own limited experience.

Having

having further satisfied me
that such reserves are vexatious
and unnecessary.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient

Humble servant

James Douglas