

TO MR. WILSON DUFF
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VANCOUVER 8, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Dear Mr. Duff:

Thank you very much for your letter of the 9th. ~~inst.~~ and also the copy of the cabinet order describing the terms of reference; I also note how you explain the order; you also mention that you do not know whether I want to send any communication to Dr. Barber who has been appointed to the position as Indian Claims Commissioner.

In reply, we beg to declare that we Claim the absolute title and the Aboriginal title in the lands and natural resources that are within the Kitwancool territory; we claim the absolute title and our aboriginal title because, according to our history, our forefathers, or, our ancestors did occupy and govern, rule and protect these titles and the Kitwancool territory many thousands of years before the recorded World Deluge and, also because our forefathers, or, our ancestors did reoccupy, govern, rule and protect the same titles and the same lands after the said Global deluge and, also because our forefathers, or, our ancestors never leave the same lands to go to Europe or other parts of The World and, also because our Absolute title and our aboriginal *title* has never been surrendered or extinguished LAWFULLY.

It is not very difficult for the CROWN or any Government concerned to understand the nature of these claims because the CROWN did rightfully recognize these titles many times in the first place and hence the CROWN did ~~did~~ negotiate and sign treaties with the Indian chiefs concerned at other part of what is now called CANADA.

Under the circumstances, to make it short, it is impossible for THE CROWN or any Government concerned, to get out of their indebtedness by way of compensation because they are too far gone no matter how much they already spend on the Indian affairs.

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The only honourable way which is of highly paramount importance to is an honourable negotiation with a view to Honourable and equitable settlement for the benefit of the Indians and the CROWN or any Government concerned forever.

And now, Mr. Duff, you have a properly signed authority sent to you some time ago so that you can act, without fear, in any case like this so that any tribunal or any Indian claims Commission cannot escape from dealing with these titles herein mentioned.

We respectfully expect you to impress the paramount importance and the nature of these titles mentioned herein upon the newly appointed Indian Claims Commission.

Yours most respectfully,
The Kitwancool, Per Peter Williams,
President of Kitwancool

Dated at Kitwancool, B.C.

February 19, 1970, A.D.

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Peter Williams