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My Lord Duke,

I have the honor  
to submit for Your Grace's  
information the following  
particulars

of Newcastle

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35 - I had an opportunity  
of communicating personally  
with the Native Indian Tribes,  
who assembled in great numbers  
at Cayoosh during my stay.

I made them clearly understand  
that Her Majesty's Government  
felt deeply interested in their  
welfare, and had sent instructions  
that they should be treated in  
all respects as Her Majesty's  
other subjects; and that the  
local Magistrates would attend  
to their complaints, and guard  
them from wrong, provided  
they

they abandoned their own  
barbarous modes of retaliation,  
and appealed in all cases  
to the laws for relief and  
protection. I also forcibly  
impressed upon their minds  
that the same laws would  
not fail to punish offences  
committed by them against  
the persons or property of others.

- I also explained to them  
that the Magistrates had  
instructions to stake out, and  
reserve for their use and  
benefit, all their occupied  
village sites and cultivated  
fields

fields, and as much land  
in the vicinity <sup>as</sup> as they could  
till, or was required for  
their support; and that they  
might fully exercise and  
enjoy the rights of fishing  
the Lakes and Rivers, and  
of hunting over all unoccupied  
Crown Lands in the Colony;  
and that on their becoming  
registered Free Miners, they  
might dig and search for  
Gold, and hold mining claims  
on the same terms precisely  
as other miners: in short,  
I strove to make them

Conscious

conscious that they were  
recognized members of the  
Commonwealth, and that by  
good conduct they would  
acquire a certain status,  
and become respectable  
members of society.

They were delighted with the  
idea, and expressed their  
gratitude in the warmest  
terms, assuring me of  
their boundless devotion and  
attachment to Her Majesty's  
person and Crown, and  
their readiness to take up  
arms at any moment in  
defense

defense of Her Majesty's  
dominion and rights.

<sup>111</sup> 36. Three exploratory  
~~parties were dispatched~~  
during my stay, from  
Cayoosh: the first, under  
the charge of Sapper Duffie,  
had orders to examine a  
route by the Cayoosh River  
from Port Seaton to Lillooet  
Lake, reported by the natives  
to be more direct, and in  
many other respects more  
convenient than the present  
route by Anderson Lake;

the

to Your Grace hereafter,  
as this Despatch has been  
drawn out to a greater  
length than I had proposed.

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I have the honor to be  
My Lord Duke,  
Your Grace's most obedient  
and humble Servant  
James Douglas