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Dear Mr. Lowell,

I duly received your private note of the 16th instant, respecting appointment of messenger, desire of Wicakau, the Principal of the Kamloops Institution, to resign, and the advisability of handing over the same to Priests and the Roman Catholic Bishop to manage, with proper supervision; also regarding your name being placed upon the Supplication list, for which you solicit my assistance, and which I shall

be happy to render should the
 opportunity present itself; also
 regarding the ^{by every party} ~~made for~~ ^{there}
 Indians of British Columbia
 being given an opportunity, if
 they serve the term of probation
 to become enfranchised. I quite
 agree with your remarks on
 this latter subject.

I beg to state that you un-
 dently omitted to send the last
 page of your letter, as it was
 not completed and broke off
 in the middle of a sentence.
 I knew it was from you, how-
 ever, from your handwriting.

I also received your letter
 of the 19th instant from Van-
 couver, and note your remarks



about spent in Meruam. I think
he is getting too old for the posi-
tion. I consider that he acted
very injudiciously in writing
to the newspapers or permitting
his views to be expressed therein
relative to the proposed en-
franchisement. If he would
study the Indian Act he would
see there was no cause for
the apprehension expressed in
respect to the Indians being
allowed to become enfranchised
if they serve the usual term of
probation satisfactorily.

has been inserted

An item has been inserted in the Estimates for the Agents' house at Fort Steele, which was

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I allude to in your letter.

hoping that your health
continues to improve, believe
me to remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Wm. H. Ruggles

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