

## **Early Vancouver**

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Capt. Turner  
M. W. C. S.  
S. D. S.

26<sup>th</sup> June 1883

Memo. for Cap: Parsons R.R.

I wish Corporal Turner and Party to  
procure if earliest opportunity I Burnard hotel  
to be Review Posts of fort: Reserve for town near  
Entrance - D. D. Naval Reserve and then  
to survey lands property of R. Burnaby and  
H.P.P. Crease and from ~~then~~ thence to lay out claims  
or survey lands (160 acres each, narrow side to Shorefront)  
between Fish Point and the Village which has been  
laid out "in bloc". ~~From~~ In laying out above  
the party is especially to mark on Plan and transmit  
the same as early as possible to me showing any  
clearances or Huts or other "occupations" recently made  
by any parties.

M. W. C. S.

**COPY OF PHOTOSTAT NO. 12240, DEPT. OF LANDS, SURVEY BRANCH, VICTORIA.**

No. 65  
New Westminster  
November 1862

Sir:

We the undersigned desire to pre-empt the Plot of Land (marked on the plan "red") situated at Burrard's Inlet, bounded on the north by Burrard's Inlet, on the east by Government reserve, on the south by English Bay, and on the west by Government Reserve, will you please record the above described piece of land for us.

signed,

William Hailstone,  
Sam Brighthouse

John Morton Note: the consideration was four shillings and two pence per acre, 550 acres £114.11.8  
official receipt 7 December 1865. Price paid in scrip. \$1.01 per acre \$555.75, File 286/73 Dept. of Lands, Victoria.

**BURRARD INLET SURVEY, 1863. LANCE-CORPORAL G. TURNER, R.E.**

Historic Survey of Vancouver, 1863.

The village which has been laid out "en bloc."

Copy of order on small sheet of paper in the handwriting of Col. R.C. Moody, commanding Royal Engineers, directing survey of Burrard Inlet. The original field notes, together with original letter, and preserved in the Land Registry, Victoria.

26 Jan'y 1863

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Corp'l Turner.  
W. McColl, S.R.E.

**Memo for Capt. Parsons RE**

I wish Corporal Turner and party to proceed by earliest opportunity to Burrard Inlet to revise posts of gov't reserve for town near entrance—Do. Do. naval reserve and then to survey lands the property of R. Burnaby and N.P.P. Crease and from thence to lay out claims or survey lands (160 acres each, narrow side to shore front) between such points and the village which has been laid out "en bloc". In laying out above the party is especially to mark on plan and transmit the same as early as possible to me showing any clearances or huts or other 'occupations' recently made by any parties.

R.C.M.  
Col. Com'g

**JOHN MORTON, WILLIAM HAILSTONE, SAM BRIGHOUSE.**

Copy of original documents in Land Registry, Vancouver.

1858 Royal Arms  
V.R.  
JWB  
Frederick Seymour  
Colony of British Columbia  
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