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Department of the Interior,

Geological & Natural History Survey.

Pelly River, 29th July, 1894.

Dear Mr. White,

We reached this point on Pelly River today at about noon, near the site of the old H. B. post Pelly Banks, of which, however, we have not seen any trace. The Indians returning to Wrangell at the mouth of the Stickeen leave us in the morning. Without them it would have been impossible to bring over even the necessary stuff which we now have here as we have been unable to get the assistance of any local Indians, or even to get a single one for a guide, we have in consequence had to find everything out for ourselves, & could discover no trace of a trail from Francis L. to the Pelly. The

interesting

intervening Country is not high, but very thick & mossy in places & the men had a hard struggle coming over with packs of 100 lbs weight, in very hot weather with innumerable Mosquitoes. The portage is about 60 miles - I hope now in about two weeks to connect with Mr. Agilvie at the mouth of Stewart R., making another boat here for the descent of the Pelly. If all goes well we should have still a little spare time for the Stewart before it will be necessary to begin our return by the Lewis. The weather has lately been very fine & warm & there is nothing at all Arctic about the appearance of the Country, though so far North, the vegetation being very much that of the Interior Plateaus of B.C. in the vicinity of the Kechaco & Great bend of the Fraser. We have heard nothing more of the

Reports

reports which reached us in spring of
trouble between Indians & miners in Yukon
region but have not been much in the
way of getting news of any kind as we
have not seen anyone besides those com-
prising our own little party since leaving
the forks of the Stearns & Liard Rivers, I have
not yet ascertained the correct position of
this point, but hope to do so tomorrow. The
latitude of Frances L. on Mr. Campbell's
map is nearly correct. The approx. barometric
elevation of the Pelly R. here is 2800. It is
already a fine large stream flowing at
about three miles an hour with nearly
clear lake water. Please excuse this hurried
note. I have little time to write & can
scarcely do more than note our safe ar-
rival here, for which at one time I scarcely

dared

dared to hope, so numerous were the difficulties
we encountered.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) George M. Dawson.

Gen. Thos. White,

Ottawa.

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