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King Island
11th January 1907

To,
The Directors of
The British Flag Prospecting & Mining Syndicate King Island.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to report that the works on Fraser River leases are all in good order. The engine however should receive a slight over haul, and when this is done, the works may be started again at 24 hours notice. The mine water used for the boiler is very detrimental to the same and in any advantage to dispense with steam power if practicable. The building and tools are in good order, but the walls of the dressing shed, should be renewed with wood or iron before the winter.

Since closer of the works I have according to your directions been engaged in doing a general inspection of the southern part of the paddock, and the rest of the country will receive attention in due course where, I shall have the pleasure in submitting a full report for your information. At present I may say that the country inspected is promising for lode mining, several nice lode formations having been located and are carrying Tin and monazite, several of these are worthy of being tested later. Though colours of gold mostly fire assay may be obtained in many places, the nature of the country does not lead one to expect any large extent of mineral bearing drifts. The formations are on the whole but little disturbed and the lodes have continuity, they appear to belong to two different geological epochs, the strike of each series being distinct. The gold reefs are invariably pyrite and will probably invariably improve, when sunk on. Tin and gold were the only minerals of value noticed so far.

Yours faithfully
H.W. Pivett Zaruae
General Manager.