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Humble Petition of the Nishga Nation or Tribe of Indians demnstrates as follows—

1. From time immemorial the said Nation or Tribe of Indians indisputably possessed, occupied and used and exercised sovereignty over that portion of the territory now forming the Province of British Columbia which is included within the following limits:—

2. Your Petitioners believe the fact to be that, when sovereignty over the territory included within the aforesaid limits (hereinafter referred to as “the said territory”) was assumed by Great Britain, such sovereignty was not extinguished, and the Nishga Nation or Tribe of Indians continued to have exclusive possession, occupation and use, and exercised and exercised and continued to exercise, sovereignty over the said territory, and the Nishga Nation or Tribe of Indians continues to maintain such sovereignty over the said territory, and the Nishga Nation or Tribe of Indians hereby requests and prays that all such orders or directions as to matters of practice or procedure may be made or given as to Your Majesty may seem meet.

3. No part of the said territory is within the limits of the territory granted to the Hudson’s Bay Company.

4. The said Nishga Nation or Tribe is one of the nations or Tribes of Indians mentioned in the said Proclamation as being under the protection of the Sovereign, and all members thereof are Your Majesty’s subjects.

5. No part of the said territory has been ceded to or purchased by the Crown, and no part thereof has been purchased from the said Nation or Tribe by the Crown or by any person acting on behalf of the Crown.

6. No part of the said territory is within the limits of the territory granted to the United States.

7. In view of all that has been hereinbefore stated Your Petitioners, claiming to hold a tribal title to the whole of the said territory both by aboriginal right and under the said Proclamation, and having no other recourse for securing justice, humbly place this Petition before Your Majesty as the source and fountain of all justice, having supreme authority over all persons and matters within Your Majesty’s dominions, and do hereby pray that—

8. Your Petitioners therefore, humbly pray that Your Majesty in Council may be pleased to—

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15. In the matter of the territory of the Nishga nation or Tribe of Indians.

To the King’s Most Excellent Majesty his Privy Council.

Introductory Note

This Petition is presented by the Nishga Nation or Tribe of Indians through their Agents Messrs. Fox and Preece, of 15 Dean’s Yard, Westminster, Solicitors, in pursuance of a resolution passed by a meeting of the Nishga Nation held at the Village of Kanea on Burnaby Lake, in the Province of British Columbia, on Wednesday, the 3rd day of June, 1912.