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Dear Professor Duff,

After your call I skimmed through a few hundred pages of manuscript in my files and think I came upon the item to which you referred. When Swan made the trip on the Wolcott in 1875 his largest purchase was a huge canoe at Fort Simpson. After his return, while his purchases were arriving by degrees at Victoria, he arranged for construction of an Indian lodge 30 by 20 feet to be shipped from Alert Bay.

I couldn't find any reference to a lodge on his later trip to the Queen Charlottes, as he travelled then entirely by canoe and his purchases were of smaller and more portable sizes. He bought largely masks, ornaments and carvings.

Swan
You asked me about Edinsa or Edinshaw. He spoke of George, then living at Massett; of Charley, the carver, from whom Swan obtained various hand-wrought objects; and finally he recounted in detail his travels with Charley's father, the old chief, and his squaw. Swan got along rather badly with the old man, but he did record quite a few legends the chief told him.

When you asked if you might examine my notes it put me in an awkward position, as I suppose that you, too, are writing for publication. I wish Binfords & Mort would get along with the two books the firm commissioned from me. I have no objection to showing you

the great amount of material I have gathered on Swan because I personally am through with him. But I don't know if this is ~~quite~~ the thing to do until Binford's have acted. By summer this point may have been cleared up. For any minor information I'm sure you're quite welcome .

I literally lived James Swan's life for a couple of years and nobody wants more to see him hurried into print than I do.

Sincerely yours,

Lucile McDonald