

Ball.

Treasury

F101



New Westminster  
March 24 1869

Sir  
I have the honor  
to forward an Estimate  
of the Revenue and  
Expenditure of the  
District of New West  
for the current year  
exclusive of the Revenue  
derived from the  
<sup>assay.</sup> Customs and Post  
Office Departments -

I have the honor to be

Si  
Your obedient servant  
H. M. Ball  
Stipendiary Magistrate

The Hon  
Colonial Secretary  
Victoria

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Police & Gaols  
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New Westminster

April 7<sup>th</sup> 1869

Sir

I have the honor to report that there is a lunatic confined in the Gaol here of the name of Charles Price who was formerly a Sapper

He is comparatively harmless and his friends here are anxious to get him conveyed to England with a view to placing him in some lunatic asylum where he might

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might eventually recover.

His friends are willing to subscribe towards paying a portion of his passage to London provided the Government would grant a certain sum for that purpose and could provide for his admission into an asylum on his arrival.

There is a vessel now loading at Burrard Inlet which will be leaving for London direct in about 3 weeks affording a good opportunity to secure him a passage which will cost  
about

\$120.00

The Doctor assures me that recovery in his present position is hopeless and his removal would therefore be an act of humanity as well as economy.

I enclose Dr Black's report respecting him.

I have the honor to be  
Sir

Your obedient servant

A. M. Hall  
Stipary Magte.



The Govt will reimburse \$100 towards  
sending him home. His friends in England,  
if he has any, which might be  
ascertained, should receive him  
or attend. If he has no friends  
I will write the Secretary  
of State on the subject.

W.D.

13 April 1869

Ch. Ball

New Westminster B.C.

7<sup>th</sup> April 1869

Sir

I have the honor to report  
to you that having examined the  
condition of Charles Pude, now  
confined in the Jail at New  
Westminster, as a Lunatic, I am  
of opinion that his general state  
of health is good and that although  
his intellect is still deranged yet  
he is no longer dangerous. I do not  
believe that any further improvement  
can take place in his mental  
condition while he remains in  
confinement. But I am of opinion,  
if he could be sent home to England  
the voyage and change of scene  
would greatly benefit his condition  
if not effect an entire cure.

I have the honor to remain

for

Your obedient servant,

A. H. Black M.D.

Medical Officer

Hon<sup>ble</sup> H. M. Ball

Stipendiary Magistrate

New Westminster District

Do do do

New Westminster



CCO.  
14 April 1869  
Sir, your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> inst, reporting  
that there is a lunatic confined in  
the Gaol at New Westminster  
& recommending he should be sent  
to England, has been laid before  
the Governor; and I am instructed  
to inform you that the Government  
will subscribe one hundred dollars  
towards paying his expenses -

Will you be good enough to  
endeavour to ascertain the address  
of any friends he may have in  
England, in order that they may  
be written to, and prepared to  
receive him on arrival -

I have the honor

to be, Sir, your obedient servant

Capt. Ball.

Ball

Hospital  
F101  
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New Westminster  
April 8<sup>th</sup> 1869

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 22 March 1869 with its enclosure directing me to report on the general state and management of the Hospital at New Westminster

I consider that the present system of management is most expensive and that the expenses might be considerably reduced by adopting the following measures

In the first place a regular scale of diet should be established by the Doctor and all provisions and stores supplied by contract: at present they are supplied at the current rates owing to the debts of the institution

The Stewards wages should be reduced He now receives \$70.00 a month for the services of himself and wife who is supposed to cook. In addition he is supplied with board for himself and family consisting of wife & four children

The institution owes for wages and board to this steward up to March 31<sup>st</sup> 1869 the sum of \$1208.37½ and until this

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>

Colonial Secretary

Amount



Amount is paid no other arrangement can be made or the present Steward discharged if unwilling to remain at a reduced rate of wages

3 The Medicines might be ordered from England at half the Colonial prices: the present supply is procured wherever they can be obtained.

4 The fuel used in the Hospital could be supplied from the wood cut by the chain gang

5 The salary of the Doctor, as now only one is engaged, might be reduced to \$2500. <sup>per annum</sup>

I find that the average number of patients per day throughout the year is but seven, and as the expenses of the Institution for 1868 amounted to \$3500. <sup>per annum</sup> the daily cost of each patient would be about one dollar  $\frac{7}{10}$  or deducting the the amount for Doctors salary and Stewards wages &c. the maintenance of each patient including medicines would be about 59  $\frac{1}{2}$  cents.

The private subscriptions have latterly very much decreased, amounting not more than \$500. <sup>per annum</sup> so that the Institution debts of the Institution must necessarily amount to about \$900. <sup>per annum</sup> each year beyond the proceeds of the Government Grant of \$2000, private subscriptions \$500. and paying patients about \$100. <sup>per annum</sup>

The arrears of 1867 & 1868 amount to

\$1100. <sup>per annum</sup> and the expenses for 1869 to \$1300. making a total of \$2400. <sup>per annum</sup> now owing by the Institution for which the committee are responsible to a certain extent

At present there are Four patients in the Hospital one of whom has been in for six months and is likely to remain in <sup>for some time</sup>

I do not think it advisable to break up the Hospital at New Westminster as patients are admitted from the Upper Country as far as Quonelle, and the frequent accidents occurring at Burraras Inlet render a Hospital almost indispensable.

A considerable reduction might however be made in the expenses provided the Institution could start without debt

I have the honor to be  
Sir

Your most obedient servant

Henry M. Ball  
Stipry Magle



Inform Police Proprietor of New Britain  
that the debts of the Hospital will be  
at once paid & that his suggestions  
as regards the future management  
of the Institution will be carried  
out. Let me see letter  
before its press.

D.

W. G. Phillips  
Col. Secy

Ball

Hospitals.

New West?

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April 8th 1869

Sir I have the honor to  
forward an application  
for a supply of Medical  
Stores for the use of the  
Hospital at New West-  
minster

I have the honor to be

Sir  
Your obedt Servt  
H. M. Ball  
Surgeon Major

The Hon  
Colonial Secretary

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There is a considerable supply of  
Medicinal Stores in the Camp at  
San Antonio. I think that  
Dr. Black ought to have more  
power in his application  
with Anthony his Police  
Magistrate & act on  
his own discretion

Y<sup>r</sup> O<sup>rs</sup>

W. P. Ball

Col. S. J.



New Westminster B.C.  
8<sup>th</sup> April 1869

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I find after investigation that the Hospital is greatly in want of a supply of Medical stores

Permit me to request that you will at once bring this matter before the notice of His Excellency the Governor as from the inadequate supply of Medicines &c now in store I am precluded from doing that justice to the cases that come under my charge that I should desire to do, there being generally from five to six patients in the Institution

I have the honor to remain

Yours obedient Servant  
A. H. Black M.D.  
Medical Officer

Hon<sup>ble</sup> H. McCall,  
Stipendiary Magistrate  
New Westminster District  
New Westminster

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14 Feb 69

Sir,  
I am directed by the Genl to authorize  
you acting on your own discretion as to  
a supply of medical stores for the  
hospital - to which or letter of the Genl  
to which you refer. To Black to prepare a list of a very  
moderate supply of medicines absolutely  
indispensable for immediate use to be  
procured in Victoria  
as well as ~~a~~ a list of medicines to be procured  
in England say a supply for 2 years -

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COLONIAL  
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

Recd 12/24/69

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New Westminster  
April 8<sup>th</sup> 1869.

Sir I have the honor  
to forward vouchers for  
amounts paid on behalf  
of the Lands & Works  
Department amounting  
to Four Hundred &  
\$ 437 <sup>15</sup>/<sub>100</sub>. Thirty Seven dollars <sup>15</sup>/<sub>100</sub>  
and request a draft  
for the amount may  
be forwarded.

The repairs to Govt  
House during the winter  
have been rather extensive

Yours  
The Hon  
Chief Commisr of Lands & Works  
Victoria



The Woodshed was  
ordered to be repaired  
and built up by Mr.  
Mannsell's directions  
and it became a more  
expensive job than was  
at first expected, but  
it is now thoroughly  
built up, cribbed &  
roofed, and will last  
securely for many years.

I have the honor to be

Dear Sir

Your obedient servant

Wm Ball

Asst Secy of S. M. A.

Chartered for the purpose of consideration on the  
 by Mr Ball being an amount paid to John M. Murray  
 in 3 months wages for taking charge of them and looking  
 at the Camp - No authority has been given through  
 the Dept for any payment on this account, and there  
 is no provision in this order relative to Mr Ball's  
 the sum of \$1000 in note for taking charge of them  
 in London of Mr Murray - I beg to mention  
 to request authority for payment of \$1000 or more  
 on this account - if it is considered advisable  
 to continue in charge -  
 in answer to another item \$1000  
 for which vouchers receipt are forwarded by  
 Mr Ball for payment on account of Mr Murray's  
 a remark that no authority for this expenditure  
 has passed through the Dept and I am sorry  
 to state that from an opinion as to whether or not  
 this sum of money has been properly laid out  
 over and above of this expenditure having been  
 considered by Mr Murray - and I am sorry  
 observe that it appears from my documents that  
 whenever practicable authority for expenditure  
 of similar character that must now be given  
 should be applied for through this Dept  
 for Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 1869  
 The authority for employing Mr Murray  
 looking after the buildings & other premises  
 by me verbally 25<sup>th</sup> Sept as his application  
 The office has been made in London

New West  
 April 17  
 Dear Mansell  
 This is all  
 the documents I have  
 respecting the repairs  
 to Woodshed of Mr  
 House - I will see  
 Murray on the subject  
 & forward any papers  
 he may have about it.  
 It could not have  
 been repaired in the  
 way it was done & cheaply



and is a long  
heavy job —

However it is effectually  
repaired now &  
will last for some  
time — years —  
besides the old  
shed would have  
tumbled down.

Very dull, & am  
incessant —

When are you  
coming up?

I hope soon.

Love to all

Yrs in haste

H. M. Ball

Pictou  
3 Dec: 1869

My dear Ball,

Murray supplied the  
"Switzerland" with a saw, will  
you please to let him have  
one out of the U.S. Stores in  
its place.

I enclose a Voucher for  
the time Murray was specially  
employed to watch J.P. House  
after we left in May last



It was, as you may recollect  
when there was so much talk  
of Fenians & the Governor  
wished the house to be looked  
after, for a time, at night.  
Will you kindly pay Murray  
& bring the vouchers in with  
your accounts. He will  
tell you the number of nights.  
I have not fixed any rate of pay.

I inclose a list bill for lumber  
for fencing round Govt House  
H. D. Murray will explain  
it to you.

The wood shed wants looking  
to. Do you not think it would  
be cheapest for Murray & McShaffery  
to be employed cribbing up the  
back of the shed?

J. M. Murray  
of Merrimack

I think the services of  
Mr. Murphy might be  
dispensed with at the  
camp. With the exception  
of occasional repairs to  
the roads in the neighbourhood  
of the camp, there is nothing  
for him to do. —————

April 28<sup>th</sup> 1869.  
H. M. Ball

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Let the copy be dispensed with

V.D.

18 April 69

Ch. J. J.

Forwarded to the Chief of Revenue  
for his information & guidance

J. J.

20/4/69

The Chief of Revenue?

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CORRESPONDENCE

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Recd 14/4/69

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12 New West Co.

April 10<sup>th</sup> 1869.

Sir  
I have the honor  
to enclose bills from  
James Kearney for hauling  
Fire wood to the different  
Government Departments.  
also a Bill for hauling  
Lumber &c for repairs to  
Govt House & garden fence  
and a bill for wood  
supplied to the Steamer  
St. J. Douglas.

I forward these accounts

The Hon  
Chief Comdr. of A. S. S. S.



There are not sufficient  
Funds here to meet the  
demand. —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Yours obedt Servt

Wm Ball  
Stipry Magte

Sir

15<sup>th</sup> April 1869

I duly received your letter  
of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. - covering certain bills  
from James Kearney for hauling  
firewood to the different ~~parts~~  
~~of~~ but as I am quite unac-  
quainted with the details of these  
<sup>charges</sup> ~~accounts~~ it appears more convenient  
that whatever is due on this account  
should be paid by you - and as  
you will be placed in funds  
by the receipt of my remittance  
of today. I return you the  
whole of the bills sent down  
except that for cordwood  
delivered to Mr. J. Douglas  
which I will take an opportunity



speaking immediately after I  
have seen Japson Clarke in  
reference to it -

Thank  
you

Hon H. Hall M.

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Police & Quots.  
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New West 2nd

April 16<sup>th</sup> 1869

Sir, I have the honor to forward for the Consideration of His Excellency the Governor, an application from Constables Macnamara and Edwards respecting the reduction of their pay.

These Constables have now been in the Service several years and I would earnestly recommend that

their  
Hon<sup>ble</sup> Colonial Secretary

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their pay be raised to  
the same rate as they  
received previous years.

I have the honor to be  
Sir

Your obedt. Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Henry M. Ball

Application passed

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19 April 69

C. J. S. J.

New Westminster  
15<sup>th</sup> April 1869

Hon H M Ball  
Stipendiary Magistrate of the  
New Westminster District  
Sir

We beg respectfully to  
call your attention to the serious reduction  
made in our pay as Constables at New  
Westminster

The pay has been for several years  
£700 <sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> per annum, this year it is reduced  
to £1.75 per day or £638 <sup>75</sup>/<sub>100</sub> per annum  
being a reduction of £61 <sup>25</sup>/<sub>100</sub> per annum

We would respectfully remind you that  
the Constables in New Westminster are  
every day employed as Chain gang  
guards besides their other duties  
as Constables and that no clothing  
is furnished them

We have the honor to remain  
Sir

Your most obedient servants

James M. Hanson  
~~Constable~~  
W. Edward Esq  
Constables





Recd 20<sup>th</sup> May 69

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New Westminster

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30  
May 18<sup>th</sup> 1869.

Sir

According to your instructions I have the honor to report that I inspected the repairs of the Burrard Inlet Road now in course of construction by Mr. Spence -

The principal part of the repairs are made on the Inlet side of the Long Bridge and at present extend to within a quarter of a mile of the terminus of the Road.

The Hon  
Chief Commissioner of  
Lands & Works

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As the money authorized  
to be expended has been nearly  
consumed in the repairs  
already <sup>nearly</sup> completed, I deemed  
it expedient to authorize Mr.  
Spence to expend a further  
sum of Five Hundred dollars \$500  
and another Hundred if \$100.  
absolutely necessary in order  
that that section of the  
road might be put in a  
state of through repair and  
also that a few bad  
places on the hill on this  
side of the Bridge might  
be <sup>also</sup> repaired. With this  
extra

extra expenditure the  
Road will be put in  
good order for this season  
throughout.

Mr Spence does not  
require a cart & horse  
as he does not intend  
to cover the bordway with  
gravel ~~stake~~, but to lay  
as much bordway as  
possible to form a founda-  
-tion for future covering.

I have the honor to be

<sup>Sr</sup>  
Your obedt servt  
H. M. Ball  
Asst Commr of  
L. I. W.

New Westmin<sup>ter</sup>

April 19<sup>th</sup> 1869

I certify that the Land applied  
for as a Military Grant on the  
Pitt River Road. by William Colvins  
is open for preemption

This Land was previously preempted  
by a Mr. Parsons in 1842, but abandoned  
as improvements being made, or  
any occupation.

H. M. Ball  
Hydrographer

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Recd May 20<sup>th</sup> 1869

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35 New Westminster  
May 19<sup>th</sup> 1869.

Sir the honor  
I have to acknowledge  
the receipt of your letter 15<sup>th</sup> May  
enclosing Treasury Order no 14  
for Five Hundred dollars &  
an authorized cheque on the  
Bank of British Columbia  
also for Five Hundred dollars.

\$500

\$500

I have the honor to be

Sir

Yours obedt servt

H. M. Ball  
Asst. C. S. 1869

Mr  
Chief Commr of  
Lands & Works  
H. H. H.

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Police & Gaols.

New West <sup>2</sup> F108

20 May 21<sup>st</sup> 1869

Sir I have the honor to report that I have been obliged to discharge Allan Cummings from his office as Gaoler at New West<sup>2</sup> for neglect of duty & other irregularities, and have appointed Mr. A. Guerra to the post, which was filled by him some time ago, and the duties conducted to the satisfaction

Hon  
Colonial Secretary

of

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of the Warden of the  
Goal.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedt Servt

Wm Hall

Henry Thrale.

Wm. Hall  
March 17 1869  
in furtherance of a matter  
which has been referred to  
Mr. Justice Colvill & on  
behalf of the Prisoners  
(P.S.)



H. M. Ball

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C.S.O.  
15 June 69

Sir -  
In reply to your letter of the  
21 ultimo reporting your  
having discharged Allen  
Gammings, the further to  
be recommended for  
repeal of duty and your  
having appointed Mr  
Suera in his place I  
am directed by the O.C.  
to acquaint you that he  
appears of this as a  
temporary measure.  
You will report at the  
expiration of a month  
as to Mr Suera's conduct

and please to be confirmed  
in the appointment.

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New Westminster  
May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1869

Sir  
I have the honor to forward a return of persons who have paid deposits on surveyed & unsurveyed preempted lands in my district, since I have had charge of the office.

Receipt of returns to be acknowledged APR 21

I am unable to complete the return required by you as far back as 1865. My predecessor, Mr. Brew made no entries in his books of receipts of money

Your Chief Commr of Lands & Works.

La Land, but forwarded  
it together with partition  
plans to the Land Office  
at New West? —

I have the honor to be

in

Your obedient servant

H. M. Ball

Henry Magie



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46 New West?

May 28th. 1869.

Sir  
I have the honor  
to enclose an application  
from Mr. Edmunds of  
New West? to act as  
Auctioneer at the sale  
of the Town Lots of  
Hastings on the 10th July.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient Servant

H. M. Ball

Shipwright.

The Hon

Chief Commr of  
Lands & Works

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forwarded for the consideration of the  
Office Administration. The work with reference  
to the fact that Mr. Edwards be employed as  
an auctioneer at the usual rate of commission  
viz. 5% in percentage of the amount  
realized.

Joseph T. Smith

16 June 1869

Wm. A. Ball

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Mr Edmunds approved of.  
Chamford

19/5/69

The Hon.  
J. Trench

Recd 31/5/69

New Westminster  
28<sup>th</sup> May 1869

Now H. M. Ball  
Assistant Commissioner of Lands & Works.  
New Westminster District  
Sir

I beg respectfully  
to make application to you for the  
employment as the Auctioneer for  
the sale of the town lots at Hastings  
on the 10<sup>th</sup> July next. As the only  
Auctioneer in the district I think  
I am fairly entitled to the preference  
and I am prepared to undertake  
the sale on the usual Government  
terms for land sales in the district.

I have the honor to be  
Sir

Your obedient servant  
Henry Edwards

Sir I am sorry  
in reply to your letter of  
the 28<sup>th</sup> ult. enclosing an appli:  
from Mr. Edmunds to be  
employed as auctioneer  
at the forthcoming sale of  
~~some~~ Lots in the Town  
of Hastings I have the  
honour to inform you that  
the engagement of Mr. Edmunds  
services for this purpose has  
been authorized <sup>at a</sup> rate of  
commission not exceeding  
1 per cent. ~~per the realized~~  
amount realized at the  
sale

H. M. Ball J.P. W.



Recd  
2/6/69

File  
New Westminster

May 29<sup>th</sup> 1869

Sir  
I have the honor to  
forward a letter from the  
Deputy Collector of Customs at  
Murrumbidgee, requesting  
to know on what terms he  
can acquire a piece of  
Land at the Coal Reserve  
for private purposes.

I have the honor to be

Sir  
Yours obedient servant  
Wm Ball  
Deputy Magistrate

Hon Chief Commissioner  
Lands & Works.





you will so inform Mr  
Brew in reply to his letter  
which is herewith returned

Yours

H.M. Ball

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Wm Ball Minister  
May 31st 1869.

Sir I have the honor to forward for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor a letter from a gold prospector named John Thomas, applying for Government assistance for this purpose.

I know the applicant to be a hardworking and energetic prospector, and that his canoe with all his provisions and tools was upset in the Squamish River, so that under these circumstances I think him deserving of some assistance from the Government which might enable him to start again for that portion of the country which contains gold and where paying diggings might eventually be found.

I have the honor to be Sir

Your obedient servant

Wm Ball  
Wm Ball

Hon Colonial Secretary



*For American Journal*  
*17/5/69*  
*H. M. Ball*

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17  
Richards Melik May 28 1869

To the Honble  
H. M. Ball

Sir I respectfully request you to submit  
to His Excellency the Governor, for his consideration  
the following statement  
Nearly three years since I saw  
gold which I was informed came from the head  
waters of the Chiamuk River which runs by  
to the Squamish River. Believing that the place  
must produce gold in paying quantities I  
endeavoured to reach there from Kamang Melik  
but found the snow & depth on the divide between  
Richards Melik and Chiamuk. In the suggestion  
of some persons, I also tried to get up by Pitt River  
as the course and position of Chiamuk River  
was then unknown to me. I found that route  
impassable, or at least too difficult for any  
one, whose limited means, required quick handling.  
Learning from Indians more of the country, I  
recently went up Squamish River in a canoe  
with five months provisions, and after several  
altogether worth \$1000, the value of one year  
hard work. In going up the river my canoe  
accidentally ran on a rock and split in  
two whelms, I lost everything and nearly my  
life. The people in Redoubt Melik and the  
Melik have started a subscription to help me  
to try another expedition, and I have been



advised to apply to Government for assistance  
towards it. I apply through you Sir, because  
because, during your residence in Cariboo  
you may have known, that I have some  
experience in Mines, and not likely to look  
for gold or silver, when they are not at  
least in some quantity, neither am I an  
idiot, nor one who would ask anybody for  
anything without hoping to make some  
return

I have gold in the Squamish River  
and other streams heading to the Westward  
I wish to get to, and good specimens have  
been brought from them by Indians

I hope Sir Excellency will favourably  
consider the matter, and assist in what  
may turn out a benefit to the Colony

I have the Honour to be  
Your obedient Servant  
John Thomas

The Hon.  
J. M. Hall

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21 June 69

C.S.D

*[Handwritten signature]*  
In reply to your letter of the  
31 inst. enclosing application from  
a gold prospector named John Thomas  
for some aid from Govt in view of  
his having lately lost all his property  
which <sup>proceeds</sup> ~~proceeds~~ in a prospecting town  
up the Squamish River, I am  
decidedly & truly to undertake  
from advancing him the sum of  
£100 for the purpose of enabling  
him to prospect the river a position  
provided that the people of New  
Westminster provide a license.



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69 June 1<sup>st</sup> 1869

Received from the Lands &  
Works office a plan of  
the Town of Hastings -

W. Ball  
Asst. Secy. of L. Works

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COLONIAL  
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

Recd June 7 1869

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38  
New Westminster

June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1869

Sir  
I have the honor to  
forward an account of  
Monies advanced to the  
Lands & Works Department  
amounting to Five Hundred  
\$ 554  $\frac{13}{100}$  and Fifty Four dollars  $\frac{13}{100}$ ,  
for which expenditure  
Vouchers are herewith  
enclosed.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

H. M. Ball  
District Magistrate

Wm  
Chief Comr. of  
Lands & Works.



Lands & Works Office

7<sup>th</sup> June 1869

Sr.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 3<sup>rd</sup> Inst. enclosing vouchers for (£ 534 <sup>13</sup>/<sub>100</sub>) Five hundred and fifty four dollars & thirteen cents - for Disbursements in your District.

On receipt of your Telegraph of 4<sup>th</sup> Inst. <sup>advising</sup> for the sum of Eleven hundred dollars. I <sup>referred it</sup> ~~applied~~ to the Colonial Secretary for authority to draw this amount. but have to inform you, that ~~the Colonial Secretary~~ having had no understanding of the kind with Mr. Tutch., declines to authorize Expenditures of money out of Lands & Works. Should however Mr Tutch's return be delayed beyond Wednesday or Thursday I think it is not improbable that the Colonial Secy will sanction the Expenditure in which case I will remit

The Works

H. M. Ball J.P.

for New Westminster.

I have the honor to be  
Yours faithfully  
J. H. Johnston





Ball.

B.C. 1869  
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Inquests. F101  
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Victoria  
June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1869

\$80.

Sir I have the honor  
to apply for the fees (\$80)  
due to Doctor Peter Bourne  
for services performed in  
making post mortem  
examinations on eight dead  
bodies on the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>  
of May at Point Estevan.

As coroner for this  
special service I was obliged  
to employ Dr. Bourne on this  
duty.

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Yours obedt Servant  
H. M. Ball  
Stipend Magistrate.

Sir  
Acting Col. Secretary,  
H. M. Ball

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CORRESPONDENCE

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Handwritten notes on a piece of paper, including the name "Wm. H. Ball" and other illegible cursive text.

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COLONIAL  
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC



Bell.

(1)

Policies & Gaols F 101

New Westminster

28<sup>th</sup> June 1869

Sir

In reply to your  
letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> June  
calling for a report of  
Mr Guerra's conduct  
since his appointment  
as Gaoler at New Westminster  
I have the honor to  
forward a report from  
the Warden of the Gaol  
which I trust may be  
satisfactory and lead  
to the confirmation of  
the

Hon  
Acting Colonial Secretary  
to  
to  
to

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CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

the appointment

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedt servt

Wm Ball

Stipary Magte







now holds

I have the honor to be  
Sir

Your most obedt. servant  
C. J. Richard

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COLONIAL  
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC



Wm. Ball

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J. G. C. O.  
2 July 1869

Sir,

I am directed by the  
W. D. G. to accept you, in  
reply to your letter of the  
28<sup>th</sup> ult., that he has  
been pleased to confirm  
the appt. of Mr. Guerin  
as Gaoler at New West.

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COLONIAL  
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

Recd July 1869

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New Westminster

June 29<sup>th</sup> 1869

Sir I have the honor  
to inform you that a person  
named John Brighta has  
settled on the Coal Wharf  
on "Wooded Town site" at  
Burrard Inlet and is now  
keeping a liquor saloon,  
and I have also given  
permission to another person  
Mr Benjamin Brown to  
erect a saloon in the same  
locality.

I charge each of

Mr  
Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works

them

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COLONIAL  
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC





Forwarded for Mr. Galloway's consideration  
 in connection with other papers  
 laid before him in reference to  
 settlements out of the business as  
 to which Mr. Galloway has  
 been fully informed.  
 Either all the business should  
 be introduced into the  
 account - or if the  
 the account should  
 should be done  
 off into lots and  
 offered for sale by auction.

A decision on this subject must  
 depend mainly on the Attorney General's  
 opinion as to the validity of the  
 the claims still urged by the  
 B.A. Local Company to this account  
 my right of a claim to that company  
 goods that they obtained. 2 July 1869

Joseph W. Smith  
 2 July 1869  
 Acts of Secy



Recd. 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1869

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New Westminster  
30 June 1869

69

Sir

I have the honor to  
enclose report from Mr  
W. D. Wade, upon the state  
of the Douglas Road.

I have the honor to be

Sir  
your obed<sup>t</sup>. servant,

H. M. Ball  
Asst. Commr.

The Hon

The Chief Commr

x x x

Victoria

Douglas  
June 25<sup>th</sup> 1869

Sir, In reply to yours of May 18<sup>th</sup> I have the honor to return the following report with the remarks that your letter did not reach me until the 17<sup>th</sup> Inst.

I have just returned from personally inspecting the Road from Douglas to 24 mile House, the result of which is as below.

The worst damage is at Gibraltar Hill where about ninety yards of cribbing have given way, a beam burnt out, leaving one spot too narrow for a wagon to pass by, and the rest in such unsafe state as may be supposed.

The sand hill is the next in importance there being five or six bad breaks & holes in it, although there are several other spots, before arriving there, that need repairing and shovelling out of slides, that I presume it is not necessary to particularise, save one place at Lake Hill - where a wagon once capsized into the Lake - which is not safe.

Sebastopol Bridge has settled a good deal and near 5 mile Bridge the road is giving way.

Between 18 & 19 miles (Stubbins Church) are two pretty heavy slides and a long strip of tall Alder-bushes which leave only a path-way through which even foot-passengers have to force a way, and which in another year, if let alone will render the road undistinguishable and impassable in all the low wet <sup>parts</sup> places of it.

At 25 mile post the road has given way and made a large break.

Between 26 & 27 miles about half a mile of Alders occur choking the road in manner as before mentioned, as also on 12 mile ~~post~~ and other low places.

Of fallen timber and shovelling that is needed in various places I do not suppose it is necessary to make minute mention. However I may state that the Indians have burnt out a good quantity of the trees by which they had obstructed the road.

I am happy to notice that all the latest built bridges, being excellent constructions, are working well, but some of the smaller and older ones need overhauling.



To avoid making this report too lengthy I  
have omitted mention of work occurring at intervals  
all along between the points indicated, but which  
I have only noted & considered, such as minor  
slides, not in the way of packing, slight breaks etc  
hoping that the above may be deemed sufficient  
& not too much in the way of description as to the  
nature & extent of repairs needed, it only remains  
to give my estimate of the probable cost.  
To put the whole road in a state fit for loaded waggons  
to run over it in safety - yet not to be absolutely in  
as thorough good order as when it was in its very  
best condition - would cost, according to the best  
of my belief, from four hundred and fifty to  
five hundred dollars.

In this calculation I allow about one half  
for Gibraltar Hill.  
If it were only contemplated to make the road  
fit for pack animals, merely proposing to cut out  
the logs, clear away bushes to extent needed, fill  
in some of the holes & partially shovel out slides etc  
- I am of opinion that this may be done for  
about one hundred & fifty or one hundred and  
seventy five dollars.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
your obedient servant  
W D Wade,

To Honble Captain G M Ball  
New Westminster

Ball.  
"For Executive Council"

Gold Commissioner  
New Westminster F101  
10  
July 6<sup>th</sup> 1869.

Sir I have the honor  
to acknowledge the  
receipt of your letter  
containing instructions from  
the Officer ~~to~~ registering  
the Government for me to  
leave my own district and  
proceed to ~~looking~~ to  
inspect that portion of the  
country for which an Officer  
is already appointed, holding  
the appointment of Gold Com-  
-missioner, and who receives  
an increased salary of  
£100 per annum for  
undertaking the charge of  
this district in conjunction  
with that of Yale —

I would wish to point  
out to His Honor that ac-  
-cording to the Estimates  
Mr. G. H. Kelly is now the  
Officer appointed for  
that district, and having  
had

Hon  
Acting Colonial Secretary  
— — —

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COLONIAL  
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC



had much more experience both with the general state of the Gaols and previous collection of the Customs Revenue, he is far more competent to render a full report on these matters than myself, a complete stranger in these parts of the country —

I am completely taken by surprise by these instructions and cannot see why I should be ordered to undertake the duties of another officer, who is already drawing a Salary for these duties, and who is so conversant with all the details of the District.

Considering my length of time in the service and the repeated changes of station I have been entitled to, I would respectfully suggest that at least I am entitled to as much consideration in these matters as Mr. O'Veilly, and had I been selected for this post as that officer has been, I should have

cheerfully undertaken any duties I might have been instructed to perform, but holding the appointment as Magistrate of the new Westmeath District, I certainly deem it being ordered off at a moment's notice on such a long and tedious journey, without having made any previous preparations and without any previous consultation I come to request that my objections to these instructions may be laid before His Honor, who I trust will reconsider them, and allow the Gold Commissioner already appointed to the District to revisit it, & furnish the requisite report, as well as make all the arrangements allotted to me.

I should His Honor still adhere to his instructions contained in



in your letter of the  
5<sup>th</sup> July I should wish  
to know whether I shall  
be allowed to draw from  
the 1<sup>st</sup> January the extra  
£100 per annum, now  
drawn by Mr. O'Neill,  
and also what authority  
I have for furnishing  
myself with Horses  
and packers for the trip.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

H. M. Ball

Stipendiary Magistrate

British Columbia

~~H. M. Ball~~ Colonial Secretary's Office  
9<sup>th</sup> July 1869.

Sir,

I am directed by  
the Officer Administering the  
Government to acknowledge  
the receipt of your letter of  
the 6<sup>th</sup> Instant, and to express  
to you His Honor's regret and  
surprise at the opposition

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>

H. M. Ball, Esq.

HC - HC . HC

you



You therein offer to carrying  
out the instructions conveyed  
to you with reference to visiting  
the Kootenay District.

This surprise is enhanced  
by the fact of your being fully  
aware of the intentions of  
the late Governor in this  
matter which had actually  
been communicated to the  
Secretary of State, before the late  
Mr Seymour left for the North  
Coast and which intention  
His

His Honor feels in duty bound  
to carry out.

His Honor is further  
surprised at the remarks you  
have thought proper to make  
as to Mr O'Neill's duties and  
salary; and generally at the  
tone of your letter.

His Honor <sup>directs</sup> ~~trusts~~ you  
will at once <sup>act upon</sup> ~~carry out~~ the  
instructions conveyed to you  
but I am at the same time to  
acquaint you that he <sup>is</sup>  
<sup>prepared</sup>



prepared ~~to~~ <sup>immediately</sup> submit  
the whole correspondence for  
the opinion of the Secretary  
of State, whose judgment His  
Honour considers ~~would~~ <sup>will</sup> be  
hardly favorable to the line of  
conduct you have thought  
proper to adopt.

You are authorized to  
make proper economical  
arrangements for transport  
and it is suggested you  
should confer with Mr  
O'Reilly

O'Reilly on this point who  
is well acquainted from  
previous experience with the  
cost of travel and the best  
means to adopt.

You will be allowed to  
draw \$5 a day besides actual  
transport expenses ~~while absent~~ <sup>below the rate of</sup>  
in addition to your salary.

You will hand over the temporary  
charge of the District <sup>to Mr. O'Reilly</sup>  
I have the honor to be  
Your most obedient servant  
Mr. O'Reilly  
and please him all  
the important matters for  
the proper conduct of the District.



Recd July 8<sup>th</sup> 1869

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1022

55  
New Westminster  
July 6<sup>th</sup> 1869

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that in consequence of the large fires burning on each side of the Burrard Inlet Road I have been obliged to employ a man for a month to cut out the trees that are constantly falling across the Road, and also to look after the portions of Road which are ever destroyed in case the fires should encroach on them

I have also been obliged to employ for the last few days Labor both Indian & White to protect the Buildings at the Camp (more particularly the Government House) from the fires which now surround them on all sides

Yours  
and  
Chief Comdr of Lands & Works

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COLONIAL  
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

and until the Fires subside  
a continual watch must  
be kept both day & night.

As the Government House  
is insured, I think the  
Insurance Co. ought to  
bear a portion of this ex-  
-pense, as were it not  
for the timely assistance  
rendered by Indians & others,  
and the constant watch kept  
on the Fires, the whole Camp  
and the Government House  
must have been burnt.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedt servt

H. M. Ball

Asst. Secy of L. & C.



Forwarded for the consideration  
of the Officer Administering the Fort

These expenditures have doubtless

been absolutely necessary, and

I therefore recommend that they

be approved - I do not

see how we can call

on the Insurance Co.

to pay any portion

of the expense of pro-

tecting Fort Henry

from fire although

the fee is so

directly made

credit in

heat building.

I propose to visit

July 1869

Act J. H. Lee

Reference for purchase of Post (continued)  
(over)

9 July 69

H. M. Ball

12 July 1869

Sir

Thank you for the

acknowledgment of receipt of  
your letter of the 10th inst -  
informing me of your having  
been obliged in consequence

of the fire lately raging in  
the woods around Fort -

to employ laborers and cutting  
out fallen timber and  
from the Fort for the

and in preventing the  
fire spreading to the fort's  
buildings at the camp -

and I beg to assure you  
that your expenditures

The Am. M. Ball  
acting as Agent

orders of are approved -

I have communicated with  
the agent of the Imperial Fire  
Insurance Co. as to the  
suggestion contained in the  
concluding part of your  
letter that a portion of <sup>the</sup>  
~~your~~ outlay incurred by you in  
protecting your house which  
is insured in that office should  
be borne by that Co. and have  
received an assurance from  
that gentleman that whatever  
I may be able to consider a fair proportion  
of the reasonable expenses incurred  
by you on this account shall be  
paid at this office - I have therefore

as soon as convenient  
I will be glad to send you a detailed statement of this  
part of your bill  
I have been  
I have been  
I have been



Recd July 7 1869

F101  
101b  
New Westminster  
July 6<sup>th</sup> 1869

Sir

I have the honor to forward Vouchers received from Mr. Spence for repairs to the Douglas Street Road to the amount of Twenty six Hundred and Twenty eight  $\frac{30}{100}$  dollars, and also 4 other Vouchers paid out after Mr. Spence's departure to the amount of Fifty one  $\frac{80}{100}$  dollars, making a total of Twenty Seven Hundred and Thirty  $\frac{60}{100}$  dollars —

2678 :  $\frac{73}{100}$

51.87

2730 :  $\frac{60}{100}$

I enclose a statement of my account in connection with the Department for moneys received by me on account of the repairs, and as it does not correspond with the amount of the Vouchers I conclude that Mr. Spence must have signed for <sup>personal</sup> pay which he has not drawn from me.

I shall be glad if you

Hon. Chief Commr. of H.M.

W. L.

you will acquaint me  
if this is the case, as  
Mr Spence in his letters  
to me does not mention it  
and I cannot understand  
the discrepancy.

There is an amount of  
\$48 owing to Mr Quade  
of Victoria which should be  
added to the general amount  
of expenditure on the road

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedt servt

H. M. Ball

Asst. S. M. Ball



153.05  
 116.35 1/2  
 36.70 1/2

Dr. Account of H. M. Ball with the Lands Works Department for repairs of the Howard Mill Road. Cr.

1869.			1869.	
April 17.5 Cheques	500	↔	Advances made	4
- 18. draft 104	500	-	to Mr. Spence	
- - Cheque	500	-	and orders paid.	2525 14
June 26. 3 Cheques (500 : 500 : 500)	1500	-	4 Vouchers pd by me	57 87
				2577 01
			Balance in hand	222 99.
	<u>\$ 2800 00</u>			<u>\$ 2800 00</u>

H. M. Ball  
 A. S. Ball

2678.19

2730.06

2678.19  
 2525.14

153.05





(orig) 153 057  
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the surplus amount of the  
purchases <sup>or</sup> forwarded ~~to~~ <sup>from</sup> advanced by you ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~Dept~~ <sup>Dept</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~credited~~ <sup>credited</sup>  
~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~your~~ <sup>your</sup> ~~debit~~ <sup>debit</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~account~~ <sup>account</sup> ~~as~~ <sup>as</sup> ~~shown~~ <sup>shown</sup>  
in the statement herewith forwarded  
and this amt will be  
placed to your credit  
against the advance made  
to you by this office in  
Dept Act -

*[Signature]*

The \$40 stated by you  
to be due to Mr McQuade  
on acct of repairs of  
B. Inlet Pt. will be  
paid when you this  
office on the ~~receipt~~  
certificate conveyed in  
your letter -

Recd July 15. 1869

F101  
10c

57 New Westminster

July 13<sup>th</sup> 1869.

Sir

I have the honor to  
enclose a return of the  
sale of the Town Lots  
of Hastings, as sold by  
the Auctioneer W. Edmonds  
on the 10<sup>th</sup> July 1869.

Lot 35 has not been  
marked on the Map as  
surveyed, but as the lot  
was from 34 to 36 it was  
presumed that 35 would be  
of the same dimensions in

Yours  
Chief Commissioner of  
Lands & Works.

Yours

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CORRESPONDENCE

PABC



near of Lot 34. —

I should suggest that  
the next sale should be  
held at Hockings near  
the site of the Town,  
or that those <sup>lots</sup> remaining  
unsold should be open  
for sale at the upset  
price, up to a certain  
date, as until more im-  
-provements are made, I  
do not think more than  
that price will be offered

I have the honor to be

Your obed<sup>t</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>

H. M. Ball

C. C. L. M.



Forwarded for the information of  
the Officer administering the post.

Frederick Smith  
10 July 1869

The Act of Feb. 1869

New Westminster  
10<sup>th</sup> July 1869

Hon. H. M. Ball

Assistant Commissioner of Lands & Works  
for New Westminster District  
Sir

I have the honor to report that  
in accordance with your instructions I  
offered this day at Public Auction the  
following Town Lots situated at Hastings  
in this district at an upset price of \$50<sup>00</sup>  
for each lot viz Nos 2 @ 20 23 @ 24 33 @ 36  
40 @ 46 48 @ 50 53 @ 55 in all 44 lots  
lots 2, 3, & 4 were by your instructions reserved  
of at the upset price to Mr. Maxime Michaud  
without competition. Lots 9 & 36 were sold  
to Mr. McLeis at \$50<sup>00</sup> each and lots 34 & 35  
were sold to Mr. E. Brown at the same  
price there being no higher bid made.  
The remaining lots were offered but not  
sold.

I have the honor to remain  
Sir

Your obedient servant  
Henry Edmunds



Hill Ball.

Seen and approved

AM.  
2<sup>d</sup> Sept 1869.

Police & Gards. F101  
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Wild Horse Creek  
August 13<sup>th</sup> 1869.

Sir  
I have to report  
my arrival here on the  
12<sup>th</sup> and the honor to  
state that I have been  
obliged to forward to  
Fort Yale two Prisoners  
whom I found here  
arrested for the Murder  
of a Kootenai Indian.

I deemed it expedient  
to adopt this course  
for two reasons.

The Kootenai Indians  
are very much incensed  
at the Murder, and  
at first showed some  
disposition to avenge  
themselves on the white  
population, but on

being

The Hon  
Colonial Secretary

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being assured that  
the white men would  
be punished they became  
more quiet -

My other reason was  
on account of the  
insecurity of the Gaol,  
and the length of  
time that would elapse  
before they could be  
tried by the Chief  
Justice, and principally  
because there is a  
strong disposition shown  
by the lawless men  
on the beach to rescue  
them <sup>Prisoners</sup> from the Gaol.

On a previous occasion  
a man confined in  
Gaol for Murder was  
~~rescued~~ rescued by  
his friends, and should  
the two men now confined  
effect

affect their escape,  
the Kookonai Indians  
would take revenge by  
committing depredations  
on all sides.

Extra Constables have  
been employed to watch  
the Gaol, and an  
escort of two accom-  
pany the Prisoners.

I am unable to  
report on the mines  
and other topics on  
account of my recent  
arrival, and therefore  
confine myself to the  
report connected with  
the Transport of the  
Prisoners.

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your obedt. Servant  
A. H. Ball  
Stipendiary Magistrate.



3- Hill Ball.

Sun AM  
16. Oct. 1869.

Put away  
Oct. 18th. 1869  
P.H.

\$ 150

The Hon  
Colonial Secretary

Public Works F/101  
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Harry Cook  
Crown District  
September 7<sup>th</sup> 1869.

Sir  
I have the honor  
to inform you that I  
have been obliged to  
incure an expenditure, in con-  
-nexion with the building  
erected for an office &  
court house, to the  
amount of One Hundred  
and Fifty dollars, for  
building a chimney  
and partitioning off  
a portion for two rooms  
for the Clerk & Constable.

These additions were  
absolutely necessary in  
order to make the House  
habitable for the winter.

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PABC

The owner of the House  
is willing to sell it  
for the sum of seven  
hundred dollars, de-  
ducting the amount  
expended on the additions,  
and as the monthly  
rent is thirty dollars  
per month, it would  
be more economical to  
purchase the House at  
once, for an Officer will  
be obliged to remain here  
during the winter, this  
Creek being the centre  
of the Mining District  
this side of Wild Horse  
Creek.

I have also been obliged  
to purchase an Iron safe  
to deposit the Revenue in,

\$ 700

\$ 30.

\$ 175.

there being no Box or  
other place of security,  
and as the accumulations  
for the season amount  
to several thousand dollars  
it had to be buried for  
security.

The safe cost one  
hundred and seventy five  
dollars, and is the only  
one which can be procured

I trust that this ex-  
penditure may be ap-  
proved of, and that  
the decision of the Govern-  
ment with reference to the  
House may be communi-  
cated as early as possible.

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Yours obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
H. M. Ball  
Stip<sup>y</sup> Mag<sup>ter</sup>



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Col. Secy, I approve what Mr Ball has done  
in respect of the House and the safe. He must use his discretion as to  
purchasing the House, having in view what  
that Party will be able to pay for the amount of probability  
leaves for if not the House will be sold  
Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> 1869

Mr. Clinton  
1. Oct. 1869

have the honor to inform  
you that I have been  
obliged to incur an expense  
in connexion with the  
building rented for an  
office, and Court House  
to the amount of one hun-  
dred, and fifty dollars, for  
building a Chimney, and  
partitioning off a por-  
tion for two rooms,

The Honble.  
The Col. Secy

for the

Clerk, and constable -

These additions were absolutely necessary, in order to make the house habitable for the winter.

The owner of the house is willing to sell it, for the sum of seven hundred dollars, deducting the amount expended on the additions, and as the monthly rent is \$30 per month, it would be more economical to purchase the house at once; for an officer will be obliged to remain here during the winter, this week being

\$700

the centre of the mining district, this side of Wild Horse Creek.

I have also been obliged to purchase an Iron Safe to deposit the revenue in there being no box, or other place of security, and as the accumulations for the season, amount to several thousand dollars, it had to be buried for security -

The safe cost \$175, and is the only one which can be procured -

I trust that this expenditure may be approved of, and that the decision of the Government with reference



to the House maybe com-  
municated as early as  
possible -

There

Signed / Am. Ball

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