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Sep. 14. 1859.

Sir
In accordance with
the instructions I have
received from the bishop of
Columbia to open up
extra services, so as may
best meet the wants of
the population, I am
desirous of commencing
as early as possible as

a Sunday service for the benefit of the military forces (sappers & miners) in this place. To this end it is necessary that I should obtain your sanction - and as far as possible your cooperation. The place for holding the service & the hour of celebration, might be arranged afterwards: & would depend in some degree on the arrangements I may be able to make for services elsewhere. But I should hope to be able to perform a morning - and an afternoon service on alternate Sundays. Hoping that this pro.

posal may meet your
views.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant,

Robert J. Dundas

To the

Colonel Commanding

H. M. forces in

British Columbia & Vancouver.

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Keefe's diary during
for the
R. J. Dundas
14 Sept 59

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acknowledges receipt of
the and very much engaged today
and will receive the report tomorrow
at 5 P.M.
I beg to lay before
Your Excellency the enclosed
Statement. which I am forced
to take from a local paper, as the
columns ordered have not been
printed.
At a meeting of the St. John's
Church committee held on Monday
last, it was resolved
that a Deputation, consisting
of the Chairman, Treasurer, and
Secretary - a one other, should
wait on his Excellency the
Governor to solicit his support
for this important object.
It is proposed by the Deputation

LIGHT ORIGINAL

to visit upon your Excellency
tomorrow (Thursday) at twelve
o'clock, should suit have
be convenient to you.

I am

with all respects

your Excellency's faithful &
obedient servant

R. Dundas

Secy & Committee

1 February 1860

Rev. W. Dundas

Informing that a deputation
will visit on 26. 9. on
2. from St John's Church
Committee

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Inscribed
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Sir

I take the liberty
of leaving with your Excellency
the accompanying statement
from the Committee of 14th June.

Feeling as I do most
strongly the necessity of the
work, I also feel how greatly
it would be helped by your
Excellency's countenance &
aid. Hence my earnest

desire to obtain your support. and to discuss your
Personally, I have no interest in the matter, - but the
Church of England has - I know, has valuable
it would be retarded & her influence greatly lessened.
Some persons here, I heard formed very erroneous impressions
both respecting the object in view - & the results of that
may flow from it. - I would
I know, has valuable
your time is, and feel
willing to intrude upon
it. Still, if you would
allow me to visit upon you
at any hour or on any day
that may be most con-
venient, I might put
certain points before you
I should be glad to see you

To form your judgment
I have the honor to
in
your Excellency's faithful &
obedient servant
R. J. Dundas. —

His Excellency
James Douglas C. B.
do. do.
and representing or ordering
of the Hon. Mr. J. P. C. Clark
President, Council of the
Rev. R. Dundas.
March - 13 April 1860

O.C.
Dundas

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St John's Church, Victoria
Committee Room

15th March 1860

Extract from the Minutes

At a meeting of the General Committee held
on March 8th (present Mr. Finlayson,
Capt. Gordon, Messrs Smith, Rhodes, Miles,
L. Glen, Alston, Pemberton, Wood, Lachman,
Barauly and the Rev. R. J. Dundas)

It was resolved that an appeal be
made to His Excellency the Governor
in the name of the Committee, to aid
the work of the erection of St. John's
Church.

In accordance with the above
resolution we beg respectfully to submit
to your favorable consideration the
work of church extension which is
to His Excellency
The Governor

now being carried forward in this place.

Such an extension of the Church of England seems naturally to follow the founding of the See and the arrival of the Bishop in the Colony, and the result will be seen in a great strengthening of the Cause of Religion, and of that Communion which has for more than five years has been planted in this Island.

In accepting the Bishop's offer of the church which he had sent out from England the Committee took into careful consideration, the present and also the future wants of this rising and important place.

They found that there were many more applications for seats at Church, than the Churchwardens of Christ Church could entertain, and persons are every Sunday turned away because they are unable to find accommodation.

Even now there are many in the Northern District of the town attending no place of worship, yet brought up in the Episcopal Communion, and ready to join the Church of England were opportunity afforded them in their own locality. The number of these will grow increasing as the town grows, & it is of great importance to join them thus early before they become hardened through indifference and neglect.

The Rev. C. Ridge has from the first given his undertaking his warmest support and co-operation, so essential does he feel it to be to the growth & efficiency of that Church of which he is Minister.

An apprehension had been expressed lest the opening of St John's should prove detrimental to Christ Church. The Committee believe that such apprehensions are groundless; experience having

having them, that in England the opening of new
churches, or common element free services tend
rather to increase the attendance at the
old. There is no reason why it should be different
here.

The Subscribers already promised would
if paid up more than cover the cost of erection
and in part defray the Bishop for his salary
in England. But the general scarcity of money
amongst merchants and traders forces them
at present to pay only by small instalments
insufficient to cover expenses & risk of
salary. The Committee and we point out the
great importance of obtaining your Excellency's
cooperation and aid, without which the
work might be greatly retarded & the
ultimate cost largely increased.

We have the honor to be, Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient
humble servants.

Robert J. Dundas
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