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Presented to the Governor by
Deputation from Charles County
of America - 10th Oct 1865
by the same to the Senate
of the same @ Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce
held on Friday 15th October 1865

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In view
Resolved That in the Opinion of the Chamber
a Treaty of reciprocity with the United
States would be most desirable and
advantageous to the interest of the County

Also
Resolved That the Officers of the Chamber
urge Sir G. Collyer the Governor and inform
him of the passing of the above resolution
with the object of having it forwarded to the
Home Government -
John Pouch
Secy

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R ¹²⁸/₂₁₅₄ 13th October 1865

John Couch
Secretary to Chamber of Commerce

Resolution for a Treaty of
reciprocity with United
States.

Copy Detroit Convention

Resolved That This Convention do respectfully request the President of the United States to enter into negotiations with the Government of Great Britain having in view the execution of a Treaty between the two Countries of reciprocal Commercial intercourse between the United States and the several Colonies of British America including Florida, English Settlements and Pinsonnes Island based on fair rights which shall be just and equitable to all Parties with respect to the financial Condition of the United States, and which shall also include the Navigation of the Saint Lawrence River and other Rivers of British North America with such improvement of the Rivers and the enlargement of the Canals as shall appear to be adequate for the requirements of the West in communicating with the Ocean.

LIGHT ORIGINAL

Couch J. P.

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Victoria B.C. 18th Dec 1874

Sir

On the last trip of the Steam
Ship "Del Norte" there was the following
Packages not delivered at New Westminster
as you will see by the enclosed Certificate
of Mr. Hays. Landing was made on the
return of said Steamship it was found
they were left here by mistake with
the Victoria Freight and go up to
Inver on the "Enterprise" the Duties have
been paid in New Westminster. but Mr. Hays
said he would have to make an Extra
Charge without you give him instruc-
tions to the contrary - I therefore hope
you will do so - as the goods which
go up on the "Enterprise" are the same
as the goods which came up on
the Steamship "Del Norte" -

Yours Dear Sir
Your Most Obedt Servant

To
The Hon^{ble} Mr. Borch
re &c
New Westminster

J. P. Couch
Agent for the "Del Norte"

Strings short of 10 Seal Books
 for Seal Books Dec 25th 1886

J. B. 1	Box Sugar
L. B. 1	Case Tobacco
1	Case of Flour
1	Case of Beans
1	Case of Butter
30	Boxes of Bread

George Lloyd
 Landing Master

According to the strict letter of the Law, which has been
 so often enforced, these goods are liable to duty on their
 value at Valparaiso because that was the last place of shipment.
 They were landed by mistake, not from the Del Norte but
 they were re-shipped in the Interoceanic - the intention of the shipper
 and importer was that they should come here direct from
 San Francisco and be chargeable only for duty on San
 Francisco rates. The difference in the value between the
 two places is about 10 percent. and the extra charge of
 insurance would probably fall all on the shipper & consignee
 but as the agents of the Del Norte - I am an accident
 which may probably happen again - I think it more hardly for
 me, in this instance at least, to take advantage of such
 an accident, still as I have explained to the parties
 applying to me, I can only put the law in force unless
 I receive a direct authority from the Chief to change the
 duty on the original San Francisco value - I think it
 might be desirable to propose upon the next the necessity
 of great care being taken in future, letting him had the
 comparison now is an act of grace and not by any means
 to be understood as a precedent.

Carlton H. Allen
 29 March 86

A. Hambley

Better refer this to the Collector
of Customs and abide by his
decision

Ans
Col. Leaty 28 March 66

W. W. W. W. W.
Will you decide
act claim for remission
& if correct remit
by order of C. G.

W. W. W.
28.3.66

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C. S. O.

March 29. 1866.

Mr J. P. Couch

Sir,

I am compelled by the
S. A. G. to acknowledge the
receipt of y^r letter March 26
respecting certain goods, shipped
on board the "Del Norte" direct for
New York & which were left
at Victoria by mistake,
~~not wishing to take advantage of this accident or~~
His Honor in this instance has
^{want of care} authorized the Coll. of Customs
to remit the extra duties which
would be charged, ^{on the goods} if shipped
from Victoria, but at the
same time he must impress
upon you that the remission
is purely an act of grace &
must not be considered as
a precedent.

H. M. S.

Couch J.P.

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Victoria B.C.
and Esquimalt

Sir
Mr Norton Director of the Steam
Ship 'California' has informed me that
there is a good deal of fault being found
on account of the Steamer not coming up
to schedule time. I would therefore beg
to state that it is as much regretted
by the Company as by yourself. Still
the detention was unavoidable in the
first place on the first trip of the Acker
De Laid over three days by particular
request of Mr Docter the English Consul
at San Francisco, and the 2nd & 3rd trips
were long on account of bad weather.
Still I hope that in future you will
have no occasion to make any com-
plaints as I assure you it is the in-
tention of the Company to do all in
their power to fulfill the contract to
the letter - as they do not wish to
do any thing that will give the Public
Cause

to complain, Hoping the foregoing Resolu-
-tion will be satisfactory

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Your Obedt. Servant

John P. Couch
Agent Cal. & N. C.

To the Hon. W. B. Smith
Administrator of the Government
of British Columbia
Victoria B.C.

I cannot see that the detention
of the "Active" on his first trip
can have any possible connection
with the delay in the arrival
of the "Del Norte" & "Alabama".
Under forfeiture the "Alabama"
was due here on the
9th inst - It could
not be with the
intention of
carrying out
the contract
that she
left San Francisco
on the 7th &
nothing can be done
without her performance
remained 24 hours in Victoria
than the service

J. P. Couch
Agent Cal & Dr Co

23 April / 66

I am directed by the
P. & O. to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter of the
20th inst. on the subject of
the manner in which the
C. S. & Co. have hitherto
performed their contract
with this post. - His H.
cannot but agree in the
- justice of the complaints
that have been made on
all sides as regards the
mail service so carried ^{out} by
the Co. you represent
His H. is at a loss
to understand what possible

connection there is in
the delay of the "Active"
^{the purpose of}
receiving the mails on
her first trip and the
Service performed by
the "Del Norte" & the
California -

It ^{is} only ^{that} ^{request}
me to detail the arrangement
of the ^{should be detailed} ^{post} as regards the
latter vessel to show the
just cause of complaint -
Under Contract the N.C.
Mails were due at this
port on the 9th inst. -
The "California" leaves S. F.
on the 7th thus making
it impossible to perform

the service in the prescribed
time. Arriving in Victoria
on the morning of the
13th the vessel remains
until the following day
and appears at the Port
to 2th she is subsidized
after office hours on
the evening of the 14th
From the strong
representations made
by the ^{parties} she is
allowed to discharge
during the night the
public offices are open
~~on~~ ^{on} Sunday merely it
would now appear
to allow the vessel to
remain 48 hours in the

on his return trip.

The a. a. j. wishes it to be distinctly understood that he is anxious that the neighboring Colony should reap equal advantage from the service paid for by this Colony but at the same time it is incumbent upon him in the interest of their ^{B. C.} ~~Country~~ to require a more complete & convenient carrying out of the Contract. It appears hitherto to have been performed without the slightest regard to the Public requirements.

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Victoria B.C. May 21st 1868

Dear Sir
Couch
Manning
H. H. H.

Receipt of letter of the 1st Inst. Nov. 21st 1867
to request you that under the provisions of the
Act in relation to the clearing of the
harbour of Victoria, that the
provision be limited to the
purpose of clearing the
harbour of Victoria for
the purpose of clearing the
harbour of Victoria for
the purpose of clearing the
harbour of Victoria for

I beg to inform that the Steam
Company called in at Nanaimo on her
last trip from New Westminster for
Coal and she was charged for
both Steaming and Clearing by the
Collector of duties for the Harbour
Notified by the Board that she
was on her way to Victoria and
only called at Nanaimo to
be looking at the Act of 1863 regarding
Harbour dues I think you will see
that I am justly entitled
to make a demand for the clearing
of the Steam at Nanaimo to be
refunded.

Yours truly
John P. Couch
Agent C.O.M.
Steamship Co

Wm. W. Young
Deputy Secretary
Commodore's Office

LIGHT ORIGINAL

The Harbour Master will report upon this application
for this vessel's registration

By command
William A. S. Young
15 May 1866

I beg to state, by the Proviso in the "Port of
Dutty Act 1863" the clearance fee ought
not to have been charged at Honolulu, had
the vessel cleared for this Port, but, by the
Clearance Voucher, I find she was
cleared at Honolulu for San Francisco
but evidently by mistake as it must
have been known she was to call
at this Port for Passengers and
Freight.

J Henry Wootton
Harbour Master
17/5/66

Referred to Attorney General who is
requested to advise his Excellency as to
the merits of the claim herein made
by command

William A. S. Young
Act. Secy. 11 May 1866

173252 The request of Mr. Couch for clearance
fee to be refunded may I think be very
well complied with. The clearance to
San Francisco was evidently a mistake
and I understand from Mr. Wootton's note
that Mr. Couch bases his claim not on
the proviso about loading but on the
proviso which regulates fees being
charged on vessels "proceeding to a
domestic Port"

May 12th 1866

Thos. L. Wood
Acting Attorney General

Approved for refund.

W. L. Wood
May 13th 1866

The Harbour Master is requested to state what amount
in the amount paid by the Reg'n at Honolulu by
way of clearance fee

William A. S. Young
15 May 1866

J. B. Young
17 May 1866

Twenty nine dollars

J. H. Wootton
Harbour Master
17/5/66.

R. ¹⁵⁵/₂₇₅ 7th May 1866

John P. Couch

Claiming refund of
Post dues charged "Oregon"
at Honolulu.