

25 ~~March~~ 1855

Dear

Mr. Sturgis

Petition for a
New District

Presented

To
His Excellency
James Douglas Esq^r
Governor
and the Honourable Council
of the
British Colony
of
Van Couver's Island

25th day of October 1855

Whereas, on the twenty fifth day of August, I, Kenneth McKenzie your Petitioner, was attended before Edward Edwards Langford Esq^r, and David Cameron Esq^r, Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this Island, to answer to a summons granted by David Cameron Esq^r, Justice of the Peace, aforesaid, on the information and complaint of one Robert Darr, schoolmaster, of Victoria, charging me your Petitioner, with having on the eighteenth day of August, One thousand eight hundred and fifty five, assaulted, and knocked down, the aforesaid Robert Darr.

And Whereas the verdict was given for the plaintiff, contrary to any evidence adduced, before the aforesaid Justices of the Peace.

I therefore humbly pray your Excellency, and the Honourable Council, to grant a new trial, before your Excellency and Council, and re-examine the Witnesses on their Oaths, in order to the furtherance of Justice

And your Petitioner will ever pray &c.

K. M. McKenzie

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Admiral Smith
Robert Smith
Philip Smith

William Smith
Montgomery
Admiral Smith
Philip Smith

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Grace & Pugh
John Gerritsen

John A. Miller
George Brewster

Wells, Weston, George Winkler
Edwin Spurr

Charles
A. S. Drake
Joseph Detrich

W. Williams
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Wm. W. ...

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Wm. W. ...

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George ...
W. Williams
J. A. Spencer
Alex ...
Boston ...

Wm. W. ...
Wm. W. ...
Wm. W. ...

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To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of
British Columbia.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Ratepayers of the City of Victoria

Sheweth, That it is your petition of the Municipal Council of Victoria to expend a large portion of the municipal revenue in the erection of a City Hall, or other building for municipal purposes, without the consent of the Ratepayers and without making any provision for the ordinary and necessary maintenance of street works and lighting of the city.

Your Petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that your Honorable House will make and pass such laws as shall effectually prevent the Municipal Council of the City of Victoria from expending any portion of the revenue of the said city in the erection of any municipal building, without having first obtained the consent of the Ratepayers.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, etc.

LIGHT ORIGINAL

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of
British Columbia

The humble Petition of the undersigned Burgesses of the City of Toronto

Sheweth, That the said Burgesses of the said City of Toronto, do hereby request a large portion of the said
said Burgesses in the matter of a City Hall, or other building for municipal purposes, without the consent of the
said Burgesses and without paying the expenses for the building and maintenance of the same.

Your Petitioners, therefore, humbly pray your Honorable House will make and pass such laws as shall enable
the said Burgesses of the City of Toronto to erect and maintain the same without the consent of the said Burgesses
in the matter of any municipal building, without having first obtained the consent of the Burgesses.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

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To His Excellency

James Douglas Esq

Governor Vancouver Island

Fort Vancouver

Commandant's Office

Adams / J. J.

18th Oct. 1856

To His Excellency James Douglas
Governor of Vancouver Island, and
its dependencies, Commander in Chief &c &c

The petition of the undersigned, Officers and
Men, engaged in opening the Harrison
River Trail humbly sheweth.

That your petitioners are desirous of
approaching your Excellency in a respectful
and proper manner by way of petition,
stating in plain and respectful language
the grievances your petitioners, considering
themselves at this time to be laboring under.
That your petitioners were induced in the early
part of August last, to embark in a project
in connection with the Government, to open
and construct a Trail to the upper Fraser
by way of the Harrison and Anderson Lakes.
That the Government was at the time the only
party to the agreement in possession of reliable
information in regard to the Trail proposed
to be opened. That in passing full and explicit
confidence in the Government for full & reliable
information on this important object as to the

amount of labor difficulties to be encountered.
11. That your petitioners having been officially
informed by the Commissioner of the Hudson's
River Trail acting on the part and by the authority
of the Government, that six weeks would be
ample time under any and every circumstances
to open & complete the said Trail, acting under
this impression your petitioners joyfully
entered into the scheme that promises speedy
and lasting benefit to all concerned. That
your petitioners are aware that the difficulties
that now exist arise from the fact of the
very imperfect manner in which the agreement
between the Government and the Minors was
written out, omitting some of the most
important points connecting with your
petitioners, and leaving others in so obscure
and blind a state as to render them impossible
to be understood. Whereby your petitioners have
been compelled to accept verbal ^{promises} ~~promises~~
from the Commissioner at the Eleventh hour
that the grievances now about to be complained
of should be settled to the satisfaction of your
petitioners. First That every means should
be used in the power of the Government

to forward Provisions and stores to subsist the
men at such points on the way as should be
found necessary to forward and complete the
work within the time specified. Secondly; That
your petitioners should be subsisted on the
Government stores at the upper end of the Trail
until its completion until the stores to be
provided by the Government for the reduction
of these borders in the hands of your petitioners
should arrive. Thirdly, That the pecuniary
consideration mentioned in the contract should
be equivalent to the transport from Post
Dorcas to Trader River. Your petitioners
would now respectfully state to your
Excellency that the conditions embodied
in the contract have not been faithfully
carried out on the part of the Government
Inasmuch as your petitioners in order
to obtain subsistence have been compelled
to divert their labor from the natural
channel and ~~employ~~ ^{employ} in packing
Provisions and articles necessary to carry
on the work, placing them in the position
of Bears of Burden, whereby some have lost
their lives and others impassioned & rendered

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after its completion until the stores to be
provided by the Government for the redemption
of these bonds in the hands of your petitioners
should arrive. Thirdly, That the pecuniary
consideration mentioned in the contract should
be equivalent to the transport from Post
Douglas to Fraser River. Your petitioners
would now respectfully state to your
Excellency that ~~the~~ conditions embodied
in the contract have not been faithfully
carried out on the part of the Government
Inasmuch as your petitioners in order
to obtain subsistence have been compelled
to divert their labor from the natural
channel and ~~to employ~~ ^{to employ} in packing
Provisions and materials necessary to carry
on the work, placing them in the position
of Beasts of Burden, whereby some have lost
their lives and others impassioned & rendered

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totally unfit for further service, besides
delaying the completion of the work, and
extending the time from six to ten months.
Your petitioners have no hesitation in stating
to your Excellency, that had the Provisions
been forwarded as contemplated in the
contract, as well as the verbal promises of
the Commissioner the entire work on the
Trail would have been completed in fifteen
working days, thereby giving to your petitioners
ample opportunity before the closing of the
season to prospect and locate themselves
on Fraser River, which your Excellency
must be fully aware was the only measure
that would have induced them to embark
in the present enterprise. That your petitioners
after undergoing the fatigues and privations
attendant upon the arduous undertaking
have been compelled in consequence of the non
performance of that part of the contract
in subsisting the men on the upper end
of the Trail after its completion have had
to return back again to Port Douglas suffering
untold hardships for the want, in many

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instances of Clothing, Boots and Shoes as well
as being compelled to abandon their own
private stores, without which no Miner
would ^{under} any circumstances venture or attempt
to operate successfully in the Mine, thereby
entailing on your petitioners in many instances
pecuniary losses to a large amount, as well
as depriving your petitioners of the measure
of life which a Miner only knows how to
appreciate. That your petitioners in their
return to Port Douglas, learned with surprise
that a man by the name of Charles B. Young
representing himself as acting by and under
the authority of the Government and who had
left Port Douglas a few days previous of the
arrival of your petitioners, stating that he
had authority from your Excellency to close
all further proceedings in the Island for the
present season. A copy of his notice placed
in a conspicuous place in Port Douglas is
herewith enclosed for your Excellency's
perusal, at the same time making such
offers of settlement with the Miners there
at Port Douglas as your petitioners conceived
to be in violation of every principle of Honor

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and Justice and of such a character to leave
your petitioners to believe your Excellency
had no knowledge of the affair. Your petitioners
cannot for one moment tolerate the idea
that the Government would so far forget
itself as to offer to the hardy and industrious
Miner, who have so faithfully, so quietly,
and under the most discouraging
circumstances performed their contract
as well as a portion of that which belonged
to the Government, the paltry sum of 1500
Dollars as the equivalent mentioned in the
contract. Your petitioners are satisfied in
their own minds that the Government
must be in possession of information that
will enable them to arrive to a just
conclusion of the exact amount that would
be required to transport any given number
of Tons of Stone from Port Douglas to
Graser River. Your petitioners are of the opinion
that in order to fully carry out the spirit &
meaning of the contract as well as the
solemn promises of the Commissioner at the
pecuniary consideration should amount
to the full sum of the Transport from Port

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Douglas to Major Bair, made payable to
each & every member or order at Port Douglas
leaving all to take such course as their
judgment saw fit to adopt. Your petition-
ers would further state that in consequence
of the contradictory and unsatisfactory
reports and propositions made by the
said Chas B. Young to your petitioners as
well as his haughty and insulting manner
of treatment both towards the Officers and
Men of this Brigade prompt them to
declare to your Excellency that they
never had nor never can have any con-
fidence whatever in any thing emanating
from the said Chas B. Young, & your
petitioners further declare they deem it
unwise and impolitic to charge the
said Young with the execution of any
Office of Trust or Emolument under
the Government. Your petitioners would
further state that they deem it an act
of Justice on the part of the Government
towards your petitioners that Nations
continue to be idled until such time

2nd as a settlement is completed with all parties.
 Your petitioners would further state that
 one of the propositions made by the said
 Chas. B. Gony was as follows.
 That those parties who should decline to
 accept of 25.000 worth of Provisions at Port
 Douglas and 10000 of transportations
 would have the chance of reaching
 Victoria by depositing their certificate
 in the hands of the Captain or Captains
 of the different Steamers plying on the River
 and receiving on landing at Victoria
 from the said Capt. 15.00 dollars as a final
 and complete settlement between the
 Government and the parties embracing
 the said offer. Your petitioners would further
 state that they deem it an act of justice
 to grant the Beavers of this petition a few
 sickles to pass to & for while executing
 the mission your petitioners have been
 necessitated to burden him with.
 In conclusion your petitioners would
 humbly request that your Excellency
 take this our petition into immediate
 and serious consideration, and that

your Excellency will at as early a date
 as possible make such order in the
 premises as reason and justice shall
 dictate, and your petitioners as in
 duty bound will ever pray.

Port Douglas
 Monday Oct 18th 1858.

Joseph M. Adams
 Secy

Henry Sherburn
 in charge of Co 15.

Hozeleer Goff Capt
 D. Robertson Comdr 20

C. A. Smith Capt 19

J. F. Thomson Capt 17

Edward Donohue
 Lt no 7.

C. R. Blumher Capt

Jacob Mindorf
 Capt of Co 16

Richard Alderson
 Capt com 6

Patrick Glenn Capt
 Company No 12

Beaver

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Mules required
to
assist in making
Harrison River trail

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Sanjour Geo.

Fort of Lake Lillooet Sept 8th 1858.

To his Excellency
Governor Douglas
Victoria
V. Col.

Honorable Sir,

The undersigned Captains of Companies attached to the Brigade of the Harrison River Trail, by and with the concurrence of the Superintendent of the Road, from the very unpleasant and embarrassing position in which we are placed - have thought it but a duty that we owe to ourselves - to the companies under our commands - and especially to your Excellency - to send to you a messenger in the person of W. A. Dozier Capt of Co H 14 who is possessed of the confidence of the entire Brigade, who shall state to you personally the existing necessities.

The great error committed has been in not having a sufficient number of Mules sent forward at an early date of the undertaking. The present number placed on the line can only transport provisions for about one half the Brigade for a distance of 50 miles - or to Lake Lillooet, leaving one half of the Brigade to subsist at Port Douglas.

in a comparative state of idleness, in order that a sufficient quantity of food may be forwarded to those working on the roads. To subsist mainly - with or without work is a question of trifling importance to the men - They engaged to build the trail in order that they might reach the upper Fraser river, there to reap the reward of their industry - for their own future enjoyment and the welfare of their families, and they are not willing to abandon the object for which they enlisted. We understand that the Spirit of the Contract contemplated that Mules would be placed on the road to facilitate its speedy completion, and also to enable the miner promptly to send forward the amount of provisions to Fraser river which the \$25. he deposited with the Government, was to purchase for him. Under existing circumstances your excellency will perceive the necessity that from 250 mules will be required to enable the 500 men to reach Fraser river with their necessary provisions. The nature of the country through which the trail passes imposes the necessity of a large proportion of the provender for the animals to be packed by them. The Commissary General advises us that from the time of our first arrival at Port Douglas he has in every letter

that he had written - urged the necessity of
 being satisfied. In conclusion we beg
 that your Excellency will condescend
 with our agent Mr Dozier - and
 allow us to express the hope that
 some available plan may be adopted
 that will relieve us from our present
 unhappy condition - that may redound
 to the honor of your Excellency and
 to the welfare of your
 Obedt Servants.

Geo Sampson Co 11 - Ezekiah Goff Co 17
 C. No. Clemence " 13 - James Douglas " 9
 W. A. Dozier " 14 - Durham Robinson " 18
 Thos. C. Prater Co 20 - Jacob Murrin " 16
 Philip Smith Co 4 - J. Robertson " 2
 Samuel Nyes Co 8 - Henry Shelling " 15
 Geo Blake " 10 - Richard Alderson " 6
 W. G. Jamison " 3 - Edward Donohue " 7
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Fort Cal Grazers Thru Octobr 22nd
To His Excellency
Governor James Douglas
Victoria

We the Undersigned, Citizens
of Fort Cal, would beg leave to respectfully represent
to your Excellency, that the bearer of this Mr. E. George
was the first originator, and chief promoter, of the getting through
of the trail between this place and the Indian Ranches or to the
Douglas portage. that he was active and energetic in getting up
the contribution and association to quite a large amount
which finally put it through. Mr. George made the first survey
and first report of its feasibility and practicability, and contributed
his time largely towards a accomplishment of the trail
We should feel much pleasure in learning that the Government
through your Excellency appreciated his services, particularly
as Mr. George has been somewhat unfortunate in his
operations upon the River and beg leave to subscribe ourselves
Your Obedt Servts

Charles Emerson
David Hayward
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be sent to Sangley
to keep order.

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Robert
Robertson

Fort Langley Nov 2nd 1858
To your Excellency

James Douglas Esq
governor of Vancouver's Island
and its Dependencies

My dear Excellency

undersigned petitioners do hereby petition for
some officer or officers to look into the
shamefull Proceedings of people in this town
of Fort Langley the undersigned petitioners
having had a Lawful Licence to retail
Spirits according to Law whereby we ask
your Excellency protection hoping it will be
immediately granted whereas Every house or
shed with one or two Exceptions is selling
Spirits without any Licence
whatever to the Detriment of us and the Laws
of great Britain therefore we humbly ask your
Excellency Interference in our Behalf we having
no officer invested with the power to look into
those affairs we have applied to Mr. Boris for
redress he say it is not in his power to give
us any as he has not force sufficient to
contend against the people neither is he
sufficiently acquainted with the Laws without
some Book in which he can work upon

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Therefore if he takes it upon himself these Law
Breaking people who'd probably get clear of
at first Punishment For the truth of this
Statement we have several witnesses ready to
come forward and prove to any officer your
Excellency may chose to appoint to investigate
the shamefull Proceeding against Her Majesty's
Laws we humbly hope this may meet your
Excellency's just approbation

It there has also been some of them put at
Carnister of gun powder in the Bolton
Stove with the intention to Damage the
House Because he act in Justice with
the Laws

We your Excellency's Humble Petitioners

W^m B. Ballard
Samuel Robertson

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of erecting Bridge
over Bridge River

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Port Douglas Nov 5 1858

To His Excellency James Douglas
Governor of Vancouver.

It being very apparent necessary and
requisite that a Bridge should be ere-
cted across Bridge River near
its mouth, to facilitate the Mining
interests.

Your Petitioners therefore beseech
Your Excellency to grant them the
Privilege of erecting one this winter
at their own Cost, with the right
to collect toles there on.

Your Excellency always fixing the
rates per Wagon, horse, mule, foot
person, cattle, sheep, and hogs, also
reserving the right to purchase the bridge
at any time at its cost value and also
to prevent other persons from erecting
any other bridge within two miles
of Fraser's River across Bridge River

Your Petitioners would most respectfully
sollicit an answer either in the affirmative
or negative, as early as may suit the
Convenience of your Excellency,
Pleasure, In as much as the winter
is at hand, which is the best time to construct
a bridge at the place referred to,
Please direct your answer by Express to Fort
Douglas to your very obedient and
Respectful Servants
Joseph Colson
John Carrol

~~Petition~~

Post Office

at

Male &c

November 1858

J. M. C. W.

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acknowledge receipt of Mr Robinson
letter and petition - and much pleased to learn
that Mr Robinson possesses the confidence of so large
a number of respectable a body of his fellow citizens, and his claims
to sympathy will be taken into consideration when the opportunity
of the matter is made.

To His Excellency - James Douglas
Governor of Vancouver Island, &c. &c.

We the citizens of Fort Galt whose names are appended
to this petition having understood that your Excellency had
in contemplation the establishment of a branch Post Office
at this point beg leave to offer our congratulations upon
the advent of a consummation so desirable to be wished
for. Like many other institutions to which we might
call your Excellency's attention the miserable practical
arrangements heretofore in existence in Fort Galt have
weighed like an incubus upon the growth of our flourish-
ing town - We have preferred however to bear
patiently evils temporarily unavoidable rather than
intrude ourselves upon your time and attention -
Time has at last provided the remedy, and in our
happiness at the final result we feel led to comment
upon particular acts of extortion under which we
have suffered during the past few months.

In this connection we earnestly recommend to
your Excellency the name of E. C. Johnston as the future
incumbent of this office - From a daily connection with
this gentleman of many months standing we can
emphatically guarantee him to be the "right man for the
right place" - and we trust you will so far gratify the
feelings of the community by appointing him to a po-
sition for which his many good traits so eminently
qualify him -

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gentlemen.
for W. L. M. J. B. 1858
W. L. M. J. desires me to acknowledge receipt of
your petition having reference to the establishment of a
branch Post office at Fort Yale, and upon behalf of W. L.
C. Johnson, as a suitable person to discharge the duties
of Postmaster.

In reply, W. L. is pleased to learn that W.
Johnson proposes the employment of at least a portion of
his fellow citizens, and I am to request you that his
claims to employment will be taken into due
consideration when the appointment of Postmaster is
made.

Yours
W. L. M. J.

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Petition

Requesting Protection
against the Indians

Douglas

November 1858

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Smith & Co
Answered
Nov. 22.

Nov. 1858

To His Excellency James Douglas Esq.
Governor of British Columbia Vancouver Island.

Asks receipt &
Receipt in reply
Not done mostly
has been requested
to station a guard
at Douglas Harbour
winter.

We the undersigned petitioners—
Merchants, and residents of Port Douglas, B.
Columbia do respectfully represent to your
Excellency that a number of acts of violence—
have been committed on white men, by the Indians
to be referred on the Taido, in the vicinity of this place. who
do not stand in the least fear of the offenders, and if punished they will
not take the life of any white man. they meet with
no military protection. Your petitioners respectfully state
that a military guard is necessary. they will carry their threat
for the winter unless a proper and sufficient
guard be stationed at this place or its
immediate vicinity. We therefore respectfully
ask that a portion of Her Majesty's forces now
in this Colony may be stationed at this place—
during the coming winter to protect the inhabitants
and also aid the Magistrate and Sub Sheriff in
the execution of their duties, and if compatible with
the interests of the Colony, and agreeable to your
Excellency we respectfully request that the present
efficient Corps of Royal Engineers now engaged
in making the Wagon Road, may be the Corps
to be stationed at this point and your petitioners
will ever pray.

J. Smith & Co
Thomas Cooper
R. M. Hedraatt
A. K. Prescott
Patrick Laughlin
Wm. C. Estada
J. & J. Fowler & Co

Chas. M. Adams
E. J. Dodge
George Bowen & Co
G. Fairgates
H. B. & B. Tech.
A. Smith & Co
David Mendenhall
John O'Brien -
Goodwin Curran
D. Robertson
B. Southoe
Wm. Brannigan
John Dempsey
Harry Bailey
Coast & Armstrong
Thomas Ashton
George C. Lord
Augustus Clark
J. J. Jameson
William B. ...
Thos G. Marshall
James D. Potter
John B. Blount
Kuntson & Co
John G. Kennedy.

*John
from the Office of
the President & Vice
President
December 3rd 1838*

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Port Vale Dec 3rd 1858

to Richard Hicks Esq

Dear Sir

(Mr Hicks writing) may I say I have been told that you were about to leave for (Sweden) on official business, we the undersigned would respectfully request you to recommend to His Excellency Governor Douglas the present Adjutant General of this place in the way of General Business, of the few persons resident here and known upon the River, of the rigors of the climate and consequent hardships and privations of a winter residence here for which many of us are justly prepared, I trust very confidently in his Excellency's integrity and kind feelings towards the inhabitants and Minors of this Colony, we would all gladly undertake to contribute with his duty to his Government to be upheld in the ordinary winter months, in the matter of license, which I should not in the narrowest situation well necessarily result in having most of these men from the Country, thus retaining the growth and perpetuity of this place, but also Nationality, being the revenue, we are aware that to necessary a revenue should be collected, the Government should be supported, and as we trust you have been witness to the capability of the people to the regulations made in way of duties, taxes, & licenses, by you, Sir, I trust you will be as ready to assist in the same, as you have been to make the situation as little as possible, and as little as possible as possible, but we are now informed that you are now in the neighbourhood of a new order of things, one to prevent that the very letter and spirit of the law is to be carried out, and regard has of consequence its several parts are expected to be such as are unable to comply with its requirements, we deeply and sincerely regret this line of policy being pursued at this present time and we will immediately represent to His Excellency the Governor that in our opinion such policy will result in much trouble and distress and tend to defeat in a great measure the object intended, that is the collecting of a Revenue and we greatly fear may ultimately lead to something worse than the present state of things.

With Respect Dear Sir

Very truly Yours

Charles Emerson

E. Alexander

H. Williams

D. Campbell

Wm. Martin

do

Morehead

do

Baker

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the proposed
 bill for the amendment of the act in relation to the duties on spirits and liquors. I have the honor to
 inform you that the bill has been passed by the House of Representatives on the 11th inst. and
 is now in the hands of the Senate. I have the honor to inform you that the bill is now
 in the hands of the Senate and is now in the hands of the Senate. I have the honor to
 inform you that the bill is now in the hands of the Senate and is now in the hands of the Senate.

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 Merchants

Charles Emerson
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Petition
Right of Ferry
on
(Lake season)
9th December 1858
Shore
Petition
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Watchings et al.

Victoria Vancouver Island
Dec^r 9th 1858

To
His Excellency
James Douglas Esquire

Sir,

We the undersigned your petitioners
have applied to Mr. Anderson, on the subject of
the Ferry Boat we have established on Lake Seaton
in British Columbia as you requested us to do,
Mr. Anderson says that he can not do anything
without orders from your Excellency, but
requested us to make a plain statement of facts
connected with case and present them to
your Excellency, which are as follows.

We your Petitioners John G. Watchings
Robert A. Brown John Mcintosh & Patrick Everett
being British Subjects did in the month of
August last, associate ourselves together with
all our interests & Capital; for the purpose
of establishing a Ferry Boat on Lake Seaton
in British Columbia, for conveying passengers
& Freight to and fro across said Lake Seaton
and that in the said month of September, the
said Ferry Boat was established and in good
running order. And after having expended a
large amount of Capital and Consumption of
time and in the face of unfriendly Indians -
and at a time when no other party or parties
thought of undertaking such a public necessity,
we your Petitioners having full & implicit

Confidence in your Excellency's good government of said Colony, did undertake & establish said Ferry Boat, for the good of the Community, Welfare of the Colony, and the advancement of our own interests, and that our Charges are very low, being for passengers \$2.00 each and Freight \$1.00 per Ton, the distance across the said Lake is about Twenty Miles.

And we your Petitioners would also inform your Excellency that a few weeks ago, Another Company came and put on a Boat on said Lake there not being sufficient traffic on said Lake to maintain two Ferry Boats, it is proving very injurious and detrimental to our interests, we not being Capitalists or Speculators, but working Men.

And also that the other party are all Foreigners having no respect for our Laws or the Institutions of our Country, who think if they can be allowed to run us the Pilots of the Lake, off the Lake they can perhaps by misrepresentation to unsuspecting Parties be enabled to sell out & realize something out of the Speculations.

We therefore your Petitioners in view of these facts do humbly pray your Excellency to grant to us your Petitioners the exclusive right of running a Ferry Boat to and fro across Lake Seaton in British Columbia aforesaid, for the space of Two years,

And that we your Petitioners having full faith in the Integrity and Justice of your Excellency do patiently await the granting

of our Petition.

John Leatner
2 Barts

$\frac{2900}{4000}$

} John Butcher King
Browne Yorkshire
McCulloch Canada
Everett Ireland
And we your Petitioners
will ever pray &c

To
His Excellency
James Douglas Esquire
Governor
of British Columbia
and its Dependencies.

John Anderson
4 in Company - 3 Barts
2 Barts
8.2 Barts
4.10 a ton

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Dexter

His Excellency James Douglas Esq.
Governor and Commander in Chief
of the Colony of Victoria

The petition of the undersigned Robert Dexter
and Jefferson Siggins, Miners
humbly sheweth, —

That your petitioners in conjunction with
some other Miners during the past summer bought
a London Patent Life Boat of a Company of men
who purchased her from the Barque "Robert
Papenger of London.

That your petitioners paid for their own proportion
of this boat 306 dollars and expended a
further sum in painting her, buying new sail
& otherwice.

That on Friday 21st August last, being
at Lilloett Village on the Trail of that name
on their way up the Fraser to search for
Gold and open up the Country, they met Mr
Thomas Young with a Company of Trail men.

That Mr Young represented himself
to them as, and they verily believed him to
be - The Surveyor of the Harrison River and
Lilloett Lake Company acting for you behalf
of the Government under the authority of
your Excellency in opening up that route to
the Gold regions - with full powers to act as
heremias^{te} mentioned.

That Mr Young further represented
himself to them that the route could not be
properly opened unless he and the 25 trail men
immediately under him could have the boat
of your petitioners - that it was in fact necessary
for the proper and more speedy opening

opening of the said Government route - That the
Mr. Young could not as they were informed and
believed build any boat for the purpose
as he had not the requisite tools with him
And that the small canoes obtainable were not
adapted to the service required

That at the period of the Contract hereinafter
mentioned your petitioners were by purchase
proprietors of six eighths ($6/8^{\text{th}}$) of the said Boat
the remaining two eighths ($2/8^{\text{th}}$) thereof being
the property of a Miner called Aimable
Bonnet. That the said Boat was then and
there sold by the said Robert Deater Jefferson
Viggins and Aimable Bonnet to the said
Thomas A. Young for Government use for
600 lbs of flour - for which orders were
given upon the Commissary General of the
said N. River and Lake Trail engaging to
deliver such 600 lbs. of flour in the following
proportions to wit - to said Deater 200
lbs; to said Viggins 250 lbs; to said
Bonnet 150 lbs., and to make such
delivery at the Portage of Fraser River
such flour being then and there worth
75 cents per lb. -

That the said Orders belonging to the
said Petitioners (Attested Copies whereof are
inclosed hereto) are in their possession.
but that those belonging to the said Aimable
Bonnet, is so far as they are aware
still in his possession, and that at the time
when your petitioners ^{left} was at
French Bar on the Fraser River about
55 miles above the Forks. (see back)

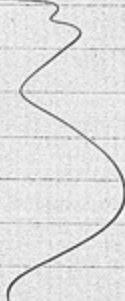
That the above Flour was intended as

That your petitioners then handed over
the boat to W. Young who had it in use
as they were informed and believed in
Government-service for over two months
crossing and recrossing Lilloett Lake
conveying stores and men in
opening up the Trail Route - which
from the geological formation of the
Country necessarily traverses the
Lilloett Lake

Part of the winter provision of your petitioners, and that had they received them according to their engagement with the Gov^t Surveyor they would have been enabled to winter at their claim and to work same when workable.

That they have been diligently & steadily working up to the present month of December upon their claim which is situated 2 miles above the Robertson Flat on the Upper Mountain Frazer River - and have expended much labor and over 3000 dollars more or less in bringing a flume or water course right over the Frazer River for the purpose of developing the mineral resources of the surrounding Country

That the horse for the Conveyance of this water was not allowed to pass by the Trailmen and is still detained on the way at Fort Douglas, so that your petitioners must have left the work incomplete and deserted their



Claim^{ant} had they not been furnished with materials for its construction and food for themselves, poor Mortimer Robertson of Robertson Flat in the Fraser who has not yet been paid for same.

That they had just commenced to make some of gold per diem per man - borrowing what stores they could (flour was then worth 1 \$ per lb) when they were obliged to go leave for want of provisions and incur the expense of the Journey to Victoria and living there till Spring.

That by this forced cessation from work at such times as work was practicable they have sustained a severe direct pecuniary as well as indirect loss which at present they are not well able to bear.

That the Contracts for the 450 lbs of flour were entered upon bona fide and upon faith in your Excellency's Government, - for a specific and beneficial service to the Government - The life boat sold was adapted for the purpose, and was considered at the time fairly worth the amount contracted for.

That as yet your petitioners have had no satisfactory redress or payment in the matter. That the general feeling of confidence in your Excellency's authority and justice so beneficial to the peace order & good government of places so distant from this Metropolis, which pervades the mixed population that frequent that Province and District in British Columbia would be rudely shaken should it be thought that bona fide and fair business transactions, however small, entered into with generally accredited Officers of your Excellency were liable to doubt delay

or difficulty of settlement not necessarily
unusual to similar transactions
in the ordinary course of business

Your petitioners therefore
pray that your Excellency will be
graciously pleased to order that
the within named contract with
the said Thomas A. Young may
be affirmed and that payment
upon the same rate that Messrs
petitioners were compelled to give
Subsequent to the date of the contract
at their claim so wit one dollar
per c for the 450 c of flour
belonging to them, may be paid
to them

And your Petitioners as
induty bound will ever pray &

Annexed
Copies of the 2 Orders for Flour on the
Commissary General

Affidavits of Robert Dexter

James Pond

& George Chapin

Affidavit of Robert Dexter
in the annexed petition more parti-
-cularly mentioned.

The said Robert Dexter maketh oath
and saith that the statements contained
in his annexed petition annexed
hereto to His Excellency James Douglas
Esquire Governor and Commander in Chief
of British Columbia & Vancouver Island
are true to the best of his knowledge
and belief. -

That the transactions to wit the sale
of the Boat to the therein named
Thomas A. Young was entered into
bona fide. That Deponent believed the
said ^{Thomas} Young to be authorized to enter
into into the contract in question on behalf
of the ^{Government of British Columbia} Government
that the Boat itself therein referred to
was worth the price for which it was
then sold by Deponent and the Jefferson
Siggins and Annable Bounet in said annexed
petition particularly named. -

That the said Boat was, as ~~the~~ Deponent
was informed and believes, used in
the Government service of Youilloett
Lake by the said Thomas A. Young - for
a period as Deponent was informed
of over two months. That the said Boat
is still used in crossing the lake but
in whose service Deponent saith not.

And also that the said Jefferson Siggins
is at present ill in the Hospital at Victoria
and that by reason thereof his depositions
to the above mentioned purport may not readily
be obtained.

Victoria
to wit I sworn to & subscribed
before me this day December 31st
A.D. 1856 Thomas G. Williams Registrar Supreme Court

Robert Dexter

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Affidavit of James Poud and George
Chapin of Victoria Miners

The said James Poud and George Chapin
make oath and say

That they went up to Lilloet Valley
on the Harrison River and Lilloet Lake
Trail in the boat belonging as they
were informed and verily believed to
Robert Dexter and Jefferson Higgins
and other Miners and that they paid
their passage money to the said Dexter and
Higgins.

That one of the said Deponents
to wit George Chapin was present at
and that both were aware of the Contract
between the said Robert Dexter & Higgins
with Thomas A. Young (who was as
they were informed & verily believed the
Surveyor of the above route for and
on behalf of the Government with
ample powers for the purchase of
the life boat of the said Dexter and
Higgins.

That the annexed Copies
marked A and B are true Copies
of the ^{two orders} portion of the consideration
for such purchase) given and
belonging to said Dexter and Higgins.

That such purchase was
absolutely necessary for the purposes of
the said Surveyor in opening the said
Route traversing the Lake Lilloet
(about twenty miles long) and conveying
Stores to and fro.

mortgage. But as it is not intended
that Mr. How should have been
admitted there, I have not considered
this occasion material.

Siggins' 250 lb
Mason's 150 lb

Some under the same observation;
except as to the experience of good faith,
such each claimant has a right to for
himself, when he brings his case forward.
— This case, ~~that~~ the joint petition
of Weyler and Higgins makes on the evidence
he adduced about the case of Weyler
alone

Wm M. Stephen
Victoria B.C.
4th Jan'y 1859.

That in their opinion the said Boat was well worth the price agreed to be paid for it in such Contract estimating the flour at the very lowest at 75 cents per lb.

That they themselves paid on Fraser River at the period in question 75 cents, 80 cents, and 1 dollar per lb for flour.

That the deponents are not and have in any way been connected with the said Dexter and Higgins.

That the said Thomas A. Young came a distance of 12 miles for the express object of purchasing this said Boat - and that previous to making the purchase he had her hauled up at Lillooet village and thoroughly examined - and that they both ascribed the M. A. Young in the operation.

And that so far as they are informed and believe the demand of the said Dexter and Higgins is a fair and just one.

Victorin }
to wit }.

G. S. Chapin
James L. Jones

Subscribed and

known to before me this day the
Twenty ninth day of December A.D.
1854 at the G. Williams Register, S.C.

be settled on similar terms.

The principle is that the post should not legally bound by the undertaking act of its agent (Young) is morally bound in the highest degree, so having placed the agent and 20 percent by his act. The post however is not bound to make good all the consequential damages to the settler arising from the breach of Young's contract, with the unknown of the fact and with it had no opportunity of making good. e.g. the loss of time and opportunity of working. The settler however do not ask full consequential damages but only the actual cost to them of the claim they contract to receive, and not they released by other laws. (The fact of their having the appearance in price (viz) 25 cents per lb. is, I conceive, in the nature of consequential damages for the loss of their bargain but not whole 500 lbs (including Bennett's claim when he comes in) the appearance only amounts to \$150 = £30. and the payment of it was greatly returned to the credit of the post and allowed men who appear to have rendered good services, & to have suffered in consequence of it. & the other fact the settler only expects at the time of their contract to receive 175 cents per lb.

It may be shown that the applicant as above stated that the settler presented their order for payment at the (value)

A. Friday Aug 27th 1838

Camp at Lovett Village
The Commissary of St. River & Lac La Poudre
trail will deliver to R. Dexter at
the Postage on Snake River 200 lbs
of Flour

Thus a Young Surveyor
of St. River & Lac La Poudre trail -

B. Friday Aug 27 1838
Camp at Lovett Village
The Commissary of St. River &
L. La Poudre trail will deliver to
J. Higgins at the Postage on Snake
River 250 lbs of Flour

Thus a Young Surveyor
of St. River & Lac La Poudre trail -

30th Dec 1858

Petition

of Robert Dexter
and Jefferson Siggs

British Columbia

Petition

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See within

4.9.58.

Jefferson

H.P. Creace
Post Street

The bona fides of the transaction being proved to our satisfaction by the testimony of the witnesses. (viz) that the defendant Mr. Young to be authorized to purchase the land as within bounds, that it was a fair price and that the land appeared to have been substantially, lawfully, and by deed, in public form; and though some circumstances being also established by other witnesses; & although proof of identity of the present claimants be wanting, yet the original orders in Young's hand writing being now furnished; and Mr. Ketchum's testimony appearing before me and seeming to be altogether not on oath, yet satisfactorily, and stating (not on oath) that he has never had the possession of the said tract since the said sale, and but now for as within aforesaid mentioned; I have to report that in my opinion the claims of the petitioners ought to be allowed to the extent of the price with the interest to receive (viz) the value of 200 lbs of flour at 75c. \$150; and that the claim to receive the said tract paid by him for that quantity of flour (viz) 200 lbs at 80c = \$160 is not allowed.

The other petitioners Siggs has made no affidavit, being no alleged to be in the facts. It is sufficient that he is by all that he cannot pay any attention to the evidence. But although in that event of his making a disclaimer of affidavit, I have to report that the very decision the claim ought to be settled (as settled).

British Columbia, humbly sheweth:

That your petitioners, having sincerely at heart the best interests of their adopted country, and being fully persuaded that these interests will be advanced by the proper observance of one day in seven as a day of rest; and being further persuaded that the sale of intoxicating drinks on Sundays is in direct antagonism with such observance; earnestly desire to obtain from the supreme legislative authority of the Province some practical legislation for the restriction of such sale.

That, in the opinion of your petitioners, experience has shown it to be necessary that such legislation, to be efficient, should emanate from the central Government of the country, instead of being relegated to Municipalities; and that, further, some of the places in this Province which most need such a law are not now, and are not likely soon to be, included within the bounds of any Municipality.

That in a country in which so many difficulties stand in the way of an efficient administration of the law—where we have a small number of white residents scattered over a wide territory, a native and half-breed population peculiarly susceptible to the temptations offered by intoxicating drinks, and the near prospect of a large influx of railway workers and others, over numbers of whom, for some years at least, ordinary social restraints will have no power—many strong considerations of public policy array themselves in advocacy of such a measure as your petitioners desire.

That in view of these and other weighty considerations, your petitioners would most earnestly urge that British Columbia follow the example set by three divisions of the United Kingdom, and, your petitioners believe, by every Province of this Dominion in the east.

Your petitioners, therefore, pray that an amendment similar in effect to sec. 43, cap. 181, R. S. of Ontario, be made to the License Law of this Province, by which the sale of intoxicating liquors in any bar or saloon or other place where such liquors are sold by wholesale or retail, and the consumption of such liquors on such premises (except by a *bona fide* resident thereof) shall be prohibited from a certain fixed hour (not later than ten o'clock) on Saturday night until a certain fixed hour (not earlier than six o'clock) on the Monday morning following:

And your petitioners will ever pray.

C. Larive

M. S. Laing

W. Larive

W. Larive

W. Larive

John Larive
Robert Scott
John Larive

John J. Murray

Alfred H. King

W. Larive

John Scand

John Larive

Joseph Robertson

J. A. Scott

J. W. Morrison

John Pollock

George Deane

Margaret Pollock

William Reid

Wm Pollock

W. S. King

James Reid

John Larive

And your petitioners will ever pray.

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John Larive

Alfred S. King

Sarah's Son

Catharine's Son

Adam's Grandson

John's Grandson

Mr. Morrison

Elizabeth's Son

Mr. S. S. King

of Pittsburg

John, James,

Charles & David

John's Son, David

John's Son, David

John's Son, David

David's Son, David

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