

Douglas

^{Ministry}
To be entered

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Victoria, Vancouver's Island
14th January 1859

Sir,
I have the honor to
address you on the subject
of the recent enactments
in your colony in relation
to the Gold Mines.

There are in this Colony
a few regulations which
have

To His Excellency
Sir William Denison,
Governor, New South Wales

have hitherto been sufficient
and which proved satisfactory,
but it is probable that
as our mineral wealth
becomes developed, it will
be necessary, before long,
to make extensive legislative
provisions on this subject,
for which I wish to
collect all requisite materials.
I should therefore be
much obliged if your
Excellency would cause to
be sent to me, at your
convenience, copies of the
present code ~~in~~ ^{re} mining
regulations in the Colony
under

Sir Henry Barkly

under your government, and
of such other documents as
you may deem likely to
be of service.

I am already in possession
of the Blue Book of
1855 containing the report
of the Commissioners and
the act of that year
made in conformity with
such report.

I have made a similar
application ^{to the present} to His Excellency
the Governor of Victoria,
~~for the~~ ^{as to} gold mining
regulations in that
Colony

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedt

Copy of letter from
Governor Douglas
to
Mr. William D. Smith
Governor of Louisiana
State -

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extracts from letters to Capt Stuart in charge at
Nanimo from H.E. Governor Douglas conveying
instructions regarding the exploration of British Col.

This is equivalent to giving him bed and board
for the winter, but for such hospitalities no charges
have ever been made signed Robt. Douglas

"The report respecting Jarvis Inlet is of
" much importance and deserves inves-
" tigation, in fact if any influential Indian
" from that quarter be at Nanimo, you
" might despatch a party under their
" protection to prospect the country and
" to report on its capabilities, and the
" sooner this is done I think the better
" July 24th 1858"

"On the other hand, should he (Major
" Downie) remain at Nanimo, pray be
" kind to him, and give him any spare
" House there may be and a mouthful of
" food, as he is a good worthy fellow man
" and may be useful to the establishment
" November 5th 1858. - Let Major Downie
" have an advance of ten pounds sterling
" at servants prices November 5. 1858"

"I am desirous that the country from Jarvis
" Inlet should be extensively explored for
" the information of the Government."

"I wish you specially to advise the Indians
" to aid assist and treat him with all
" kindness and they shall be rewarded hereafter
" the few Blankets he owes them may be re-
" paid at Nanimo on account of British
" Columbia." I authorize you to advance Major Downie
" a sum equivalent to fifty pounds sterling on account
" of British Columbia and you will take receipts
" from him for such disbursements Feb 15th 1859

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By James Douglas
Companion of the most Hon Order
of the Bath, Governor of Her
Majesty's Colony of British
Columbia and so forth
To Matthew Baillie Beattie Esq
a justice of our Lady the Queen
Gracious, I repose special
Trust in your Learning,
integrity and ability do
hereby assign and commission
you the said Matthew
Baillie Beattie to inquire

(by the oath of good and lawful men of the said colony by whom the truth of the matter may be better known and by other ways and means whereby you can or may the better know) more fully the truth of all treasons, misdemeanors of treason, felonies, misdemeanors, offences and injuries whatsoever and also the accessories of the same within the said colony by whomsoever and howsoever done, perpetrated or committed and by whom, to whom, when, how and in what manner and of all articles and circumstances to

the premises and every or any of them howsoever concerning And for this time to hear and otherwise determine the said treasons and other the premises according to the laws now in force of the said colony - And also to deliver all the gaols and every the gaol of our Lady the Queen in the said Colony of the prisoners therein being according to the said laws now in force in the said Colony - Given under my hand and the public seal of the said Colony this third day of March 1859

By His Excellency's Command James Douglas
William A. Young
Secretary

Letter (unimpaired) of 8 June 1859

Commission of
the Hon. James
Douglas
Govt. Secy.

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DOUGLAS, JAMES (GOVERNOR)
1859

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

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Copy

Victoria
Vancouver's Island
8th March 1859

Sir

There is at the present
moment a large number of
Northern Indians encamped in
and around Victoria through
whom it is apprehended disturbances
may arise, and by whom outrages
may be committed, and as I have
been anxious for some time past
to remove these Indians from the
place

Captain De Courcy R. N.

Senior Naval Officer
Vancouver's Island

place, and to send them to their
homes, I have the honor to apply
to you on the occasion, to know
whether you will spare one of
Her Majesty's vessels of War to
assist me in my endeavours - by
conveying the said Indians in
their canoes as far as Johnston's
Straits, which would insure the
safe conveyance of the Indians
beyond a point where they would
be likely to commit any outrages on
the white Settlements, and would
at the same time give them
sufficient protection against a
Tribe near to that locality, of
whom

whom they represent they are
unable to pass at the present
time unless protected.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant
(signed) James Douglas

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17th

Victoria Vancouver Island
9. March 1859.

Sir

By a Despatch dated
Dorning the 31. December 1858
from the Secretary of State for
the Colonies, I am directed to
inform you that he has received
a letter which you addressed to
him on the 30. October last
and that he has sanctioned the
Annexed list which accompanied

Colonel Moody
Royal Engineers

Yours

H. R. S.

Yr letter of the 15th sent with
the Royal Engineers to British
Columbia.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Yr most obedient servant
James Douglas

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Auction of Sec. of Sec. to an
amount of £1000 and 10/6
Victoria
9 March 1859

~~XXXX~~
Good Day Sir
that Secs for Colonies
has sanctioned amended
list of Stores

9th March 1859

Yours
A. J.

James
Douglas

16th

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Kilnwick Naucrasia Island
11th March 1859

Sir,

I have the honor to
acknowledge receipt of your letter
of the 9th Instant, forwarding
despatches addressed to you
by Mr. Bauer.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Obedient
humble servant
James Douglas

His Honor

The Lieutenant Governor

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~~No 10~~

Your Obedience
acknowledg receipt
of Letter.

11th March 1859

18th March
acknowledg by Receipt
of duplicate from Mr. M...

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Victoria, Vancouver's Island
12th March 1859

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
receipt of your letter of the 11th instant
preceding to me despatches which
you had received from Mr. Drew
and Mr. Wharmell.

I am the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant
James Douglas

His Honor
The Lieutenant Governor
Victoria

Sp. 41
~~XXXX~~

Gov. Douglas
acknowledging receipt
of letters
19th March 1859

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Acknowledging receipt of
despatches from Mr. Blair
of the Mauritius
Victoria
12 June 1859
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Victoria, Vancouver's Island
19th March 1859.

Sir,

In return to your letter of
yesterday's date, I have the honor
to acquaint you that in accordance
with your requisition the Treasurer
of British Columbia has been
authorized to credit Captain Parsons
No. with the sum of Three Hundred
pounds, for defraying incidental
expenses of the Survey Department
under the Royal Engineers at Quatung.

£ 300.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Yours Honor's most Obedient
& faithful Servant
James Douglas
Lieutenant Gov. & Chief Commissioner
of Lands & Works.

~~A 5~~
G^o Douglas.
that supp. Pasens
is entitled for £300

19th March 1859.

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Paid of £300 for expenses
of survey of Queen's
Island 12th March 1860
New South Wales - Page 6

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Government House Victoria
Nanaimo Island 21st March 1859

Sir,

I herewith transmit a
letter from the Reverend Mr. Crickmer
with a plan and estimate for the
enlargement of the Parsonage at
Langley with several indispensable
additions which Mr. Fell, the
Contractor has agreed to execute
for the sum of Four hundred
dollars.

I-

His Honor
The Lieutenant Governor

I approve of that addition
to the Parsonage, and hereby
authorize you to carry it into
effect, on those terms.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient
humble Servant
James Douglas

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Authority for
increase to the
parsonage at
Langley.

21st March 1859

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Victoria Vancouver Island
24th March 1859

Dear Judge -

I have much pleasure
in acknowledging the receipt of your several
communications dated from Langley, Quinslor's
and Fort Hope, the last just this moment
received per Beaver.

Your account
of proceedings is interesting and though
I have not time to go into the subjects
in detail I may observe generally that
I entirely approve of your proceedings ^{what has been done}.

I shall take care to protect your
drafts on Gossett and other expenses
to the amount of £31 dollars.

Yours

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COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

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Your opinion of the extent and quality of land between Langley and the St. Pierre is gratifying. Kirk also appears to have won your favor and I trust he will continue to deserve it. I observed that those smuggling vagabonds have again touched your kind and generous heart. But Beris appears to have been secured in his rights, so I am satisfied.

I have accordingly to your suggestion for which I thank you, directed Mr. Young to send Colonel Moody a ^{copy of the} Proclamation and that concerning the Tariff of Licenses. The ~~act~~ a month leased for the use of Crownlands is a mere temporary arrangement

arrangement, pending the sale of such land, and is in fact a ~~mere~~ substitute for the tradey license which will hereafter ~~be substituted~~ ^{be substituted} for it, therefore I do not think it would be advisable to disturb the existing arrangement for the collection of such duty.

I have not had time to weigh the points in Murphy's proposals respecting the ferry at Fort Hope. I think his terms reasonable and the trail he proposes to cut on the north side of the River will be of great advantage to the country, and I should not object to surrender for his benefit the remainder of the rent due for the current year.

That would be a trifling consideration: the ^{real} great difficulty ^{lies} in ~~meeting~~ ^{meeting} his demands for protection.

his rights would extend over a distance of
seven miles altogether, including the point
where ~~Stape stands~~, Interests may
grow up there in the course of 10 years
that may put it ^{entirely} out of the power
of Government to protect his rights, which
would also I conceive be repugnant to the
spirit of English Law. It would
be a simple matter to give an exclusive right of
passage at any one ~~single~~ point of the river,
~~wherever it may be~~ ^{what can be done} roads might converge there, and
to protect parties in the enjoyment of ~~such~~ such
~~rights~~ ^{benefits}, but I conceive it would be impossible
to enforce the ^{same} rights over a ^{stretch} space of 7 miles,
unless the parties, ^{possessing the right} choose to ^{keep} ^{from there} ^a ^{convenient} craft at
every point where people might wish to cross

the river? ~~etc~~ able for that reason only
~~Altogether feasible~~, so inadvisable - and I am glad
you came to no conclusive arrangement with
him on those terms.

I am glad to hear that your stay
at Fort Yale was not to be prolonged and
that there was not much to do in the
criminal court. I sympathize with the
people at Fort Hope and am anxious that
work there and at Fort Yale should
not be held and settlement in the country
should be put in possession of their land
deeds as soon as possible. The same facilities
will be granted at Fort Complex Lytle and any
other part of the country suitable for town sites.

I highly approve of the proposed arrangement
with Mr. Col. for building a saw mill at Fort Hope
which would supply an article so much wanted
for building purposes - and shall

authorize the Lieut Governor to close with
his proposals in which I small suggest
one alteration; - that is to say, that he should
be bound to supply all the ^{quantity} ~~quantity~~ ^{to be used in other parts} ~~quantity~~ required
for Government purposes at the rate of \$30 or
thousand feet, and not as proposed by
McBre at \$50 thousand which is really
more than the ~~whole~~ wood would cost
undered ~~to~~ of shipping from the place.

If to make ~~any~~ ~~short~~ ~~upon~~ that
alteration change in the terms as we will, a
great deal of timber there, for building
Troops, and other ~~Gov~~ ^{Gov} ~~purpose~~ ^{purpose} and
should be ~~object~~ ^{to} ~~make~~ ^{make} a reduction in the
rent rather than ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~prefer~~ ^{prefer} to
quitting the point.

We have no
word but very busy since your departure

The weather has been ~~excellent~~ - Everyone
complains of it and Philosophy has even
refused to come to my aid. Mr. Brown
beats up admirably under ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~reflection~~
and declares he is satisfied.

Mr. M. will ~~work~~ ^{work} at Linn's Bay
and will be happy to see you -

With best wishes

Private

Governor Douglas to
Judge Keppie 26th March 1859

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DOUGLAS, JAMES (GOVERNOR)
1859

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

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Y. No. 156 -

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Victoria Harbour Island
31st March 1859

Dear Sir

I have within the hour received your letter dated Fort York 19th and 23rd Instants

Your report is interesting and important. The pecuniary and arrangement of the Town like at York, would I fear, only plunge us into further complications.

The present confusion of rights is not justly chargeable to the whisks, but to the parties themselves, who without permission from any person, squatted upon the lands which they now occupy, and to restore order out of this chaos, nothing more is required than ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{exercise of} firmness and decision, on the part of the Officer acting ^{in the} ~~in~~ ^{the} ~~part~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{Government,} and we shall let his decision ^{stand} ~~be~~ ^{final.}

I authorized Mr. Brown ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{Commissioner} ~~Commissioner~~ ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{investigate} ~~investigate~~ ^{and} ~~and~~ ^{adjust} ~~adjust ^{all} ~~all~~ ^{disputes} ~~disputes ^{respecting} ~~respecting~~ ^{Townlots,} according to ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{principles} ~~principles~~ ^{of} ~~of~~ ^{equity} ~~equity~~ ^{and} ~~and~~ ^{justice} ~~justice~~ ^{and} ~~and~~ ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{bring} ~~bring~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{same} ~~same ^{into} ~~into~~ ^{order} ~~order~~ ^{and} ~~and~~ ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{carry} ~~carry~~ ^{out} ~~out~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{same} ~~same ^{with} ~~with~~ ^{reference} ~~reference~~ ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{best} ~~best~~ ^{interests} ~~interests~~ ^{of} ~~of~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{Government.}~~~~~~~~

I have also addressed the Chief Coroner on the subject requesting that early measures may be taken to settle Townlots at Fort Hope and Fort York, replacing the leases issued in those two places by formal titles which will relieve the minds of the occupants and tend greatly to the improvement and expansion of both Towns.

I wrote you much about the subject of the application with ^{reference} ~~reference~~ ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{the} ~~the ^{same} ~~same ^{subject} ~~subject~~ ^{and} ~~and~~ ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{encourage} ~~encourage~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{same} ~~same ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{future} ~~future~~ ^{and} ~~and~~ ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{bring} ~~bring~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{same} ~~same ^{into} ~~into~~ ^{order} ~~order~~ ^{and} ~~and~~ ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{carry} ~~carry~~ ^{out} ~~out~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{same} ~~same ^{with} ~~with~~ ^{reference} ~~reference~~ ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{best} ~~best~~ ^{interests} ~~interests~~ ^{of} ~~of~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{Government.}~~~~~~~~~~

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to ^{will} be free to limit how his prices, so far as the public
is large and concerned to a fixed rate as every person
is entitled to the full value of his property, and
the respect come in all cases the right of
the ~~price~~ after all are left left by the State of supply
and demand.

As respects the Government
however the case is different, and I wish it to be bound to
furnish all the Lumber required for public works at
a price not exceeding 30 dollars - at least, unless
indeed the market price should fall below that
rate.

I have not received any
announcement of Captain Phannel, ^{intended} ~~to~~ ^{be} ~~written~~
from ^{his} ~~own~~ ^{place} ~~house~~ but his notes ^{are} ~~are~~ ^{not} ~~not~~ ^{yet} ~~not~~
immediately procured. You need make
no mistake of the 2 Indians brought before you
for trial.

I have no doubt they were innocent
of the ^{alleged} ~~alleged~~ charges brought against them and the victims
of a conspiracy. I have received the
notes, but will give it immediate
attention.

I am glad you did not yield
to those objections and I prefer your own view of the
matter.

The matter ^{is} ~~is~~ ^{settled} ~~settled~~ for
the season and I shall be glad to hear that you
have got over the journey to Lytton without too
much fatigue.

I am sure you will
go with me after making that journey, that judges
will have no objections, nor reproach in the way of road.
The British Columbia and V.I. had been created
into a Protoprovince, and I have received

Communication for you as judge of the newly created
Admiralty Court of B.C.
Your Commission like my own, multiply
more rapidly, ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{income} ~~income~~ arising from them
May give my best respects to all
with best wishes. My dear Sir
Very truly yours
J.D.

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1859 CORRESPONDENCE

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Letter
from Geo Douglas
to Justice Roper
March 31st 1859

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1859

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

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Victoria, Vancouver Island
12th April 1859.

Sir,

With reference to your letter
of the 1st April upon the subject of the
proposal made with the Survey of
Lucanborough, and of the employment
of the volunteer force of Royal Marines
at that place, I have the honor
to acquaint you that I have made
arrangements with the Senior Naval
Officer present to transfer the
detachment of Royal Marines from
Vancouver Island to British Columbia,
providing them with all their

His Honor
The Lieutenant Governor
Admiral Commanding the Frigate

Captain

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beampipe and with three
months provisions, and I enclosed
herewith the copy of a letter from
that officer upon the subject, and
by which you will observe that the
detachment will leave this on
Thursday next the 14th Instant in
Her Majesty's Ship *Porpoise*, and will be
conveyed from the entrance of Francis
River to Queenstown in Her
Majesty's Ship *Plumper*.

2. - I request you will submit to
me a scheme for granting extra pay
to Mr. Fare, and for his employment
as long as it may not be opposed for other military service,
in the manner which may seem
to you most desirable for ensuring
the greatest amount of benefit to the
Colony

Army and at the same time
for guarding against inducements
to desertion and causes for
dissatisfaction arising amongst the
men, from the peculiar circumstances
in which they will be placed, both
with reference to the nature of the
Country, and to their being brought
in contact with another military
body whose greater skill and more
scientific acquirements must naturally
entitle them to a higher amount
of compensation.

I am, Sir, Your Obedient Servant
James Douglas

Capt W. M. Young

H.M. Ship *Pygades*

Esquimaux Harbour —

11th April 1859

Sir

I have the honor to acquaint you that 139 officers and Men of the Detachment of Supernumerary Marines brought from China, will (agreeably to your requisition) proceed in Her Majesty's Ship "*Soldate*" on Thursday Morning the 14th inst. to the entrance of the

Frazier

His Excellency

Governor Douglas C. B.

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Victoria

Frazer River, where they will
be met by H.M. Ship Plumper,
to which ship they will be
transferred on Friday the 15th
inst, and conveyed to Quenborough.

This Force will be supplied
with three months provisions
from H.M. S. Tribune, where
they will continue to be borne
for wages.

Prior to their leaving I
will forward you a Nominal
List of the Officers and Men,
who will proceed to British
Columbia.

The Officer Commanding the
detachment will be instructed
to

to follow out all Instructions
given by Your Excellency, or
the Lieutenant Governor of
British Columbia, and the Force
when landed will be subject to
the Mutiny Act, instead of the
Naval Articles of War.

Independent of the 139 Officers
and Men, I have retained one
Subaltern and 24 Men, to be
available as a Guard for the
Treasury whenever Your Excellency
may require them.

I have the honor
to be Sir

Your obedient Servant
(signed) Mich de Courcy
Captain and
Senior Officer

Royal Marines
to
Luxembourg
Report to Govr
29th April 1859

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DOUGLAS, JAMES (GOVERNOR)
1859

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

Receipt acknowledge 18th

with thanks

H. M. J. P. Pades

Esquimaux Harbour

15th April 1859

Acknowledge Sir,
Receipt

I have the honor to enclose
nominal lists of the detachments
of Royal Marine Light Infantry
to be employed in British Columbia
and Vancouver Island.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Michaelsony } Captain and
} Senior Officer

His Excellency

Governor Douglas & Co

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Forwarded to the Colonel
Commanding the Troops
for his information
by order of the Governor
William A. Young
Acting Colonial Secretary
18 April 1859

Duplicate

Nominal List of the Detachment
of Royal Marines under the Command of
Colonel Major about to proceed in service in
India. Colonial Office. S. N. Hospital Expenses. 11th April 1859.

No.	Name	Rank	Remarks
	Thomas Major	Captain	
	George Buzaloff	"	
	C. J. Blake	1st Lieut	
	A. P. Hury	"	
	E. C. Sparke	2nd Lieut	
	C. J. Owen	"	
3	John Fitzgibbon	1st Lieut	
113	Byrne Bolton	Surgeon	
7	George Marshall	"	
18	Henry Johnson	"	
41	Walter P. Dute	"	
51	George Dabridge	"	
13	John Lewis	"	
111	John Newbury	Corporal	
42	Walter Wray	"	
26	Charles Whittlock	"	
6	John Lunn	"	
114	James Thomas	"	
55	Joseph Major	"	
35	George Hughes	Sergeant	

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No.	Name	Rank	Number	No.	Name	Rank	Number
83	George Spinks	Captain		99	James Longwood	Private	
5	John Griffiths	Private		59	Wm. Gore		
7	John Charlton			21	Wm. Cascombe		
81	George Knight			53	Henry E. Thomas		
23	Albert Griffiths			57	Thomas Giff		
27	Edw. C. Connor			23	John Tiley		
	John Hopwell			56	John Barrat		
31	David B. Connell			71	James W. H. H. H.		
	Henry Lewis			62	Wm. H. West		
	Nichl. Whitland			22	Wm. Bostwick		
	Thomas Hughes			78	George Nelson		
35	Saml. Clapp			91	John W. H. H.		
	Henry Martin			31	James Hunt		
59	Nichl. Hook			20	Saml. Woodhouse		
51	George Gibble			82	Nichl. Griffiths		
59	Wm. Livingston			215	Nichl. Hunt		
	Saml. Fiddell			71	James Rowland		
63	George Alderman			99	John Edgewood		
91	Henry Phillips			121	James Keeley		
	Joseph Ellis			86	Wm. Sumner		
45	Andrew Nichols			26	Henry Bracton		
	Wm. Symonds			31	Joseph Clapton		
	John Sutcliffe			6	John Mathews		
	Francis Thyer			31	Thomas Tiddy		
83	John Lee			77	John Taylor		
	George Evans			219	Wm. Jeffries		

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No.	Name	Rank	Remarks
141	James Hamilton	Private	
21	Thomas Heard	"	
53	John Woodcock	"	
41	John Kettle	"	
40	George Brown	"	
99	Thomas Brown	"	
101	James Brown	"	
91	Wm. Lottman	"	
61	Joshua Mitchell	"	
"	George Mitchell	"	
100	John H. H. H.	"	
93	George Connor	"	
76	George Connor	"	
101	Joseph Siggins	"	
"	Frank Bodwin	"	
3	Henry Williams	"	
"	Joseph Amos	"	
7	Samuel Palmer	"	
"	Frank Clapp	"	
11	John Hyde	"	
"	George Hobbs	"	
"	Hugh Smith	"	
"	John Baker	"	
103	Joseph Goodland	"	
"	John Colby	"	
"	Thos. Cox	"	

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No.	Name	Rank	Remarks
15	W ^m Ferguson	Private	
	James Math		
19	John Sutherland		
	John Sutherland		
	Thos. Stewart		
23	John Brown		
24	Joseph Curtis		
25	Thomas Clark		
	John Walker		
	John Neel		
31	James MacKintosh		
	John Ball		
39	George Chambers		
	John Taylor		
47	George Brewer		
	John Bennett		
	John Adams		
67	Thomas Whitson		
79	George Webber		
75	Philip Davis		
91	Thomas Harwood		
79	John Gray		
	Thos. Reed		
71	James Brown		
82	John Woolley		
95	W ^m J. Galt		
99	John Cowall		
	Alfred Harpur		

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Co.	Name	Rank	Amount
99	Capt Hall	Private	
	100	100	
95	100	100	
67	100	100	
3	100	100	
2	100	100	
99	100	100	
25	100	100	
69	100	100	
141	100	100	
41	100	100	
18	100	100	
90	100	100	
22	100	100	

*The Major Captain Commanding
His Majesty's Royal Artillery*

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The following Detachment of
Royal Marines were left at the Naval Hospital
Esquimaux for Service in "Fort Victoria"
R. N. Hospital Esquimaux 10th April 59

No.	Name	Rank	Remarks
	H. S. M. Cooper	Ensign	
91	Wm. Loy	Sergeant	
100	Thos. Fitzford	Corporal	
82	James Waring	Pl.	
81	John Clark	Private	
93	Willm. Small	Pl.	
81	W. Wm. A. Hayes	Pl.	
20	Willm. Pumphrey	Pl.	
36	Thos. Hobbs	Pl.	
141	Thos. Haines	Pl.	
32	Geo. Moore	Pl.	
60	John Tomkinson	Pl.	
76	Chas. Haldy	Pl.	
36	Edy. Poulton	Pl.	
50	Thos. Adams	Pl.	
94	Thos. Watkinson	Pl.	
34	Willm. Smith	Pl.	
34	Jas. Wigham	Pl.	
26	John Canning	Pl.	
82	John Wild	Pl.	
18	John Hancock	Pl.	
101	Willm. Cottrell	Pl.	
41	Philip Allen	Pl.	
14	Geo. Moberg	Pl.	
9	John Pease	Pl.	

LIGHT ORIGINAL

The Major Captain A. D. P. S. J. P.
Commanding Detachment

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Employment of Police in N.S.
— Revenue Pay. —

12 April '89

Answer'd 29 April
de John North. B.

FILE 435

DOUGLAS, JAMES (GOVERNOR)
1859

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

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Victoria Vancouver Island

18 April 1859

Sir,

Captain Jopet, the Treasurer
of British Columbia, having recently
forwarded to me for approval Warrants
for the advance to him of a certain
sum of money, to defray charges for
the transport of Transport, in the capacity
of Acting Commissary for the Colony,
and this being the second occasion
upon which Captain Jopet has
endeavored to identify himself
with such a Functionary, presenting
his reasons therefore upon certain

His Honor

The Lieutenant Governor
of British Columbia

incidental

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incidental allusions to the office which
are to be found in the Treasurer's
Instructions, and in a correspondence
between the Colonial Office and
Treasury upon the subject of the
manner in which the Accounts
of British Columbia are to be kept.
I have the honor to request you
will be good enough to favor me
with your opinion as to the expediency
or expediency of establishing such
a Department as that of Commissary
for the Colony of British Columbia,
as Her Majesty's Government would
seem to contemplate the
employment of Captain Jephth in
the capacity of Commissary only or
for

far as the duties in that respect
were connected with the Detachment
of Royal Engineers serving in the Colony,
and in this case I am of opinion
that all Captain Jephth's transactions
as Commissary should be conducted
under the authority of the Officer
Commanding the Detachment.

2. - The general knowledge of
the intentions of Her Majesty's Government
which you acquired before leaving England
upon many points, may probably
enable you to throw some light upon
this matter.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Honor's most obedient Servant
James Douglas

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 Received of the
 Hon. J. M. [unclear] [unclear]
 the sum of \$100.00
 for [unclear] [unclear]
 No. 10.

36
 Recd. of the [unclear]
 the sum of \$100.00
 18 April 1860

35th

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6c

Victoria, Phoenix Island

18th April 1859.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th Instant, forwarding an application with regard to having a Wharf put up at the Town of Langley.

In reply thereto I beg to convey to you my approval of your suggestion that in the existing state of the colony it will be desirable to have to private enterprise the construction of Wharf accommodation

Yours
at
The Lieutenant Governor
Wharf Commissioner of Roads & Works.

at such places as Lunenburg,
Langley, Hope and Port Douglas, by
levying the water postage at a
moderate rate, upon the condition that
the position and construction of the
proposed Wharfe Pier shall be
approved by the Chief Commissioner of
Lands and Works, and that the
work shall be immediately entered
upon and carried to completion without
any delay, and that facilities shall
be afforded the Public for using the
same, at such rates as may be approved
of by the Government.

3. - I disapprove in your
suggestion as to the holders of Water
Lets having the option of leaving
the

the space in front of them Lets before
the privilege is granted to others.

4. - With reference to the 4th
paragraph of your letter referring to
a modification of the Proclamation of
the 11th February last, in so far as it
relates to the subject now treated of,
I conceive that the purpose will be
fully answered by a simple notice
issued by the Chief Commissioner of Lands
and Works, setting forth the course
which the Government intend at once
to adopt.

Dear the Honour to be

Sir

Your Obedient servant
James Douglas

Victoria, 8th April 1859

Sir,

I have the honor to call your attention to the great inconvenience at present felt by the Mercantile community from the want of wharves at the town of Langley. Your Honor is probably aware that the whole River front was reserved by the Government at the time of sale, on the understanding that improvements would be immediately made and wharves erected at the public expense, but from the numerous duties and difficulties that have devolved on the Colonial Executive, the proposed improvements have not been made.

I did myself the honor of calling on His Excellency the Governor yesterday on the subject, and he directed me to address you officially, and lay before you a proposition in writing which you could afterwards submit to him. The Government would, he assured me, adopt some course of action to meet the wants of commercial men.

In consequence I beg to propose to your Honor that the Government lease me a wharf frontage at a nominal rent until such time as the Government shall be prepared to build wharves, when I will immediately remove this Stone.

The Agent-General
British Columbia

any wharf I may have erected and give back
the postage to the Government clear of obstruction.

The spot required would necessarily
be close to the existing town, so as to render
the wharf easy of access to steamers and
merchants. The very great inconvenience
I have personally felt at the want of a
wharf, first called my attention to it, and
should the Government grant me the lease,
I feel assured that it will be conferring a
great boon to all classes of Her Majesty's
subjects in British Columbia.

Praying your Honors will give it
your immediate and attentive consideration
that you will be pleased to confer with
His Excellency the Governor on the
subject, and give me an early reply
I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your most obedient humble servant
A. Nichol

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Authority for
issuing notice
respecting Sheriff
Frontages B.C.
18 April 59
Notice to press
9th May 1859

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Government House, Victoria
Vanuouas Island 25 April 1859

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, and to inform you that I have appointed Mr Spalding a Justice of the Peace for Queensborough

2. with regard to Messrs Edwin and Edmonds, I would suggest that they be permitted to carry on business until such time as they may be in a position to purchase a town lot.

3. The Police force required at Queensborough, might I conceive be advantageously strengthened by men chosen from the Royal Marines now stationed there, and who I believe have been previously employed in that service at Canton. The Marines would thus be in receipt of a higher rate of pay, and the Government be better served.

His Honor
Colonel M. Moody
Lieutenant Governor

served and at a high cost.

4. Referring to your suggestion
that Mr Hamley might be sworn
in as a temporary Justice of the
Peace. The recent appointment
of Mr Spalding in that capacity
renders such a step unnecessary.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedt servant

James Douglas

37 ~~No 37~~

Mr Spalding's
appointment as

J.P. & Postmaster

Lucembro w/h

23rd April 1859

answ^d 29th April

Letter Book B

Spalding

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Government House, Victoria

Vancouver Island 23rd April 1859

Sir

Referring to your letter of the
B Letter Book. 21st instant and to mine of this
days date, acquainting you with
the appointment of W^o Spalding
as Justice of the Peace, I have the
honour to inform you that the
duties of Post Master, have for the
present been deputed to him

2. As the duties and work of
the Post office will for some time
be chiefly in connection with the
military at Queensborough W^o
Spalding has been instructed to

His Honor
The Lieutenant Governor.

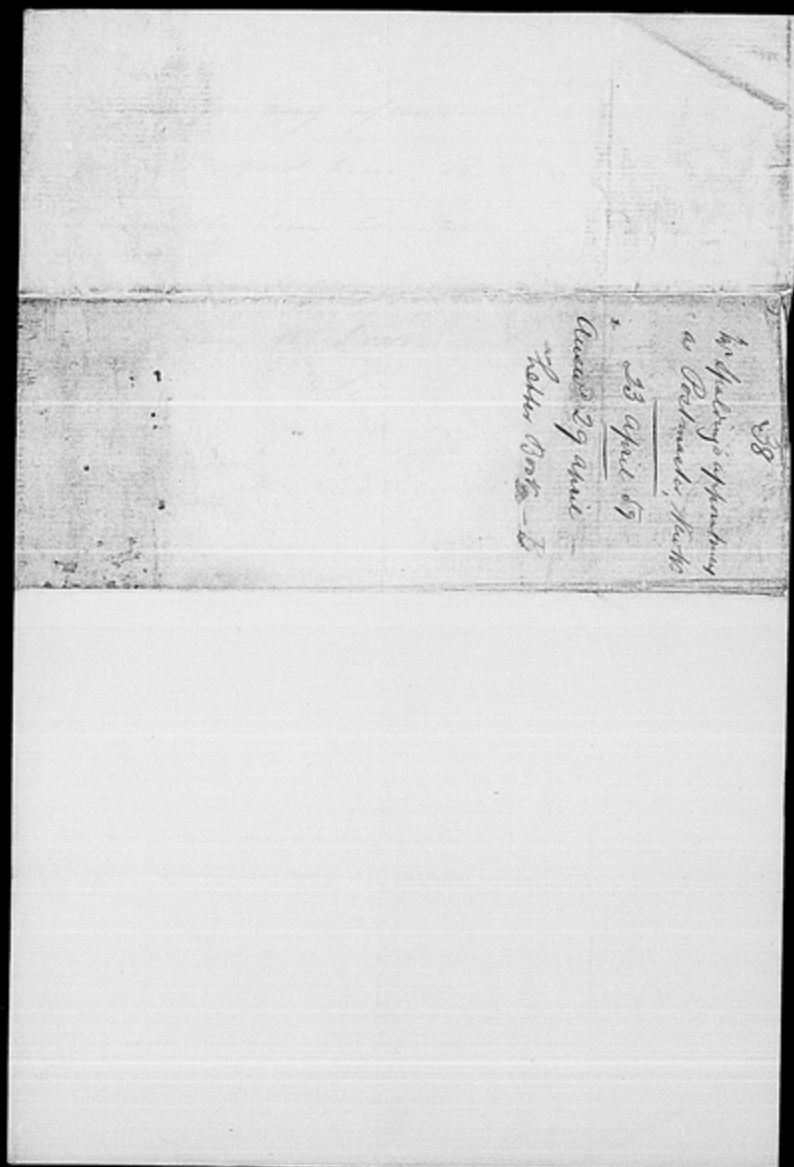
apply

to you for any assistance that
you can afford him, and which
may enable him to carry on
these duties successfully

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedt servant,
James Douglas



88
by Walter's of London
to Richard, North
23 April 17
Number 29 North
John North - 8

FILE 485

DOUGLAS, JAMES (GOVERNOR)
1859

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

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Government House, Victoria,
Vancouver's Island, 2nd May 1859

Sir

I have to acknowledge the
- 25th Apr 1859
27th - - - receipt of your several letters
28th - - -
29th - - - samples for Morgan.

2. I approve of the step you
have taken for the construction
of a small building for the
accommodation of Mr. Spalding
in the discharge of his official
duties, the cost to be five hundred

and
His Honor
The Lieutenant Governor
v. v. v.
British Columbia

and fifty Dollars; and I coincide with you in a disinclination to incur any further expenses at present on this account.

3. Upon the subject of placing the Brig "Recovery" to serve as a Light Vessel and Domicile for Pilots on the Sand Heads, - that Vessel being no longer required in the Fraser River, I will communicate with the Hudson Bay Company, and enquire on what terms they would be disposed to place her in the hands of the Government for the uses mentioned.

4.

4. Referring to the Report of Captain Magin, transmitted by you, suggesting that an Increase of Rations should be made to the Royal Marines employed in British Columbia on account of the arduous duties they have to perform there, and as you consider these Allowances to be very necessary under existing circumstances, I approve of the Increase specified by you, as shown in the margin, if really necessary for the health and comfort of the Troops; but at the same time I would observe to you, that the Supply of

Meat's 16 p. 100
Bread 10 ---

of these additional rations involves
an Expense little short of £2000 per ann.

5. The points touched upon
in your letter of the 29th Ultimo
upon the subject of the Employment
of the Royal Marines in British
Columbia, and to the Rates of
Colonial Pay, &c. to be granted
to them, will be taken into
consideration upon your return
to Victoria.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Honor's Most Obedient Servant
James Douglas

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Having for the purpose
of Mr. Douglas's return
to Victoria, returned from
24th July 1859

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Victoria, 14th May 1859.

Sir,

I have to request you will
make arrangements without delay
for the sale of Town Lots at the
following places

Fort Hope

Fort Yale

Port Douglas

the people now resident at those points
being desirous of building permanent
structures for residences and places
of business.

2 - The two former places
have been surveyed and laid out into
Lots. The plans are enclosed herewith
for your information, and I request
you will cause them to be returned
to the Colonial Office when expedient.

Plans returned
in box dated 17/5
RB

3 - The latter place is now
being surveyed and laid out by Mr
Knight, the Resident Magistrate.

4 - At Hope and Yale

certain

The Chief Commissioner
of Lands and Works
British Columbia

certain Lots have been leased to individuals upon the undermentioned Conditions.

A right of occupation to be granted, under a lease terminable at the pleasure of the person, at a monthly rental of 4/6p Sterling, (or 10 Dollars) payable in advance. The fulfilment of these conditions to entitle the holder or lessee to a pre-emption right of purchase, (whenever the land may be sold,) at the upset price of one hundred Dollars; the monthly rent so paid in advance to be reckoned as part of the purchase money.

5. The Lots not enclosed, or the Lots upon which the conditions of lease have not been complied with, are to be sold by public Auction, the upset price for the same being 100 Dollars.

6. I enclose herewith Lists of the Lots stated to have been leased at Gale and Hope of Conditions ^{and provisions} similar to the planing since intended to put Douglas, but it appears from Report

Report recently received from Mr. Kierl that no Lots have been registered, and no money has been received on account of lease, therefore the whole of the Lots at Port Douglas are to be sold by Public Auction.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. Servant
James Douglas

5th City
William R. S. Young
with

William R. S. Young
with

Names of Persons who have been lost in
the Town of Fort George, Pa.

Wells & Co. Merchants & Co	2	1
Peterson & Ballou	2	1
Weaver & Hill	3	1
Herron Baker & Co	4	1
Simon Popper	2	3
Tilley & Hatchum	2	2
Agmore & Santoff	3	2
Hatchum & Santoff	6	1
Smith & Ladner	4	2
M. Michaux	8	8
John S. Hart	1	3
Thomas Lindroigt	1	2
Thomas Gladwell	6	2
George Dick	8	3
Smith & Everett	4	3
David Morris	8	2
W. H. Ladner	7	3
J. E. Ladner	3	4
R. J. Smith	4	4
F. P. Mc Dougall	5	7
W. H. Sutton	7	4
W. H. Ladner	1	5
George Blankens <i>forfeited</i>	2	5
W. H. Hill	8	4
A. J. Weaver	2	4
Donald Walker	1	4
Finlayson, Borge	5	2
William L. Adams	7	2
Heldrup & Co	8	1
A. R. Green	1	8
James Wren	4	8

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	Lot	Books
Edward Williams	1	7
W. J. Stuart	4	9
D. C. Peterson (forfeited)	3	9
Allen Sanford	8	5
And groom & Drage	2	9
Squire & Hooper	5	1
L. B. White	3	10
H. W. Mars	7	1
Lemuel P. Mc Cole	2	8
J. J. Thompson	3	5
F. Hunt (forfeited)	2	7
Andon C. A. Salter	3	7
Moses Solomon (forfeited)	3	8
L. J. Mitchell	1	10
James Etney	5	3
M. Michrath	5	9
Chas. Millard	1	9
Amstrong & Curtis	3	3
J. H. Grant	4	10
Sas Gascoigne	8	9
Leah's Mitchell	4	8
J. J. Thompson (forfeited)	1	5
Donald Chisholm	5	4
J. F. Mitchell	5	10
E. W. Cronin	2	10
E. W. Cronin	1	2 11
J. H. Grant (forfeited)	5	11
R. F. Smith	5	3
J. F. Mitchell	5	10
Number of Lots Leased	61	
As forfeited	6	
	55	

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Authority for
sale of Town Lots at
Fort Hope
Fort Hope
Port Douglas -
orders to Mr Smith
Mr Buss - Mr Nicol
4th May 1859.

BA

Copy
 W. S. Young
 N. S. Young
 N. S. Young

Table No. 2.

Showing the names of the parties to whom Lots in Fort Gale have been recorded and the number of Lots recorded to each person and the amount paid upon each Lot

1859
 (no bill, but transmitted in a letter dated March 1859)

Names	Block	Lot	Amount	Remarks
Allard O	5	1	\$ 30	
do	7	6	30	
Allison J	1 1/2	8	20	
Brown JH	17	12	10	
do	17	16		
Burnett C	1 1/2	6	15	
Bygle S	17	14	30	
Brucherat J	7	16		
Chamblaine E	1 1/2	4	5	
do	1	5	10	
do	1	6	5	
Campbell W	2 1/2	1	15	
do	15	2	15	
Casson J	5	7	30	
do	15	8	30	
Carral W.W.	1 1/2	13		
Cooker H	17	18	10	
Crookland A	3	2	10	
Donnellan H	17	13	40	
do	1 1/2	8	20	

LIGHT ORIGINAL

Names	Bloch	Lot	Amount	Remarks
Casey (units) / St	17	5	40	
Emerson Co	17	11	10	
do	5	16		
Toga M W	12	8	40	
do	2	10	40	
Faich A	7	1		
Frazier D	3	9		
Griffen H	2 1/2	5	13	
Gladwin J	2	8	20	
Green S	17	17	10	
Gullidge R	3	15		
Greenleaf J	17	10	30	
Smith Rich	1	1		
do	1	2		
do	1	3		
do	1	16		
do	1	15		
do	1	14		
do	12	11		
do	1	13		
Spout Bly	2	7	10	
Smith	5	2	10	
Johnson E	1	9	40	
Kirby W	5	9	10	
Kurting J	17	3	40	
Macmillan	4	16		

Names	Bloch	Lot	Amount	Remarks
Lampman J	5	3	40	
McVane	2	4	40	
McCutty W	12	9		
McLean D	17	2		
McRobert J	17	15	10	
Mc Gill J	2	9	10	
Perrie G	15	6	20	
Price S	2 1/2	5	15	
Reuther G	8	1		
do	8	2		
do	8	15		
do	8	16		
Rhodin G	2	11	10	
Robinson H	17	19	30	
Rohrman H	15	8		
Scholz H	3	1	40	
Stewart G	1	7	10	
do	2	12		
Woolfe J	2 1/2	2	15	
Wormal P.B.	15	5		
Yates W	2 1/2	1	30	
Young J	7	7	30	
York H	17	7	30	
do	17	8	30	
do	17	9	30	

LIGHT ORIGINAL

FILE 485

DOUGLAS, JAMES (GOVERNOR)
1859

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

recd 3 May 1859

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Sir,

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Government House Victoria
Vancouver Island, 4 May 1859

I think it very desirable, in-
so far as it may be possible, without
serious injury to the public works
at Lunenburg, - to detach a party
of laborers, under proper officers,
to survey and improve the
Lillooet road, as at the present
moment the impediments existing
in connection with this road, form
the great drawback to the
development of the mineral regions of
British Columbia

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
James Douglas

The Chief Commissioner
of Lands and Works
British Columbia

Wm. B. Douglas
Rel. to Henry and
Department of the
United States
J. B. Douglas
2/10/14
Awarded to Henry
Letter Book A. 61

FILE 485

DOUGLAS, JAMES (GOVERNOR)
1859

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

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FA85
6K

Government House Victoria
Tasmanian Island, 18th May 1859

Sir,

£5000.

With reference to your
letter of the 18th Ultimo, making
requisition upon me to provide
the sum of Five thousand
pounds to enable you to meet
the difficulties arising from the
loss in the Prices of the Houses
Stores &c on their way from
England for the use of the
Detachment of Royal Engineers,

Colonel Moody do
Commanding the Corps
do do do

I have the honor to acquaint
you that the Treasurer of
British Columbia has received
instructions to provide the
money, and I request that you
will furnish me at your earliest
convenience with a detailed
statement of the manner in which
you propose to apply the same.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obed^t Serv^t.
James Douglas

44 ~~45~~
to the quarter past the hour
the Queen
16 May 1859
James Douglas

FILE 485

DOUGLAS, JAMES (GOVERNOR)
1859

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

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46th

Government House, Victoria
Tasmania's Island, 11 May 1859

Sir,

3 May
11 May (4)

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 3rd inst. as per inclosure.

2. - I fully approve of the steps taken by your Honor upon the installation into Office of Mr. Spalding, and am much gratified to find of the orderly state of Queenborough and that the Lords Day has been observed with such respect, - as reported in your letter of the 9th instant.

3. - The proper form of Petition should be furnished as soon as may be practicable.

4. - With respect to your suggestion as to the employment of Native Labor in the construction of Roads &c. I beg to acquaint you that the Indians have been applied to on the subject, but they appear

Yours
The Lieutenant Governor
J. G. G.

appear anxious to engage for service
in British Columbia; but should they
prove more amenable hereafter measures
will be organized for their employment.

S. - I approve of the course
you have pursued with reference to
the proposed Road from Fort Hope
to Keston Bar, and I await the
report of the Officer of Engineers you
have dispatched to examine the
locality before deciding upon any
steps with regard to affording assistance
from the Government; but should
the operation prove to be a *bona fide*
speculation, and the opening of the
route of advantage to the Colony, I
shall be happy to accord such
pecuniary aid as the condition of the
Colony will justify.

Yours truly
Sir

Your Obedient
humble Servant
James Douglas

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The Governor

Little Seeds.

Indian labour

Roston bar trail

Victoria 11 May 1859.

See letter book - C - 3 May

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F455
6j

Government House Victoria
Vanuatu Island, 18 May 1859

Sir,

I have duly received
your Honor's letter of the 9th Instant
upon the subject of the immediate
construction of a Government House
at the Capital of British Columbia,
so that suitable accommodations
may be afforded to yourself and
to your Family.

2. - In reply thereto I
feel it is unnecessary for me to
impress upon you how anxious I
am to take any step in my
power

Your Honor

The Lieutenant Governor

power that might all to the respect
due to your Honor, or that might
conduce to your own personal comfort;
but your Honor is well aware of
the difficult situation in which I am
at present placed. The expenditures
of the Colony are now exceeding the
income, and I am not allowed to
obtain assistance from the Home
Government except to enable me to
meet the expenses incurred on
Military Account. All other
disbursements must be met from
Colonial Funds; and the amount
of Colonial Funds now in the
Chest is at this moment scarcely
sufficient to defray outstanding

liabilities.

liabilities.

3. - Under these circumstances
I can hardly doubt that your Honor
will agree with me as to the
propriety, as well as the expediency,
of deferring any action in the
matter until after the Sale of Town
Lots at Queenborough, when it is to be
hoped the amount of Revenue obtained
will prove my hands less tied than
at present, and will qualify me in
authorizing many measures which are
urgently demanded for the public
good, as well as for the prosperity
of the Country, and which I should
have put in progress long ago had
I been assured of being able to

meet

meet the attendant expenses.

I have the honor to be

Yrs

Your Obedient

and humble servant

James Douglas

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Construction of Fort
House papers

16th May 1859

Let opening to the
of the
for the
of the
of the

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6c

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Government Architect
Parramatta Island 19 May 1859

Sir,

I have duly received
your Honor's Letter of yesterday's
date upon the subject of my
reply to your request for
authority to incur the expense
£1000 of two thousand pounds
in erecting a residence for
the Lieutenant Governor

I thank you much

Your Honor

for
the Lieutenant Governor

for your entire appreciation of
the motives which alone induced
me to delay taking a step
which could in any way add
to your uneasiness, and was due
to your position. I was not
aware at the time, however,
that your Honor was so ardently
desirous of all accommodation,
and I, therefore, beg now to
convey to you my approval of
your at once undertaking
measures for the erection of
the

the Building at the cost you
propose, and I trust that
the estimate you have formed
of the large returns to be
expected from the land sales
at Queenborough and other
places during the next Month
may be fully realized

I am the Honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant
James Douglas

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Authority for
restitution of decried
Govr residence.

19th May 1859

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52th

Government House Victoria
Vanuatu Island. 21 May 1859

Sir,

I forward to you herewith
the copy of a letter this morning
received from Mr. Brew, representing
the difficulties arising from the
attempts made by the District
Jude Commisarius to enforce
payment of the Mining License,
and requesting that an armed
force might be sent to the

His Honor
the Lieutenant Governor
L L R

assistance

assistance of the Assistant Comptroller.

2. Mr. Brew has been acquainted in reply, with the intended measures of the Government with regard to the abolition of the License Fee, and to the establishment, in lieu, of an export duty, on gold and of the "Business Right" and he has been instructed, under such circumstances, not to adopt coercive measures in requiring payment of a Tax which will in some cases cease to exist, but to endeavor to adopt a conciliatory Policy

policy by admitting reasonable excuses for non-payment, or by using any other means that may appear to him expedient, so that tranquillity may be preserved, provided always that the dignity of the Law, and of the Offices of the Government be in no wise compromised thereby.

3. Should, however, matters become so serious as, in Mr. Brew's opinion, to render the interference of an armed force imperatively necessary, he has been directed

to

to apply to your Honour, and
I beg you will act thereupon
as may appear to you requisite
and proper: but I trust you
will not despatch any body of
Troops from Queenborough, unless
you are fully satisfied of the
necessity and pressing necessity
of the measure for the preservation
of order in the Colony, and for the
maintenance of the rights of the
Government.

I have the honor to be

Sir
Your Honors most Obedt^t Servant

James Douglas. *acted*
27th May.

copy Fort Yale, British Columbia
William A. G. Young 18th May 1859-4 O.C. P.M.

Sir

I have the honor to inform
you that Mr. Stenders Assistant
Commissioner has just returned
from a visit to some of the Bars
between Fort Yale and Fort Hope.
He was out two nights and
only collected \$100.- Many of
the miners absolutely refused
to pay and as they evidently
were banded together to resist
he had not a sufficient force

with

W. A. G. Young Esq
Colonial Secretary

with him to adopt coercive
measures - He accordingly
issued summonses against several
parties - but it is doubtful if
they will attend. If they don't
attend - Warrants will have
to be issued for their arrest.
But as the whole Constabulary
Staff, ten in number, is not a
sufficient force against a
combined and determined movement,
I have to request that a Body
of Troops be placed at the
disposal of the Assistant Commissioner
until the License System can be
completely established.

I have the honor to be, Sir
your obedient Servant
C. B. Shaw
Chief Inspector of Police

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Relative to an Armed force
being sent to St. John's

W^o C. Drew 14th to Gov^r
21 May

(St. John's 18th May/59)

See Letter Book D - 27 May

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55th

Government House Victoria

Vancouver Island 8th May 1859

Sir

In reply to your letter of
the 23rd instant respecting to the
disposal of the Government Log
House and Pier at Port Douglas.

I have the honor to inform you
that the instructions you have
conveyed to Mr. Nichol in reference
hereto, have my approval.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obed^t servant
James Douglas

W^m Hontle
Ch^rl^s Moody
2nd Lt^y Lt^y

[Faint, mostly illegible handwriting on lined paper]

PAID
55 Apr 89
Received by
J. B. Smith
No. 1000
1859

FILE 485

DOUGLAS, JAMES (GOVERNOR)
1859

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

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54th

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Government House Victoria
Vancouver Island 30th May 1859

Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge
your letter of the 25th instant, enclosing
a Petition from the inhabitants
of Port Douglas.

I would observe in reference
thereto, that Her Majesty's Government
are fully impressed with the vast
importance of opening good roads
into the interior of the Country
and are aware how much
the prosperity and development

The Hon^{ble}

Colonel Moody R.E.

of the aridiferous Districts of the
Cascade Mountains, depends on
the formation of such roads

Every caution shall be
made on our part to meet the
Public wants in that respect
and I appreciate and thank
the Inhabitants of Put Douglas
for their promise of support in
the undertaking.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most obed^t servant,
James Douglas

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Government House Victoria
Nanaimo Island 30th May 1859.

Enclosures

Sir
I have the honor to forward
to you herewith for your information
Copies of two Despatches which I
have received from the Majesty's
Principal Secretary of State for
the Colonies one dated the 21st
March No 35 having reference to
the suspension of Mr. Perrier, and
to an inaccuracy in the designation
I applied to you; and the other
dated 22 March No 36 approving

To
The Honble

Col. Moody

Lth Lth

of the course pursued by you
in connection with the
disturbances at Gale in January
last.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedt servant
James Douglas

Copy

Downing Street

22nd March 1859

No 36.

Sir I have received your
Despatch No 80 of the 22nd
January last, and have
learned with satisfaction that
the difficulties at Fort Gale
and Hills Bore have been
adjusted.

I approve the
course taken by Colonel
Gouverneur Douglas. C.B.

Moody

L¹ L² L³

Woody is proceeding to
Fort Hope with a party of
Marines and Royal
Engineers to maintain
order

I have the honor to

be

Your most obedient

servant

(Sd/-) J. B. Lytton

6644

Downing Street

21st March 1859.

No 35

Sir

I have to acknowledge
the receipt of your despatch
No 77 of the 20th January last
relative to the disturbed state
of St. John, and reporting that
you had suspended M^r Poirer
from the exercise of his functions
as a justice of the Peace; and
I await the result of Colonel
Governor Douglas C. O. Moody
D^r L^d D^r

Moody's investigation of the
case. I take this opportunity to
notice an inaccuracy into which
you have fallen in this despatch
in designating Colonel Moody
the Lieutenant Governor. You
will observe that it is of
importance to bear this in mind
as his functions in that capacity
will commence only in the event
of the death or absence of the
Governor.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Sir

Your most obedient

Humble servant

(My^r) E. B. Lytton

By
Instructing Depledge:
Suspension of Mr. Bevington
necessary to disrupt
Act to - 1859
30 May 59

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DOUGLAS, JAMES (GOVERNOR)
1859

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

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Carnarvon B.C.
3rd October 1859

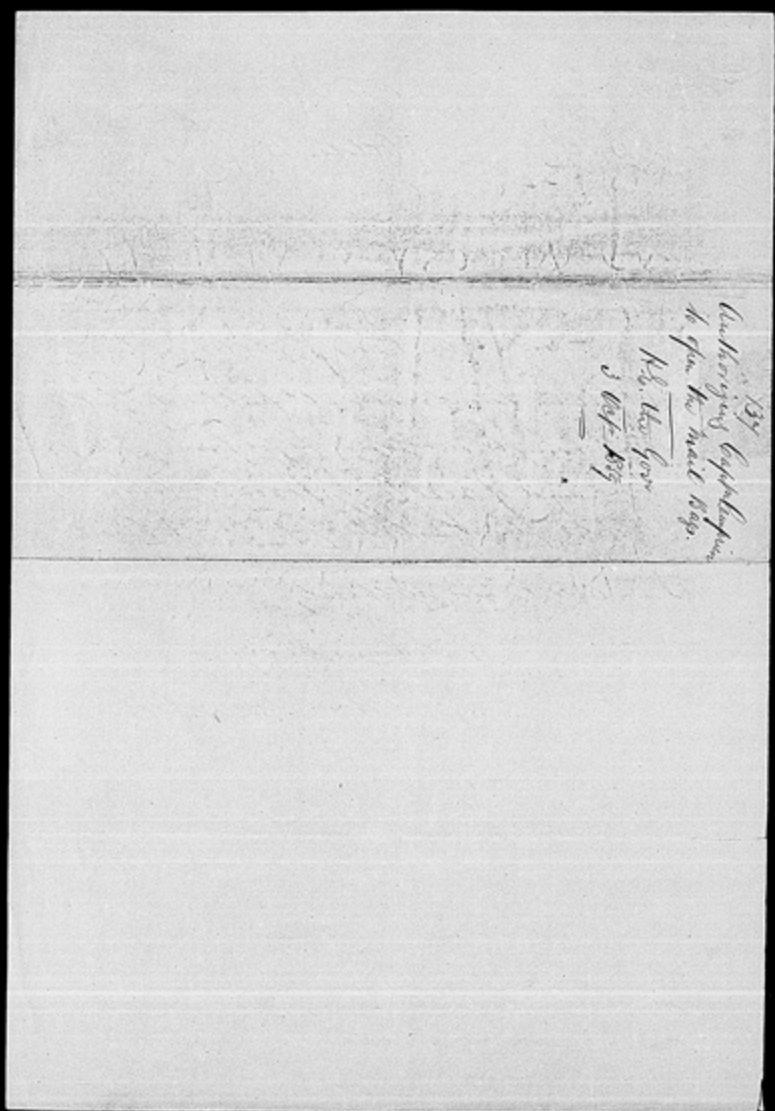
Dear Sir

Will you kindly deliver to
Captain Lempriere all public despatches
that may be in your possession addressed
to me and if necessary, permit him to
to open the Mail Bags for which
He will be his authority

I remain Sir

Your obed^t Servant
James Douglas

P.S. Also any other letters belonging to those
in My Company.



1859
The Honorable Captain James
Douglas
3 Oct. 1859

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DOUGLAS, JAMES (GOVERNOR)
1859

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

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H.H.L.

Ft Langley
5th October 1859

Sir, In reply to your letter of the 27th
Septem^r I have the honor to inform
you, that I approve of Lands being
sold to the Royal Engineers under
your command, on the terms proposed
by them, that is in lieu of money, to be
taken from their certificates of pay due, equivalent
to the 1st and 2nd Instalments, payable on the
L^{ts} they may purchase.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obed^t Servant
James Douglas

To,
Colonel Moody R.E.
D^r G^r J^r

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Rec^d. 7. Oct. 1859. F485
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N.A.F.

H^t Langley
5th October 1859

Sir, In reply to your letter of the 27th
September I have the honor to inform
you, that I approve of Lands being
sold to the Royal Engineers under
your command, on the terms proposed
by them, that is in lieu of money to receive
from them certificates of pay due, equivalent
to the 1st and 2nd Instalments, payable on the
Lots they may purchase.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obed^t Servant

James Douglas

To,
Colonel Moody R^e
D^r D^r J

1839
Approval of laws being sent
to the Legislature of the
due to the same in payment
W. L. Taylor for
Oct 1839
via John Ross I. 64
27th April 59

FILE 485

DOUGLAS, JAMES (GOVERNOR)
1859

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

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Rec^d 7. Oct. 1859. F485
BC
N.H.L.

F Langley
5th October 1859

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 24th
September, in reference to providing
Winter Quarters for the Officers and
Men of the Royal Engineers, and
soliciting permission to join up to
the Officers and Mess Establishment
the building allotted to you, and to
construct a smaller one for yourself.

2. Should the proposed arrangement
prove perfectly satisfactory to yourself,
I beg to convey to you my approval
thereof.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obed^t servant
James Douglas

To
Colonel Moody R.E.
do do do

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Remission given for the
stay allotted to Get Henry
to the number over to the
Officers & men. —
At 6 this year
Thursday 5 Oct 1859
de Letter No 1. 62/18
22 Sept 59

FILE 485

DOUGLAS, JAMES (GOVERNOR)
1859

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

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Rec^d 7th Oct 1859. Bd

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A. N. L.

J. Laughey
5th October 1859

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 1st Instant in reference to granting to all persons whatsoever the privilege of forming cellars under the Paucement in front of their Lots at New Westminster, and in reference thereto, to convey to you my approval of this measure, provided the said privilege, does not interfere with public convenience, nor interrupt the thoroughfares nor put the Government to any present or prospective outlay.

2. As this is a matter of which the arrangement, as well as the public responsibility of the measure must rest with

to
The Chief Commissioner Lands & Works
" " "

The Commissioner of Lands and Works
I will leave the framing of the requisite
Writ, and other details, entirely to your
good judgment, aided by the advice of
the Law Officer of the Crown.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedt Servant

James Douglas

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Always allow King's
to let letter in number
We have for King's
I think 1859
See letter book I-69/70
1859

FILE 485

DOUGLAS, JAMES (GOVERNOR)
1859

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

Rec^d. 10th Oct. 1859
J.H.L. Be

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New Westminster
7th October 1859

Sir I have the honor by direction of His
Excellency the Governor to inform you, that
while at Douglas he authorized Mr. Mitchell to
£ 200 pay to Captain Grant the sum of Two
and fifty (50) hundred pounds, to enable him to make
the necessary payments to the Troops under
his command there.

In reference to this transaction, His
Excellency directs me also to acquaint
you, that he has authorized Mr. Hamley
£ 200 and fifty (50) to retain a like sum of Two hundred
pounds from the next payments to
you, on military account, in liquidation
of the above mentioned advance.

To
Colonel Moody R.E.
do do do

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient
Humble servant
Charles Good
Acting Private Secretary

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Keep this volume of the
Papers by the
186. has Gov. Stewart
1847-1849

FILE 485

DOUGLAS, JAMES (GOVERNOR)
1859

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

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142 76
New Westminster
7th October 1859

Sir

I enclose herewith for your information, the copy of a Circular which I addressed to the Gold Commissioners and Magistrates of British Columbia, on the subject of pre-empting unsurveyed Crown Lands on certain conditions by persons who are British subjects, or who have recorded their intention of becoming such.

2. Such persons will thus be enabled to form settlements and to occupy and improve farms, in any part of the country where they may

To The
Chief Commissioner
of Lands and Works

Yours
thru

Think it desirable to settle, as soon as they arrive in British Columbia and they will not be called upon to make any payment, till their land is surveyed, and the Government prepared to issue Titles to the same.

3. I have restricted the enjoyment of the Pre-emption right to British subjects and to persons prepared to become such, for reasons which you will readily understand, and the quantity of land which may be so pre-empted, to one hundred and sixty acres, for the benefit of poor settlers who bring with them, no other capital than their own labour; and in order that such persons may be protected, and encouraged to settle in the country.

4. In the case of persons of larger means

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means, and who may be desirous of holding a greater extent of land for the purpose of farming or raising stock on a large scale, I think it would be proper to exact from them a deposit of five shillings per acre on any land occupied over 160 acres; - for the benefit of the Public Revenue and especially in order to secure the great object of bona fide settlement and to guard against the mere speculative occupation of land for the purpose of resale at a high price, one of the worst evils incident to a country like this, destitute of inhabitants, and where after all, an industrious population ^{is of more value} than the unimproving Capitalist.

5. You will also observe from the Circular in question, that Town Sites

sites, with the adjacent Suburban
and Rural Land, and also the
sites of all Indian Villages and
the Land which they have been
accustomed to cultivate, to the
extent of several hundred acres
round each village, have been
reserved and are not to be
subjected to the operation of the
Proposed pre-emption Law.

6. The Government have at present
the great object in view, of attracting
to British Columbia an industrious
population, for the development of
its agricultural, as well as of its
mineral resources; but that object
is sought to be attained by
such means only, as will induce
a loyal population attached to
British Laws, Institutions and Rule
to

to reside in the country, as it is of far
greater importance to the Empire,
that the character of the population
should be such, even though the pro-
gress of settlement should be somewhat
retarded, than that the Colony
should be rapidly filled by an
alien population, expensive and
difficult to govern, and who
would probably seize the first
opportunity of discarding their
allegiance. That remark will
explain the principle of the policy,
which it appears desirable to follow
in the administration of Public
affairs, and I feel assured that
you will not fail to keep that
great object of Public Policy
continually in view.

With reference further to the
Circular

Accidur itself.

I have the honor to remain

Sir,

Your most obedt Servant

James Douglas

Copy of a Circular from Sir Douglas to the
Sold Commissioners and Colonists of Natal

1858
Circular

H. Gale
1st October 1859

Sir,

In wandering over the Mining Districts from Johannesburg to Spangwe, my attention has been forcibly attracted to many objects of a Public nature, to which I wish to draw your earnest and immediate attention.

2. In the first place I find that not a few British Prospectors, who are desirous of settling in the country, cannot accomplish their object in consequence of not being able to get land either by purchase or pre-emption as the Public Land is not yet surveyed, and the surveys cannot be completed for some time to come.

3. As delays of that nature will have the effect of compelling useful settlers, whom we are desirous of encouraging, to leave the country, and will be in many other ways injurious, and greatly retard the settlement, I have decided on introducing a Preemption Law, for the purpose of enabling such persons to settle at once on any unoccupied Crown Land, which may suit their purpose, on condition

and immediate improvement

4. You will therefore permit all such persons being British Subjects or expressing their intention of becoming British Subjects, to occupy and improve sections of Country Land not exceeding 100 acres in extent, on the condition moreover that they shall not be required to make any payment till the Land is surveyed, and then payment will be required at a price not exceeding ten shillings per statute acre

5. They you however to bear in mind that the proposed Law will not apply to Town or Suburban Land or to Rural Land immediately beyond the Suburban Lots contiguous to Towns, all of which will be reserved for Government purposes and for the purpose of raising an immediate revenue to meet the wants of the Country.

6. You will also cause to be reserved, the sites of all Indian Villages, and the Land they have been accustomed to cultivate, to the extent of several hundred acres round each Village for their especial use and benefit

7. I will hereafter address you more in detail in respect to the proposed pre-emption Law, and now send you these limits for
Yours

direction, and that no time may be lost in carrying out this plan and in permitting British Subjects to occupy sections of Land as soon as they arrive in the Country.

8. I feel an especial interest in the success of two young gentlemen from England, who have lately applied for land, and propose starting for Lytton or Cayoosh District in a few days. I have desired them to apply to you for Land immediately on their arrival. The two gentlemen referred to, are Mr. Elliott and Mr. Alston both I believe connected with the English Bar

9. It may be as well further to communicate for your information, that various sites have already been selected for Towns, one of these being the level land near the mouth of Anderson River and Boston Bar. another at or near Cayoosh. Lytton is already known to you, and in every district wherever there may be a centre of Trade, it should be reserved as a site for a Town

10. The scarcity of water in the interior appears to be one of the greatest impediments to the proper development of the gold Districts and it will require both skill and capital to supply the want from distant sources. I

would

would therefore earnestly impress on you, the great importance of encouraging experienced and enterprising men to invest their capital in bringing supplies of water to serve the lofty benches of Teasers River; for this purpose you must allow them, not only a full supply of water for their ditches, but also permit them to dispose of the same to others, according to the Provisions of the "Gold Fields Act" of which a copy has been sent to you.

11. A ditch owner should not be restricted to one or two sluice heads of water, as I am informed has been hitherto the practice in the Lytton District, he ought to be allowed his ditch full, otherwise men will have no inducement to invest their capital, and the country will in consequence suffer much less. The "Gold Fields Act" guards sufficiently against the evils of Monopoly, by providing that ditch owners, shall be bound to furnish water to every "Free Miner" and to ~~do~~ all at a uniform price.

12. The accounts from New Caledonia which I have received from returning miners, indicate the great wealth and extent of the Gold Fields of
The

The Interior. Profitable Bar diggings have been discovered 150 miles beyond St George, and Gold-Bearing Lenses with the bright Colored earth, peculiarly indicative of the existence of gold, have been seen on the Western Slopes of the Rocky Mountains, near the sources of the South River by a party of settlers who wintered there last year.

13. When these facts are generally known in England, there will be a great and rapid increase of population, and my great anxiety at present is to improve the communication by opening good roads from Saulea and Jole into the Transmontane districts.

14. I ^{you} wish to address me as often as convenient and in great detail, respecting the state and prospects of the Country, especially on the subject of the discoveries now being rapidly made in the Gold Districts such information being peculiarly valuable for transmission to Her Majesty's Government, and for the English Public who feel a deep interest in the advancement of this Country.

Country

Wishing you health and prosperity

Remain Sir,

Your most obedient servant

(Sd) James Douglas

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Days' Receipts of
Winnings & Expenses
A. C. the Gov. held
9 Oct 1859

FILE 485

DOUGLAS, JAMES (GOVERNOR)
1859

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

143 72
To Capt Parsons
Capt. Moore & Co. York

New 10. Oct. 1859.
No. 5485
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New Westminster
8th October 1859

Sir

I enclose herewith for your information a statement of Rural Town-Land, in the vicinity of 1st Hope which has been recorded for sale, in the office of Mr Sanders Assistant Sold Commissioner for the District of York, the conditions of sale being that the holders of such Land are to

8/s

pay the sum of five shillings Sterling per acre on recording the Land, and the remainder of the price, which is

10/s

is not to exceed ten shillings Sterling per acre, in two years from the day

of

of sale, according to the terms of
the Proclamation regulating the
Sale of Public Land.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obed^t servant

James Douglas

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Keweenaw
or Hope
M. L. G. for
St. Oct 1859

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DOUGLAS, JAMES (GOVERNOR)
1859

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

Patented: March 14th 1855
C. J. H. M.

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New Westminster
8th October 1855

Sir

An application having been made to me by the Rev^d Pringle on behalf of the Bishop of British Columbia, for a free grant of Three building Lots within the Town of Hope, and four building Lots within the Town of Gale, for the use and benefit of the established Episcopal Church of England; This is to convey to you my approval of that application, and to authorise you to convey the land for that purpose.

The Assistant Crown Commissioner at Gale has received

To The
Chief Commissioner
of Lands and Water

received my verbal instructions
to retain the land referred to in
this letter as a Church Reserve.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedt servant
James Douglas.

1844
Present of 1000 as before
to the side of England
W. H. McCall - 1844
1844-1859

FILE 485

DOUGLAS, JAMES (GOVERNOR)
1859

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

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New Westminster

8th October 1859

Sir

I have the honor herewith to
enclose you, the copy of a Notice
for the Sale of Crown Land, being
suburban Lots in the Township of
Gale, which I directed the Crown
Commissioner to issue during my
residence at Gale, and I have to
request that you will cause the
land in question, probably about
2000 acres, to be surveyed and
laid out in Lots of the proposed
size of 5 acres each, in time for
the appointed day of Sale which

J. S. Thompson

Chief Commissioner
of Lands and Works

Will

will take place on the 25th
day of The present month.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obed^t serv^t,
James Douglas

Copy.

Copy to
C. H. Moore.

Sale of Town Lands

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of
October next, that extensive Tract of Land opposite
the Township of Yale, known as the Mill Flat,
as also other Suburban Lands, will be sold
by Auction, in five-acre allotments, at the upset
price of Five pounds an acre.

Persons who make application for such Lands
before the day appointed for the Public Sale, may
be secured in one Lot each at the upset price
of £5 per acre.

Gold Commissioner's Office
Yale Sept 24th 1859

1859
Receiving the survey of the
land at York.
W. B. Douglass, N. H. P.
Sept 1859

FILE 485

DOUGLAS, JAMES (GOVERNOR)
1859

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

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for Capt. Parsons
G. H. C. Contours
Capt. Brown

Recd. 10. Oct. 1859.

New Westminster
10th October 1859

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Sir

I am directed by His Excellency
the Governor to enclose to you herewith
for your information, the copy of a
Letter to the Gold Commissioners
and Magistrates of British Columbia
in which they are requested to forward
to you direct information of all Land
sold or pre-empted and recorded as such
in their Districts together with all
Maps and Plans Illustrative of
the same.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obed^t servant,

Charles Ford

Acting Private Secretary

To the
Chief Commissioner
of Lands & Works

LIGHT ORIGINAL

Copy of a Letter from Sir Douglas
to the Gold Commissioner & Magistrate, &c.

New Westminster

7th October 1859

Sir

With reference to my despatch
of the 1st October, authorizing you to
permit all British Subjects, as well
as all persons who have recorded
their intention of becoming British
Subjects, to occupy portions of unoccupied
Crown Lands, on the condition therein
mentioned; I have further on that
subject to instruct you, to cause
all such applications for Land within
your District, to be duly recorded, together
with plans showing the extent and
situation of the Land, and you will
please to forward with your monthly
Returns, Copies of the records and plans,

As

In duplicate, one copy to be
forwarded directly under cover
to the Commissioner of Lands and
Works and the other under cover
to the Colonial Secretary.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
your most obed^t serv^t
(Signed) James Douglas

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New Westminster
11th October 1859

No copy kept of
this letter

Sir

In reply to your letter, Military
No 2, enclosing a letter from the said
John Sheepshanks in reference to the
establishment of a Military School for
the children of the Troops under your
command, I have the honor to convey
to you hereby my authority for the
outlay of One hundred and Sixty
Pounds, the amount mentioned in
your communication, as required
for that purpose.

£160.0.0

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obed^t servant,
James Douglas

To
Colonel Moody R.E.
do do do

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Approved of the
M^{rs} Select.
H. H. 500, 1859
11 Oct 1859

FILE 485

DOUGLAS, JAMES (GOVERNOR)
1859

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

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New Westminster
11th October 1859

Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge
your Letter, Military, No 1. of the 7th
Instant making requisition on me
£ 2600.0.0 for the sum of Two Thousand Six
Hundred pounds to enable you to
make the necessary provisions for Officers
Quarters, Hospital, and additional
accommodation for men, and I
herely convey to you my sanction
and authority for the above named
expenditure

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obed^t Servant
James Douglas

To
Colonel Moody R^e
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1859
Approved by the Board and
Secretary, Philadelphia
At the Court, 11th Nov^r 1859
do later from T. M.
1859

FILE 485

DOUGLAS, JAMES (GOVERNOR)
1859

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

149th

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New Westminster

11th October 1859

Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge
your letter of this date, enclosing to me
Mr Motley's proposal for making
a wagon road from Douglas to
Lake Lilloet, which appears to me
to be exorbitant and quite beyond
our means.

Mr Motley's proposal may
however be forwarded to Captain
Grant for his opinion.

I have the honor to be

Sir
Your most obed^t serv^t
James Douglas

The
Chief Commissioner }
of Lands & Works }

New Westminster
October 10th 1859

Sir,

I will undertake to construct a wagon road over such portion of the prairie from Port Douglas to Lake Superior as is now unimproved, for the construction mentioned below. Road to be of following description - Twelve feet in width with additional width of six (6) feet at convenient intervals, say from one hundred to one hundred and fifty yards apart, to allow wagons to pass each other. To be probably drained and turpentine and such attempts omitted out as may be in the line of road, also to put in log culverts when necessary. To build bridges over all streams and creeks Twelve feet in width more to be of a plain substantial character; construction of rough timber with covering of planks or split log, laid close and bolted on to plates. The cover of planks and all proper and requisite caps and posts. Curbs Twelve feet (12) in width on each side when left ground exists. To excavate blasting, quarrying, rock or log work to the extent of Fifty (50) cubic yards on any mile section when it occurs. The maximum grade for short distances to be not more than 1 in 10 - feet long over 1 in 15 - and generally to complete the road in a good and substantial manner for the term of

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1000 acres land

equal to

E 555 per mile

substantiated

and gentle beyond

then present means of

convenient

612 for which

one 500/100

Three hundred and twenty-five pounds
 And four hundred acres of land per mile
 And when blasting, quarrying, work or any work
 has to be executed on any mile section
 the price for each and every cubic yard
 below and above the first fifty (50) cu. yds. (as before stated)
 the sum of twelve dollars (\$12) and one cent per
 cu. yd. for both for each foot haulage over and
 above the first hundred (100) feet from place
 when it is taken out.

Payment to be made at completion of each mile
 of road, and when work or any work, bridges or cuttings may
 be constructed at different places, while the general work
 is going on, to be paid for at a fair valuation as the
 bridges are completed or the road or any work and cuttings
 progress - this sum afterwards to be deducted from
 the price of the main section when completed, on which
 any of this work may have been previously executed -

In drawing land to have claim of such land
 as may not have been sold previous to date of any
 location tickets, and, in the event of the Government
 holding the exact price of land, to grant me an additional
 number of acres, over and above the aforementioned 400 acres,
 to make it equivalent in value at the reduced price
 paid to the said land at the present exact price
 of Ten shillings per acre

I have the honor to be
 Sir

Your Obedt. Servant

Walter Woodbury

Col. Moody H. L.
 Chief Commr. Lands & Works
 District Columbia.

1449
Keep the handwriting in paper
bound at the W. G. Bond
At the year, 1859
11/20/59
See letter from I-72
1/20/59

FILE 485

DOUGLAS, JAMES (GOVERNOR)
1859

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

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F485
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New Westminster
11th October 1859

Sir,
I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th Instant enclosing the copy of a letter from Mr Macdonald in reference to the Chilwayhook Prairie and in reply, His Excellency desires me to inform you, that Mr Macdonald may either purchase, or pre-empt Land, as he may deem expedient, but that nothing exceptional can be done in his favour.

It is not in His Excellency's power to grant to him, or any other person, the exclusive right of fishing the Chilwayhook river.

I have the honor to be

Sir,
Your most obedient
Humble servant,
Charles Cook
Acting Secret. Secy

The
Chief Commissioner
{
Lands and Works

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- then to purchase the original
- original printed paper

H. G. the 1st of the
11 Oct 1859

See also note I. 70

1859

FILE 485

DOUGLAS, JAMES (GOVERNOR)
1859

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

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Rec^d Sunday 23. Oct. 435
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Victoria Vancouver Island
20th October 1859

Sir
With reference to your letter
Military No 3, of the 11th Instant
upon the subject of a certain sum
of money being advanced to
you quarterly, to provide for
contingencies, and which
arrangement I had in past
sanctioned, I have the honor to
acquaint you that on my return
to this place, I find that my
attention is again forcibly called
by Her Majesty's Government,

To
Colonel Moody, R.C.
to

to the heavy expenses of the Royal Engineers in this Country, I cannot therefore under the circumstances place any fixed sum periodically at your disposal.

2. I do not anticipate that the inconvenience you describe is likely to arise, if common foresight and prudence be exercised, and when unavoidable and unforeseen contingencies do occur, for which to provide promptly an imperative necessity may exist, or where any delay would be detrimental to the Public Service, the discretionary power vested

in every Head of a Department is sufficient to meet the case, that Head being always personally responsible for every expenditure incurred without authority.

3. I should take this opportunity of again begging you to assist me by every means in your power, to reduce the large expenditure of your Department both in Military, as well as Civil account, I would request you to impress most strongly on the Officers under your command that in awarding the rate of working pay for those employed under them, the highest rate is not to be granted except in cases of remarkable exertion, superior skilled labour, or extra work, and

and nothing but the lowest rate
can be sanctioned for men
employed as servants or on
other non-public duties, it being
considered but reasonable in such
cases that the difference should be
paid by the officers themselves.
I have already adverted to this
point, and I don't not that
you have issued instructions in
conformity therewith, but I think it
right notwithstanding again to
request your attention to the
matter.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obed^t servant
James Douglas

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Happ's Instructⁿ of 1850
to be made conforming to
the order of 1850.
H. H. G. 1850
10 Oct 1859
to Genl. Stone I. 1850
10 Oct 1859

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Rec. with enclosure 28 Oct.

~~F. A. 1857~~

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Victoria Vancouver Island

24th October 1857

Sir

I have the honor to forward
to you herewith, the Copy of a Letter
from the Colonial Treasurer,
requesting that one of your
accountant Clerks may be sent
to Victoria, to assist in putting
the accounts you have recently
rendered into proper form, and
with reference thereto, I have to
request that you will send
the Clerk most convenient

To

Colonel Moody R.E.
or " " "

with

with those accounts to Victoria
as soon as practicable for I
have personally examined
the same, and find that they
cannot be audited in their
present shape.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servt.

James Douglas

Copy of a letter from
the Treasurer of B. C. to the
Act. Col. Sec.

Treasury B. Columbia

Oct 15. 1859

Sir,

With reference to my
interview with His Excellency
this day, at which I had the
honor to exhibit a set of Messrs
Hiett & Brews accounts put
into order after having been
transmitted in an imperfect
state, together with a set of
Colonel Moodys requiring
similar correction in so
large a degree that I cannot
undertake it, and as written
remarks would be extremely
soluminous and possibly
not

The
Acting Colonial Secretary

not effect the desired end. I would suggest, (as I did in a private note to Colonel Moody) that one of his accountant clerks be sent to this office to put his accounts into proper form under my direction; This though involving the passage of a man across, will be more economical than my hiring extra aid, whilst, I should hope (as I stated in my private note) it would prove satisfactory to Colonel Moody, and beneficial for the future, as being instructive to his accountant.

As attention to the following would have made the present accounts more perfect, and as Colonel Moody may be about to render other accounts

I

I may with advantage at once mention that,-

1st Duplicate documents are in all cases required; when a duplicate has not at the time been obtained, a certified copy of the Voucher in minute detail is required as a substitute for an original duplicate.

2nd The printed salary lists, printed pay lists, and other printed forms of which supplies were furnished long since, and of which Colonel Moody can have more on application, should be used.

3rd A Commissioned Officer's certificate regarding care & economy in, and necessity of, expenditure, on each Voucher (let the amount represented therein be ever so small) is
positively

positively indispensable
both on original and
duplicate.

I have &c &c

W. Driscoll Great

157

Keeps a Black man's memory
with the pen & ink to the
-day, Keble's

H. G. Keble's Keble's

241047-1889.

See Keble's Keble's I-1889

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FILE 485

DOUGLAS, JAMES (GOVERNOR)
1859

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

157 2/2

Rec. no. 1. 435
without any enclosure
1859

Victoria Vancouver Island

28th October 1859

Sir,

With reference to the
correspondence that has taken
place, respecting the claim of
Mr Franklin the Auctioneer
for selling the Town Lots at
New Westminster, I forward to
you herewith the copy of a
letter from the Attorney General
upon the subject, and acting
upon the opinion therein given

To
The Chief Commissioner
of Lands and Works

I have no alternative but
to authorize you to make
payment to Mr Franklin
of the sum claimed by him
as still outstanding on his
account viz Forty pounds 12/s £40.12.0

I cannot refrain
from calling your attention
to the extreme irregularity
of the whole proceeding, and
in consequence, to the Colonial
Government being involved
in an expenditure of over
Five hundred pounds, for a
service that should not have
cost

£500

Cost one fifth of that sum, and
the disregard of economy herein
exhibited is such, that I must
earnestly request you will not
in future permit any undertaking
to be proceeded with, until every
necessary preliminary arrangement
has been made.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obed^t serv^t
James Douglas

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]

1859
Recd. Mr. P. M. ...
...
A. L. ...
28 Oct. 1859

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Rec No. 1, F455
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Colonial Secretary's Office

Victoria, Vancouver's Island

October 31st 1859.

Sir,

I have the honor to request
you will be pleased to furnish me
by return of post, if possible,
with a statement of all expenses
incurred under your authority,
either Civil, Military or Commissioned.

J. Colonel Moody A.S.
V V V
Gen. Postmaster

which have still to be liquidated.
giving as much information
respecting the different items as
may be practicable.

I have the honor to be

Sir

your most obedient servant

James Douglas

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The Hon. Mr. Nelson
At Landing Khabikha
Ag. Sec. Mr. Nelson
31 Oct - 1859
La Lette Ant I 846
4 Nov 59

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Victoria Vancouver Island

31st October 1859

Sir

The Treasurer having brought
to my notice the case of an
outstanding account against you,
in favor of a Mr Thomas, for supplies
to Captain Lempriere's party at Ft
Hope, wherein you request Captain
Sopet as Acting Commissioner to
make the payment, I have the
honor to inform you that all
accounts of this nature, incurred
through your agency should be

^{to} The Chief Commissioner
of Lands & Works

paid

paid by you, and not by the
Company, whose instructions to
make neither issues nor payments
except by my authority, are explicit.

2. To maintain a clear and
comprehensive system of accounts
it is absolutely necessary that each
officer should be responsible for
the settlement of all accounts in
his own department and for those
only.

3. To prevent unnecessary
inconvenience being occasioned
to Mr Thomas, I have instructed
the Treasurer to pay him, debiting
the sum to you as part of
an

an Advance Warrant, and I request
you will clear the whole transaction
in your accounts.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedt Servt,
James Douglas

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1853
Mr. Thomas, N.Y.
All the Gov. returns
31 Oct 1859
La I. 8/11-7/11/12

FILE 435

DOUGLAS, JAMES (GOVERNOR)
1859

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

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Rec^d Nov 9. 1859. Bt
H.H.L.

Victoria Vancouver's Island
November 8th 1859.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of
the 2nd Instant requesting permission
to transport to New Westminster the
mules now engaged on the Harrison
and Lillooet Road, I have to acquaint
you that I very much question the
expediency of this arrangement, and

Obtain Moody R.E.

dc cc cc

New Westminster

therefore I am not prepared at present to sanction it.

2. The expense of transport would be great, the animals will be required again on the Road early next Spring, and I conceive they can be profitably employed at Douglas during the Winter, or could be placed at Cayrook under the charge of Mr Elwyn and at no expense to the Colony.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

your most obedient servant
James Douglas

1711

Received to mention the
payment of money from the
Bank of North

A. S. to Govt, Victoria

8 Nov 1859

via Letter Book - I - 20

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FILE 485

DOUGLAS, JAMES (GOVERNOR)
1859

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

169-12

Rec^d Nov. 9. 1859
H. H. C. U.

Victoria Vancouver's Island

November 8th 1859.

Sir,

With reference to your letters
of the 3rd and 4th Instant Nos 12
14 & 15 upon the subject of Advance
Warrants, I beg to observe that as you
appear to have misapprehended the
nature of an Advance Warrant, I deem
it necessary to point out to you for

Colonel Moody P. E.

dc dc dc

New Westminster

your future guidance the use
and intention of that Document.

2— The expenditure of a
certain sum for a certain purpose is
sanctioned. If the transaction be at
once completed and all monies on
account of it paid at one time there
is no necessity whatever for the issue
of an Advance-Warrant at all, for the
whole transaction should then at once
appear in detail in the proper
requisition Form (No 9) the approval
of which is the Treasurer's Authority
for the disbursement of the money.
But should the transaction be one

£2000

which cannot be disposed of thus
summarily, the necessity of an Advance-
Warrant is then evident. For instance
say the expenditure of ~~two~~ ^{two} thousand
Pounds is sanctioned for the construction
of a certain Building, the payment
of one thousand Pounds may be at once
required for purchase of material, and
for this one thousand Pounds, an
Advance-Warrant would naturally be
sought, - and so for intermediate current
payments, - but immediately the transaction
is brought to a close, the proper authority
should be sought for every item of
expenditure, in the proper requisition
form and the balance paid upon that

Authority -

3- The issue of Advance-
Warrants should ^{however} as much as possible
be avoided, for it is only a temporary
expedient, and the Officer in whose
favor they are granted becomes
personally responsible for the payment
of every fraction made with money
so received; for the different items
of expenditure not having been
sanctioned, it remains to be seen
hereafter whether they will pass
audit.

4 - I feel compelled to take
this opportunity to remind you that
your accounts

2

your accounts are much in arrear,
and I must earnestly beg that you
will punctually forward at the
commencement of every month, the
proper requisition forms for the
approval of the transactions of the
month. I have also to call your
attention to my letter of the 24th October
and to request that you will immediately
attend to the same; for the sum of
money which I have authorized to
be issued to you upon your personal
responsibility is now so large that unless
the expenditure be at once audited, I
shall be necessitated to decline further

A Copy Enclosed

Advances.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

your most obedient servant

James Douglas

Copy

Victoria, Vancouver's Island

24th October 1859

Sir

I have the honor to forward to you herewith the copy of a letter from the Colonial Treasurer, requesting that one of your Accountant Clerks may be sent to Victoria to assist in putting the Accounts you have recently rendered - into proper form, and with reference thereto, I have to request that you will send the Clerk most conversant with those accounts to Victoria as soon as practicable, for I have personally examined the same, and find that they cannot be audited in their present shape.

I have the honor to be &c.

signed James Douglas

Colonel Moody R.E.
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Recd Nov 17. having been business
to Langley - Still F485
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Victoria Vancouver's Island

November 11th 1859.

Sir,

I forward to you herewith
a letter dated November 10th with
enclosures from Messrs Dickson
Campbell & Co agents of the ships
Shames City and Euphrates complaining
of their inability to obtain the

To
Colonel Moody R.E.
&c &c
New Westminster

necessary documents for the safe
landing of the Troops and Stores,
and I request you will give the
matter immediate attention.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

your most obedient servant

James Douglas

Victoria, V.I. Nov 10 1859

Sir,

We take the liberty of enclosing copies of letters addressed to Col. Moody & Capt. Lupton R.C. on the subject of receipts for the safe landing of troops &c. by the *Thames City* & *Stary* &c. in Captains from London. Neither of these gentlemen have deigned to return one word of answer, and we have been compelled from the extreme inconvenience which their inattention has caused our friends in England, to respectfully request of you to lay the matter before his Excellency the Governor, for his kind attention.

We are

Sir

Your most obt. servt.
DICKSON CAMPBELL Secy
by Chas. M. Wallace Esq
atty

William A. G. Young Esq
Act Col. Secy

(Copy) Victoria 4. J. 15th Aug 1857

My dear Sir

Would you kindly oblige me by forwarding, at your earliest convenience, to the care of Messrs. Dickson Campbell & Co. the certified Bills of Exchange of the "Horned City" & "Esplanade" as the Captains of these vessels are now ordered to have them forwarded to their owners, & as it is a matter of some material importance to them I trust you will give it your immediate attention.

All the accounts against the Department so far as they can possibly be made up will be sent on by next steamer.

Yours very truly
A. G. Brown

(Signed)
Capt. David H. C. Esq.
New Westminster 3

LIGHT ORIGINAL

(Copy)

Victoria T.S. 26th Sept 1859

Captain Innes R.E.
New Westminster

Sir

The Ship "Thames City" arrived here
on the 11th April with troops & Government Stores.

These stores have been duly forwarded
to you. After some time have repeatedly applied to you
for a certificate of their safe landing.

We would respectfully ask you to state
for the information of the Comrs of the "Thames City" why
you have deferred sending the Certificate & repeatedly
called for?

We shall thank you also to send us
a Certificate for the "Cape Horn" stores.

Your prompt attention to both will
much oblige

Your obed^t Serv^t

J. J. Dickson Campbell & Co.
S. S. Fullerton.

LIGHT ORIGINAL

(Copy)

Victoria 4. J. 14th Octbr 1859

Colonel Ross Esq. R.E.
New Westminster

Sir

We have the honor of enclosing to you
letter from Mr A. J. Mann, containing invoice of
Instruments for your use, amounting to \$165.37 of
11 White Ole. 199.50 which
amounts you will much oblige by arranging with
us at your earliest convenience.

We also beg to enclose Copy of letter
addressed by us to Capt. David R. B. regarding out-
fits of the landing of Troops & Stores for Thomas
City from London, as well as Board of Capt. Ingraham,
we have no answer from Capt. B. & we would
respectfully request of you to arrange into the matter &
have the Certificates forwarded to us as soon as
practicable. The non receipt of these documents has
caused the Council of the Hospital as well as caused
considerable inconvenience.

We have the honor to be
Yours Obedt. Servt
J. J. Dickson Campbell Esq.
(Signed) Chas. Wallace Esq.

LIGHT ORIGINAL

175
Recd. Receipt 10/29
John's House City
Philadelphia
H. G. Tidwell
11 ~~10~~ 1859

FILE 435

DOUGLAS, JAMES (GOVERNOR)
1859

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

Eds

176 7/2

Rec^d Nov 18. 1859. B.W.
F495
J.H.S.

Victoria Vancouver's Island

15 November 1859.

Sir,

In return to your letter
of the 8th Instant upon the
subject of providing bedding for
your two horses at New Westminster,
I have the honor to acquaint you
that I have received a letter of
equal date from the Acting Commissary

Colonel Moody R.E.

cc cc

New Westminster

requesting instruction on the
matter, as common straw is not
obtainable and the only description
to be procured is the hay of the
country which is very expensive.
You may rest assured that I have
no desire in any way to interfere
with what may be an allowance
established according to the regu-
-lations of the Service, but I
must again beg of you to assist
me in reducing the present very
heavy expenses of the Royal Engineers

Department, all of which expenses
we are hereafter to repay from the
Revenues of the Colony; and it
strikes me that the purchase at
this place of bedding for Horses
and sending it to New Westminster
is a proceeding of so costly a
nature that I conceive I should
scarcely be justified in affording
it my sanction. I have therefore
instructed the Commissary to
endeavor to procure on the Spot
some of the wild grass of the

Country which I doubt not
he will be able to do at a
reasonable rate, and that it will
be found suitable for the purpose
required.

2. The Acting Commissary
has also forwarded to me the table
of Rations at present issued to
the Royal Engineers - As it appears
to me that the scale is somewhat
in excess of the usual rate, I
have to request you will be good
enough to inform me whether any
special authority

exists for its adoption, as well as
for the issue of extra Rations
for the Officers Mess.

3. Her Majesty's Government
have so repeatedly called my attention
to the heavy expenses of the Royal
Engineer Department and to the
obligations of the Colony in regard
thereto, that I propose to obtain
the express sanction of the Secretary
of State to all matters of extraordina-
ry expenditure.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant
James Douglas

Memo.

The Act of Indulgence is requested to present answers
opposite to the undermentioned queries.

1. How many rations were drawn for the
Army & Navy during the past month? _____ 244
2. How many officers (daily average)? _____ 3
3. How many men & women during the month? _____ 120
4. Were any extra rations drawn? _____ 0
5. If so; how many? _____ 124

For the month of October

The Act of Indulgence
Royal Engineers.

Wm. G. G. G.
Capt. R. G.

Scale of Victualling for the
North American Boundary Commission.

When to be issued	Article	Quantity	Remarks
Daily	Biscuit	1 1/2 lb	1 lb. Flour is occasionally issued in lieu of 1/2 lb. of bread.
	Soft Bread	1 lb	
	Spirit	Nil	
	Sugar	2 oz to 2 1/2 oz	According to quality of
	Coffee or Chocolate	2 oz	1/2 lb sugar.
	Tea	1/2 "	1/4 "
Weekly	Salt	1/2 "	
	Mustard	1/2 "	
	Pepper	1/2 "	
	Vinegar	1/2 pint	When on full provisions
Daily when procurable	Fresh Meat	1 1/2 lb	1 lb
	Vegetables	1/2 "	1 "
	Preserved Meat	1 "	
	Bacon or Salt Pork	1 lb	1/4 "
On alternate days when fresh provisions cannot be procured.	Pean or Beans	1/2 pint	NB. When on the field
	Salt Beef	1 1/2 lb	occasional issue of Rice,
	Flour	8 "	Dried Apples, Lemons &c
	Lard	1/2 "	is allowed. Dates, will
	Cornmeal or Raisins	1 lb	as frequently as possible
Daily	Soap	1/2 "	1/2 lb
	Tobacco	1/2 "	1/2 lb

Bread — 1 lb
Biscuit — 1 1/2 lb
Flour — 1 lb
Rice — 1 "

Coffee — 1 oz
Chocolate — 1 "
Tea — 1/2 "

Vegetables — 1/2 lb
Lard — 1/2 "
Beans — 1/2 pint
Calumance — 1/2 "
Rice — 1 lb

This is to be considered equal to each other.

Capt. Quard P. B.
British Columbia.

FILE 435

DOUGLAS, JAMES (GOVERNOR)
1859

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

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Rags' hope otherwise for
home - and state of things
+ Water Return for 1859
W. G. - Frederic
18 Nov 1859
See Char. Acct. I - 1859
44 Nov 59

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DOUGLAS, JAMES (GOVERNOR)
1859

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

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Recd Nov. 17. 1859 ^{F485-} 8x

+ vouchers not enclosed as advised
+ received Nov. 24.

Victoria Vancouver's Island

17 November 1859.

Sir

In reply to your letter
of the 1st Instant requesting
I will instruct the acting Commif
- sary to liquidate the claims
for certain expenses as shown

	s. d.
To Steamer Otter	30. 0. 0
To Steamer Moody	268 14. 0
	<u>298 14. 0</u>

in the margin incurred on the

Colonel Moody A. S.

L. C. L. C.

New Westminster

Commissariat account for
conveying Troops &c. I have
the honor to acquaint you that
I have, in consequence of your
representation, directed that
Functionary to pay the sum
of Two Hundred and four pounds
four shillings, which is properly
chargeable to the Imperial account
with the Colony of Vancouver's
Island. the disbursement being
in connection with the recent

£ 204. 4. 0

proceedings of the United States
Authorities at San Juan.

£ 5 2
95. 10. 0.

2. With reference to the
remaining sum of ninety five
pounds ten shillings, I have to
refer you to my letter of the
31st Ultimo, and as this charge
was incurred by your authority,
it is necessary that the account
to support it should be reade-
red by your Department, To
prevent inconvenience however
I have issued an Advance Warrant

for the same to the Treasurer
in your favor, and have instructed
him to pay the proper amounts
into the hands of the respective
parties on your account.

3. I return herewith the
Vouchers and request they may
be rendered in proper shape
hereafter.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obedient servant
James Douglas

rec'd 22 Dec. 1859.
H. B.

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Wm. B. Bayly
"Douglas's Memoirs"
H. B. Bayly
17 Nov 59
12 Nov 59
12 Nov 59

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Rec^d 24 Nov 1859 485
By
Some not received

Victoria Vancouver's Island
18th November 1859.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letters of the 10th
& 12th Instants Nos 24 & 26.

2. With reference to the first-
named I have to request you will
forward to me at your earliest

convenience, to accompany the copy
which

Colonel Moody R.E.

Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works

which you request may be transmitted to the Secretary of State, a Return, so far as you may be able to make it up, of the actual duties upon which the detachment of Royal Engineers are now employed with the ^{customary} rate of working pay accorded to each man for each particular service.

3. As you justly observe I have no desire to disturb in any way the internal discipline of the Corps under your command but I am inclined to think

think that you overlook the fact that the working pay established for the men is not a Military disbursement but is an allowance granted from the resources of the Colony in return for Civil Services rendered to the Colony; and although the expenses on this head may be provided for at present from Imperial sources, yet we receive very positive assurances that sooner or later the whole amount advanced is to be refunded. The charge coming therefore upon the Colonial Treasury cannot

cannot be viewed as removed
from the control of the local
Government.

4. In reply to your letter
of the 12th Instant I must express
my regret that you appear to
misapprehend my motives and should
regard a simple matter of business
as in any way connected with
the confidence I may repose in
you, which may be due to you,
and I beg you will disabuse
your mind of this idea.

5. My own

5. My own responsibility is
7 great and if I do not call upon
the officers of my Government to
carry out the Instructions I have
received from home I alone shall
be held accountable. You must
remember that in your case
you have had the disbursement
of large sums of money advanced
to you by my authority and it is
imperative that the same should
be accounted for in proper form
both to relieve me as well as you of
attendant liability. 6-7

6. I am informed that every information regarding accounts was given to Mr Burnaby, but as you state that you have never received any instructions as to the mode of keeping accounts in Colonial form, I have directed the Treasurer to forward to you the rules founded upon instructions received from Her Majesty's Government. It was for the purpose of acquiring these matters of detail and to remove present and present future inconvenience as well as to relieve you from the impact

non

standing against you, that I requested you to send your Accountant Clerk to the Treasury.

7. I approve of your suggestion of requesting when practicable, authority upon the proper form, in the first instance in all future cases for the expenditure of public money: but in the case of Buildings I forward herewith the Form in which the Estimate should be submitted.

8. This system has hitherto of necessity been departed from owing to the urgent nature of the Services
Consequent

retained per 24/11/1859

upon the establishment of a new
Colony, but I need not remind you
that irregularities should be avoided
if it be possible; and that what-
-ever the position of an officer
may be that fact does not
absolve him from compliance
with established regulations when
it may be practicable. for those
regulations affect all alike from
the highest to the lowest.

I have the honor, to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant
James Douglas

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Buckingham Palace, London
May 10. 1859.
H. B. Victoria
18 Nov. 1859
In Reply to I. 276 - 276/59
1859

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Recd 24th Nov FAB5
1859 83

Victoria Vancouver's Island

19th November 1859.

Sir,

In return to your letter
of the 14th Instant I have the
honour to acquaint you that I
approve of the works on the
Lillooet Road being suspended
for the winter, and of the
withdrawal

Colonel Moody R.L.

cc cc

Gen Westminster

withdrawal of the force to their
quarters, but it is my wish that
a guard of about twelve men,
with or without an officer as you
may deem expedient, should be
stationed at Port Douglas for the
present as a precautionary measure
of protection.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

your most obedient servant
James Douglas

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Approved by James M. Bar
Sept. 18th to 18th 1859
M. G. Robinson
19 Nov 1859
to Col. G. I. - 112
14 Nov -

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Victoria Vancouver's Island

19 November 1859.

Sir,

I am preparing a Despatch
for Her Majesty's Secretary of
State in reply to one he has
addressed to me upon the subject
of the expenses of the Colony
of British Columbia, and I request

Colonel Moody R.E.

LC LC

New Westminster

you will forward to me with
the least possible delay to accompany
that Despatch, a Return showing
the actual entire expenditure
incurred up to the present time
on account of the Royal Engineers,
and also the nature and description
of works and services performed by
them, with the actual sum charge-
able to each work or service, and
also the amount paid for Civil
Labor, and for material, so as to
account

account for the whole sum
disbursed.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant
James Douglas

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By order of the
Hon. Secy of the
Navy
W. S. Fisher
19 Nov 1859
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DOUGLAS, JAMES (GOVERNOR)
1859

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

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1859

Victoria Vancouver B.C.

13th November 1859

Sir,
I am preparing a
Despatch for Her Majesty's
Secretary of State, in reply to
one he has addressed to me
upon the subject of the expenses
of the Colony of British Columbia,
and I request you will
forward to me with the
least possible delay, to
accompany that Despatch, a

To
Colonel Moody R.E. Return

Return shewing the actual,
entire expenditure incurred
up to the present time on
account of the Royal Infirmary
and also the nature and
description of the works and
services performed by them,
with the actual sum chargeable
to each work or service, and
also the amount paid for
Civil labour so as to account
for the whole sum disbursed.

I have the honor to be
— Sir,

Your most obed^t Serv^t
James Douglas

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1859

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Victoria Vancouver's Island

21 November 1859.

Sir,

Observing in the statement
of outstanding liabilities forwarded to
me in your letter of the 4th
Instant a charge of forty one
£ 41. 12. 0 pounds twelve shillings due to
the Hudson's Bay Company for an
Colonel Mackay R. E. advance
Chief Commissioner of
Lands and Works

advance made by them on
Survey service to explore Pitt
River, I have the honor to request
you will inform me by whom
this exploration was undertaken,
and by whose authority the expense
was incurred, and what were the
results attained.

I have the honor to be

Sir

your most obedient servant
James Douglas

1874

Receipt of King
for money order
by Mr. [unclear]

W. S. [unclear]
21 [unclear]

See [unclear] L-113/6

See No. 191 per [unclear]

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Recd 21 Nov. 9c
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Victoria Vancouver's Island

21st November 1859.

Sir,

I received this morning by
the hands of Captain Murray of the
steamer "Gov^o Douglas" your letter
of the 18th Instant forwarding
an account due to the Owners of
that Vessel, for Passages and Freight,
and with reference to your request that

I
Colonel Moody R.E.
L.C. LC

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DOUGLAS, JAMES (GOVERNOR)
1859

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

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I will instruct the Treasurer to furnish the Acting Comptroller with means to liquidate the said Account, I have to refer you to my letter of the 31 October, wherein you are informed that all expenses incurred by and through the Agency of any particular Department must be paid and charged for by that Department; and, therefore, as in this case the transaction was commenced by your Department, so must the settlement lie with that Department.

Department.

2. To prevent inconvenience however, I have issued an Advance-Warrant in your favor for the amount and have instructed the Treasurer to pay the same into the hands of Captain Murray on your account.

3. Captain Murray informs me that there is still an outstanding account for the months of September and October, amounting to nearly one hundred and sixty Pounds. I beg to request your attention to this matter, and to remark that neither this sum nor that before mentioned is included in the Return forwarded to
me

£ 160.

me by you on the 4th Instant
as a statement of the outstanding
liabilities of your Department.

4. I beg you will furnish
me with some information concerning
the necessity which existed for
incurring expenses so constantly
for Passages backwards and forwards
between New Westminster and Port
Douglas, in order that I may
be in a position to explain these
expenditures to Her Majesty's
Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient servant
James Douglas

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Recd's the copy of the document
from Douglas
H. B. Robinson
21 Nov 1859
for John, Govt. I. 1859
18 Nov 59

186th

Rec^d 24 Nov F485
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Immediate

Victoria Vancouver Island

22nd November 1859

Sir,

As I am very anxious,
if it be within the compass
of our means, that the
Navigation of the Harrison
River to Port Douglas, should
be rendered practicable at
all states of the water, I
have the honor to request that
you will as soon as possible,

Instruct

To
The Chief Commissioner
{
of Lands and Works}

Instruct one of the officers
under your command to
examine into, and make a
Report upon, the feasibility
of overcoming the obstructions
which now exist, forwarding
at the same time an estimate
of the sum required to carry
out the work.

I conceive that if a
minimum depth of 3 feet
of water could be attained,
it would be found sufficient
for

for the desired end.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obed^t serv^t
James Douglas

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Agencies in Office to send
to report on the Mission, etc.

H. G. Robinson

32 Nov 1859

See Peter Book I-1414

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FILE 485

DOUGLAS, JAMES (GOVERNOR)
1859

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

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Rec^d 26 Nov F485
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Victoria Vancouver's Island

22 November 1859.

Sir,

An account has this morning
been presented to me for the sum
\$15.00 of Fifteen Dollars alleged to be due
to the Proprietors of the American
Steamer 'Julia' for the conveyance
of Lieut. Palmer R.E. from Olympia
to San Juan.

Colonel Moody R.E.
cc cc

2. - I am not aware of the circumstances under which Lieut. Palmer incurred this expense, but as the claim is certified by him as being correct, I presume it was not contracted on his own private account, I have therefore, to prevent inconvenience to the proprietors of a foreign Steam Vessel and for the credit of the Government, ordered the sum to be paid by the Treasurer on your behalf.

3. - I cannot help calling your
attention

to the irregularity of this transaction, and to the fact of this not being the first instance when accounts have been presented at this office which should have been settled at once by your Department; and I request you will institute ^{precautions} measures to ^{prevent} any recurrence of the system, which appears to have somewhat obtained, of Officers thus incurring expenses and leaving them to be settled as best may be.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

your most obedient servant
James Douglas

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Recd payment of 1500 for
purchase of 100000 from
Hingham to New Haven
A. G. Ketchum
22 Nov 1859
See letter Govt I-1074
No 97 from H. G.

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DOUGLAS, JAMES (GOVERNOR)
1859

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

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Victoria Vancouver's Island

6th December 1859.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of
the 2nd Instant respecting the
engagement of parties to clear away
the underbrush and Trees from
the Streets of New Westminster, I have
the honor to acquaint you that I
regret the finances of the Colony

The Chief Commissioner
of
Lands and Works
cc cc

have

have been so reduced by recent
heavy expenditures that I am not
in a position to appropriate
any sum for the execution of the
service in question.

I have the honor to be

Sir

your most obedient servant
James Douglas

1859

Clearing the check of
the 17th Jan. 1859. by
approval

W. B. Robinson

to Decr 1859

in Letter Book I-1859

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DOUGLAS, JAMES (GOVERNOR)
1859

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

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Victoria Vancouver Island
6th December 1859

Sir,

In reply to your letter
of the 25th Ultimo informing me
of the circumstances under
which you had incurred an
expenditure of Forty one pound
Twelve shillings upon Survey
duties, I have to acquaint you
that I do not consider that
sufficient grounds existed to
justify

£ 41. 12.

The
Chief Commissioner
of Lands & Works

justify the outlay, nor do I
approve of the employment
of Mr. Bedford a civilian on
such a service, and I shall
not hereafter permit expenses
incurred in this manner,
to be defrayed from Colonial
Funds.

I have the honor to be

Sr,

Your most obed^t Serv^t
James Douglas

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Reads the papers of Kearney &
the letters for exploring by
H. B. Johnson
6 Dec 1859
See John Smith I. 1859-1860
1859 from H.B.

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Recd. 8. Dec. 1859
Extract.

J. H. G.

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Victoria Vancouver's Island

6 December 1859.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 2nd
instant upon the subject of the grade
you propose for a portion of the
City of New Westminster and
enclosing for my information a
tracing to exhibit the same.

The Chief Commissioner
of Lands & Works
LC LC

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2. I have carefully examined the tracing in question but I am unable to discover upon it any indication of the proposed grade, and it would seem that the information has been accidentally omitted, I therefore return it to you for completion or explanation.

3. You have also omitted one most important item in your letter, viz. a mention of the entire cost of the work you recommend should be undertaken.

4.

4.- The cost is of the first consideration, as you are well aware that unless the plan be adapted to our present means and circumstances, it is utterly hopeless to anticipate that we shall be able to carry it out. I am induced to make this remark by the observations contained in your letter respecting the Capital of a great and flourishing Colony, and by your classing New Westminster in the same category with the great Cities at Home. I would suggest to you that the Colony itself must

must first become great and
flourishing before we can under-
take works on a scale of magni-
ficence in accordance therewith,
and that a Town just laid out
and not yet disengaged from the
primeval forest cannot be dealt
with as a great City that has
existed for Centuries.

5. What we now want is a
Scheme that will render the lots
of New Westminster available, so that
a town may be established and a
Nucleus

nucleus formed that hereafter may expand into a great and flourishing City, and I would beg you not to attempt any more than this, for if more be feared I feel confident that positive hindrance to development will ensue.

b. I was yesterday visited upon by a deputation from some of the principal lot holders in Columbia Street, and their representations upon the subject were so clear and forcible that I forward to you an extract from
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a paper handed to me by them,
and as I quite concur in the
suggestions offered I have to request
you will endeavor to carry out
their propositions, leaving more
extended works for future development
when the City may be large, a
Corporation established and means
available.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

your most obedient servant
James Douglas

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Keeps the picture
for the church of the
Rev. Mr. I. - 23/1 - 2 Aug 1859

A. G. - Windsor

6 - 11 Nov 1859

See also Mr. I. - 23/1 - 2 Aug 1859
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DOUGLAS, JAMES (GOVERNOR)
1859

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

Copy

Extract from a Document presented
to Governor Douglas by several lot
owners in Columbia Street, in
reference to the grading of the River
Westminster

2 We beg to suggest that the
 existing natural level taken on a
 line parallel with the Gasco River
 is admirably adapted for ware-
 housing, landing, and transporting
 goods, and we submit that any
 important interference with the
 natural level of the portion in front
 of all the high priced lots, is not
 only unnecessary, but would positively
 render the place less eligible for
 commercial purposes. That every
 shovelful of earth thrown there except
 for the purpose of rendering the
 surface

True as regards the River
 drainage only. Any permanent
 action would make the
 water level to some extent as
 then all the above require
 would be equally well
 not for the River & the
 drainage. It is not proposed
 to disturb the level of the
 water front beyond necessity.

* The necessity is evidently
 in a wider consideration
 than is here given to it.
 a I venture to prophesy
 these very gentlemen
 will soon conviction and
 with the frankness that
 singularly characterizes
 each one of them. I trust
 I withdraw these positive
 statements.

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Surface regular from end to end, and for remedying accidental inequalities, will diminish in our opinion the value of our Lots; and further, that any considerable alteration of the level would cause us an enormous expenditure, the only result of which would be to render our Lots utterly valueless for the purposes of Trade. We therefore strongly deprecate any interference with the natural level of Columbia Street in the direction parallel with the River.

3. With respect to the grade in the direction perpendicular to the River there appears to be an inclination of

Compare the relative position of this lot with the material at Victoria! Obvious conditions brought out but with certain advantages & disadvantages to the N. W. lot (amongst from other) & yet what is not deemed equitable in the one case is said to render the other "valueless" a conclusion arrived at from insufficient data and consideration.

* Note observation on page.

② Query

* If these gentlemen are recognized as representing the Community, Col. Ross's terms shall be most happy to comply with this scope. In paragraph 2. They object to any interference with the existing level. - From all that has been said it is clear that the N. W. lot is a superior & more valuable & unquestionably the temporary arrangement of levels has not been fixed by the people and some concerned.

of 5 or 6 feet per cent, and it would be a great convenience to us, and to all lot holders, and would in fact be all that is necessary in order to enable us to fix the level of the ground floors of our proposed stores and piers, if it were clearly indicated whether the street when made, is to be on the level of the river side of Columbia Street, or of the upper side, or at some intermediate level, so that we might know at what level to fix the foundation of our stores.

4. We would wish also most respectfully to urge upon your Excellency's attention, the immediate formation of two bridges in the course

This is an immediate receipt and should be presented forthwith. Paul & Maria require the bridge -

S. D.

LIGHT ORIGINAL

course of Columbia Street, across
the two ravines - bridges such as
to meet the wants and traffic
of the community, during the
next 3 or 4 years.

5. If these things be speedily
settled, there is no reason in our
opinion to doubt but that
within that time, a town may be
established there, at least as
extensive as Wharf Street,
Gales Street, Johnston Street,
and Government Street, in
Victoria.

Mc an d
Signed { Henderson and Barnaby
Henry Holbrook
Arthur T. Bashley
A R Green

For His Excellency
The Governor

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Victoria Vancouver's Island

23rd December 1859.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letters of the 8th
& 12th Instants on the subject of
the Military Road between New
Westminster and Burrards Inlet,
and in reply I beg to inform you
that I am not disposed to authorize

an
Colonel Moody R.E.

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an expenditure on military
account for an object purely
colonial, and which may be
disallowed, the completion of this
road must therefore be deferred
until the question of cost is
laid before the Secretary of
State.

I have the honor to be

Sir

your most obedient servant
James Douglas

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Wm. Short Grant to
Governor of N.S.W.
A.S. Tasmania
23 Dec 1879
to Wm. Short Grant
to Wm. Short Grant
(1879-1880)

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DOUGLAS, JAMES (GOVERNOR)
1859

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

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Rec^d 14 Jan 1859
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Victoria Vancouver Island
29th December 1859

Sir,
I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of
your letter of the 22nd Instant,
forwarding a Report made
by Lieut Palmer R.E. in reference
to the route from Hope to
Fort Colville.

I have attentively
perused the said Report

and
To Colonel Moody R.E.
" " "

and am much pleased
at the careful, and comprehensive
manner, in which it is drawn
up, and I request you
will communicate the
same to Lieut Palmer.

I do not however
approve of the manner in
which Lieut Palmer was
despatched on this service,
and I am not at all
satisfied of the "absolute
necessity" which existed
for

for such a step.

4. In future, whenever
expenses of this nature are
incurred without any previous
sanction, I shall withhold
my authority for their
repayment, but in this case
I approve of the actual travelling
expenses of Lieut Palmer
being repaid.

5. The account you
have rendered, is not
sufficiently in detail to
enable me to form any
opinion, as to the nature
of

of the various items of
expenditure, and I cannot
upon that account render
as it is after the completion
of the transaction, give any
express sanction for the
payment of the entire amount.

1859
Douglas to Adams's journey
to North Carolina.
Ms. A. 9. 2. 1. 1172 - 22 Dec 59

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obed^t servant
James Douglas

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Rec'd H. Sh. M. P. 91
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1859

Victoria Vancouver's Island

30th December 1859

Sir,

With reference to your letter
of the 18th November upon the
subject of keeping the accounts
of the Colony, I have to acquaint
you that the system to be followed
in the accounts for the Colony
of British Columbia was

The Chief Commissioner
of Lands & Works
Established

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established by Her Majesty's
Government and was not sent
to me for opinion only, therefore
that system must be pursued
by every Officer in the Colony
from the highest to the lowest.

2. The Treasurer has drawn
up Rules and Regulations for
the guidance of Officers to enable
them to render their accounts,
according to the established system,
and so soon as these Rules are
printed

printed they will be distributed,
and with their assistance, and
with ordinary attention, I cannot
entertain the idea that any
difficulty will hereafter exist
in complying with all the
requirements of Her Majesty's
Government.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,
James Douglas

[Faint, mostly illegible handwriting on a folded piece of paper. A small checkmark is visible near the top center.]

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Kept in the hands of the
the eyes of the colony

H. B. Pickens

30 Dec 1859

to the Hon. Mr. T. M. Pickens - Nassau