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Victoria B.C. 4<sup>th</sup> April 1864

To His Excellency  
Frederick Seymour Esquire  
Governor and Commander in Chief  
of the Colony of British Columbia -

Sir

The undersigned Merchants, Bankers and others beg respectfully to draw Your Excellency's attention to the very serious inconvenience and loss which we sustain in consequence of the accumulation of English Mails and their detention in San Francisco, the Steamer "California" having arrived without them: and respectfully to request that Your Excellency will be good enough to take such measures as may lead to their being sent forward with the least possible delay: and also to ensure the regular delivery of future mails, (if not by direct Steamer as heretofore) in accordance with the existing postal conventions between Great Britain and the United States, at the nearest port to British Possessions, say Olympia or Port Townsend in Washington Territory; or even Portland in Oregon.

We have the honor to be

Your Excellency's

Most Obedient and humble Servants

George Peckles  
The Brit. Sta. Schmitt  
W. H. Brown  
Henry W. Nathan  
W. Macdonald

Pro<sup>rs</sup> Finlayson & Co.  
Sanion & Rhodes  
Sprat & Co  
W. M. Munnich  
W. C. Ward  
T. A. Shilton  
J. D. Pemberton  
C. C. Co. Proprietors



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his Excellency Governor Seymour R. &

Your Excellency

The undersigned beg leave to point out to your Excellency the desirability of having the Chain-gang set to work - so soon as their present operations on Shore Street are completed - to grade, and macadamise Government Street, from the point where the metalling now ends, to its junction with the Saanich Road.

The undersigned would draw your Excellency's attention to the fact that Government Street is the main outlet from Victoria into the country; and as the two other chief outlets viz Fort Street, leading to Cadboro Bay, and Shore Street, leading to the Esquimalt Road, are, or soon will be, in good order, they think the next effort should be to open the main artery running right through the city, & out of which run the Saanich Road, the Burnside Road, the Cedar Hill Road, & the new road - laid out, but not yet cleared - to the Gorge.

The undersigned would also remind your Excellency that, though Government Street is at present available for traffic during the summer, it has been made so entirely by private enterprise, the land occupied by the Street North of the Gas Works having been given by the owners for that purpose, and the Street was cleared and graded, & the large Bridge beyond the Gas Works built, by private subscriptions among the undersigned & others, without costing the Government one dollar; but so impressed was His Excellency the



Late Governor Kennedy with the importance of opening this Street, that he offered to the subscribers to the Bridge-fund to place upon the estimates a sum sufficient to complete the grading & metalling of the Street, provided the owners of the ground gave up the quantity that was necessary, & the subscribers built the Bridge. This arrangement was carried out on both sides, & in the Spring of 1865 the sum of \$2,000 was voted by the House of Assembly of Vancouver Island for that purpose, but, we suppose from the failure of funds, the work has never been done.

We have the honor to be  
Your Excellency's most humble, &  
most obedient servants

Robt. Finlayson  
Edw. J. Collins  
H. F. Solmie  
Edward B. Carles  
Duch. J. Sandover  
Ed. L. L. L.

The work herein indicated is the  
work they occupy; but as  
there are many other places  
that are especially required for  
services of the Chain party which  
they have completed since  
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W. News

I do not at all concur in the statement of Govt. H. being the main outlet. - That by  
Douglas St. is in good repair, & sufficient for all present purposes.  
A reference to the former correspondence on this subject, will afford some  
information as to the private speculation involved in this work, and that  
as so many ~~new~~ works of greater importance to the public to be done by  
the Company - that it will not be finished for a month. The bridge  
has to be painted, tarred, cleaned &c. which will occupy a week more.  
The entrance to Beacon Hill Park is a scandal, & will occupy a fortnight.  
The Public Offices in a filthy state, & will involve whitewashing &c  
which will occupy another week, beside other important ~~works~~  
works.

The Hon.  
Colonial Secretary.  
&c. &c.

M. W. News  
13th Aug. 1867.

✓ Said the main through from the  
Lynnville bridge to Jones Mill bridge  
The first should be by the Lewisburg  
then will include a large part of  
the street. I think it will  
include a part of the  
quarantine work the advice  
at the summit bridge  
or the bridge across  
the river.



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J. S. O'Connell (1867)

The Council has had under consideration your Memorial requesting that so soon as the Chin Pong have completed Stone Street they may be employed in grading and macadamizing Govt. Street to its junction with the Larnach Road.

2. In reply thereto I am to inform you that the amount of work on the main thoroughfares of the City of Victoria ~~is~~ <sup>urgently</sup> requiring the services of the Chin Pong will prevent their immediate employment in ~~the manner~~ <sup>the manner</sup> ~~in the manner~~ you desire.

M. J.

Messrs. Finlayson, Fellows,  
and other signers of the above mentioned Memorial.