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North Camp, Lussborough.
9th July 1859.

MR reference to the letter of 11/4/59.
The resolutions contained in the
Circular are to be employed, and no
the part of the men - especially in regard
supply materials which should

Sir,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter dated 6th July 1859, and have
the honor to report that I have at once
given orders to bring to a close the
employment of the Civilians serving in
the Lands and Works Department.

Your Excellency is aware that to expedite
the settlement of the Country and to prepare
the way for the reception of the Naval Engi-
neers, so that their particular duties
for the advantage of the Colony, might
commence quickly before the summer
had passed away, I had employed the
above Civilians on sundry services -
with the exception of the Canadian
Boatmen and Art party under Captain
Parsons, and Mr. Calder (formerly a
Sergeant in the Artillery) employed
in the Survey Office, it was not my inten-
tion to continue the employment of Civi-
lians, and I had already commenced
retrenchment, but now I shall at once
close.

Yours Excellency
Governor Douglas Cks.
L. L. L.

With reference to Mr. Doggett and Mr. Proberly, the one Clerk in the Office and the other acting as Clerk of Works. I considered the first in the light of present employment and the latter equally so until a Royal Engineer Clerk of Works could be sent from England. If it is your Excellency's intention to proceed with the Langley and Sussex Road, the continuance of Mr. Proberly's employment for some time longer is indispensable.

With reference to Mr. Barnaby's services I considered and consider the assistance of a Gentleman of his qualifications an essential aid to me, and I regret the decision at which your Excellency has arrived. I have communicated to him your instructions to me and as soon as I can possibly complete the work I have in hand and make fresh arrangements in my Department his services will terminate.

After your Excellency shall have received the condition of the Colony and I shall have received any orders respecting the employment of the Royal Engineers, and after I shall have had the honor of submitting sundry views in respect to the Military forces for this Colony.

It is possible I may be under the necessity of requesting an Officer may be selected in England to carry on some of the duties that have hitherto been conducted by Mr. Barnaby. —

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
Dumbly Servant,

M. Murphy

2 July 1859

Dept of Lands & Works
Columbia
July 9th 1859.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter dated
the 29th June on the subject of
the Agreement entered into with
Mr Tutch, in reply to mine of
the 17th Inst: ..

I have further to acknow-
ledge the receipt of a letter dated
the 5th July apprising me of
advance warrants for Military
purposes having been issued
amounting

His Excellency
The Governor

amounting to Five Thousand
pounds; and of a letter bearing
the same date with reference
to the amount of money advanced
on Military account and
requesting me to endeavour to
curtail expenses on that
account; also of a letter
dated the 6th July informing
me that you can no longer
sanction the employment
of any civilians in my
Department.

I have the honor
to

to inform you that the contents
of these communications have
been duly noted with a
view to carrying into effect
the directions they contain

I have the honor to be

Sir

Yours Excellency's obedient
humble Servant

W. J. Morphy

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Replied to 14th

Victoria 14th July 1859.

Sir,

It is with great concern I have received a letter from your Excellency dated 29th June (recd. on 7th July) informing me you withhold your sanction to the contract already entered into with Mr. Tuttle for a survey of a portion of the rural land in British Columbia. I conveyed the intelligence to Mr. Tuttle and have received the enclosed reply. I beg to be furnished with your orders as to the steps I am to take, at the same time acquainting your Hon^{or}. I have reason to believe an action at law may be expected to commence at once on any notification being conveyed to the gentleman with whom the contract has been made that he is to cease operations.

Already the work has advanced considerably and if allowed to continue from 20,000 to 30,000 acres of the land most available for immediate ^{settlement} and if so asked for, can be put into the market.

Yours Excellency
The Governor

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for sale in about 2 months time.

In more justice to myself (yet with the utmost deference to your Excellency while adhering with firmness to my representations) I submit the authority granted to me was amply sufficient for the stipulation and I equally submit the stip itself is of great advantage to the Public Service and to the Public generally so much so that I cannot your Excellency will to cause any measures to be entered upon to set it aside, though if you still think it proper I will endeavour to modify it in some degree.

It is not at present perhaps necessary to recapitulate all the points discussed at the time, such amongst others as regards Mr. Tutch in particular and his peculiar qualifications for a service of this nature and the pains taken to ascertain them. The rate of cost of the survey; the necessity of commencing the work immediately and bringing certain lands into market; the employment of the small survey party of Royal Engineers or other equally important survey duties and many other topics, but I would recall to your recollection the District to be allotted was determined.

Yours
H. J.

That is the lower valley of the Fraser commencing at the lower portion and some few parts of the upper country in the immediate neighbourhood of the Mines. The exact number of square miles the survey was not named, the District only was stated. I gather from your Excellency's letter you would have desired only portions here and there to have been contracted for -

I would also particularly draw your attention to the urgent necessity that was attached to commencing the work instantly, before more of the summer was lost, also to your having to go up the country and my having to be absent in the interior for a period of some weeks. Upon these grounds more especially your Excellency desired me to conclude the Contract with Mr. Tutch and refer him entirely to me. The business in fact was considered as terminated and that I was amply authorized to conclude it. Neither the gentleman contracting nor myself had the slightest doubt whatsoever that your authority was given -

Yours
H. J.

Your Excellency's emphatic expressions of confidence in my judgment were very gratifying to me and would have dissipated all doubt if I had been induced to entertain any.

As to the merit of the Contract itself I can only repeat I think it an advantageous one for the Public Service and to stop it would lead to a serious retardation of the prosperity of the colony.

From the observations in your letter it is not improbable your Excellency has misapprehended the extent contracted for. A glance at a Map of B. Columbia will show it is in reality a very small portion of the available land. Your observations also as to the liability of the marks being obliterated is under circumstances not likely to occur in the present instance and in no case will the marks be more distant than 6 miles from a navigable river, and running in square blocks on North and South meridians they will be very easy to identify at any time.

If you authorize me to propose modifications I would limit the extent eastwards as far as the Entrance of the Kenism river and the Chelliviasch

or/

or thereabouts and reserve the clause relating to further surveys though it is not of any practical moment in itself - If you particularly desire it I would also request for the work to be done that only patches here and there be surveyed but I would dissuade you from it. It is possible part of the payments could be made ~~to the~~ ^{by} some kind of mortgage on the land but this is objectionable and cannot be necessary -

The sums to be paid as land is sold, ~~would~~ ^{being} trifling in comparison to the amounts received. For instance if 25,000 acres be brought into the market W. Smith would have to receive 500,000 - Attach what price you please to this land (the best land in the district) it will amply repay the cost of the survey and leave a good balance. No apprehension need for one moment be entertained as to selling all the lands, very soon both land and

all/

all if offered at a low price - Some is barren,
every portion contracted to the survey, is fertile, some
extremely so, and a large quantity is open space
altogether from timber - In a very short time
enough would be received by sales which if set aside
and released as a part of the general revenue, would
be ample to meet the whole cost of the survey from
first to last whatever time it might take.

I have the honor to be
Yr. Excellency's
Most obedient
humble servant

A. Murray
Clerk of the Council

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Replied to A.M.

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Victoria 16th July 1859

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose
for your information a letter I have
received from Mr. Murray which with
your approval I propose acting upon & classing
the lot among the other reserved ones -
S.M.

I have the honour to be

Sir, Yr most obedient
humble Serv^t

M. Murray
C.M.S.

18th July 1859.

Sir.

I have the honor to request
you to apprise H. E. the Governor
that it is not my intention to
avail myself of the privilege
granted in the authority enclosed,
as the circumstances under
which it was applied for and
enclosed, no longer exist.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Servant

To Colonel Mordaunt

W. E.

W. E. Mordaunt

Parish
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W. Duggitt app. sent to Attorney Gen^l 4
Victoria 21st July 1859

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Sir,

In parting with the services of
W. Duggitt I think it is but due to him
I should express to your Excellency the high
sense I entertain of his merits and I venture
to recommend him to your favourable con-
sideration for further employment under
Government on the earliest opportunity presenting
itself.

It is not often that it falls to the
lot of Government to obtain the
assistance of employees of W. Duggitt's value

I have the honour to be
Yr. most obedient
servant

A. Moorby
C.M.S.

G.S. The Governor.

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Intermitted out:
restrained to be
an imposition
Sir,
Victoria 21 July 1859

I have the honor to enclose a
letter I have received from Messrs
Dey, Southgate, Green, Burnaby, & Dickson
Campbell & Co. stating the terms upon which
they request to purchase a "Coal-lead" extending
between Burrard's Inlet and the North Fork
of the Fraser River -

approved
It appears to me a desirable scheme
and would be worthy of your approval - I recommend
however that 3 weeks be the limit allowed
at the expiration of which they are to have
the option of concluding the purchase -
They ask for 2 months.

S Sales

H.S. The Governor.

I also recommend that the total amount at the upset price viz 10% per acre be required from them for any quantity not less than 3000 acres, but if below that extent the price should be raised -

From the information we have at present I am of opinion that 5000 acres will be requisite to enable them to work their plan with reasonable advantage to themselves.

May I beg an early reply as the parties are naturally impatient to start at once. Indeed they are anxious to commence their exploration today and have hired a steamer for the purpose.

Should it turn out as expected larger quantities would be necessary to be pushed forward

before the close of this season

I have the honor to be
Sir your most obedient
humble servant

A. Murphy
Col Secy.

Victoria B. C.

20 July 1859.

Referring to an application addressed by Mr Gray to H. E. the Governor respecting the purchase of a tract of land for working coal - and which we are informed has been referred to you we beg leave to represent that we have waited on H. E. the Governor today who leaves the matter in your hands for settlement.

We therefore now propose to be allowed "sundry days" from date to examine the land as to the practicability of working said coal, and up to that time to have the option in preference to any other party or parties of purchasing 5000 acres (more or less) along the line of land on the west.

Col. Moody R. S.

A. M. Commissioner
of Lands & Works
British Columbia

reasonable terms the Government
may see fit to grant, both as
to price and payment.

Upon reply to this favourably
we commence exploring at once
and if the result is satisfactory
shall proceed to work the mines
as speedily as possible.

L. W. Fray

J. J. Southgate

St. Raphael Green

St. Bernard's

Apur Dickson Campbell & Co

St. John's

Victoria B.C. 20th July 1859

I, the undersigned
having discovered a bed of good
Coal situated on the range of hills between
the North Arm of Fraser River and
Burrards Inlet would hereby
petition your Excellency to grant me
and my associates Messrs J. S. Smith,
Robert G. Gordon, J. R. Green and other British
Commissioners of residents of Vancouver Island and
lands and Works British Columbia, the right of
said Leases purchasing the land whereon the
said Coal was found to the
extent of about 5000 acres along
the line of the line of the said
Lease, or to such other extent
as your Excellency may deem
advisable.

Hoping soon to receive
a favorable reply I have the
honor to remain

Your Excellency's
Obedient Servant
L. W. Dray

To His Excellency
James Douglas Esq. C. P.
Governor of British Columbia.

Recd
27 July 1859

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Head Westminster
27 July 1859.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose
for your information a Report
I have received from Mr. Salmon R. Esq.
on the Harrison. Likewise communication
from ^{Langley through} Douglas to the junctions of
the Mangosche with the Fraser River.

The Report is accompanied by
Plans and Photographs, and I beg
to draw your attention to the
enrich they possess.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient humble servant

A. Moody
W.M.S.

His Excellency
The Governor
of British Columbia.

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Reply to
Subsequently
Recd Letter from Mr. Moody New Westminster
of 15. August. 29. July 1859.
Sir,

acknowledge
the letter
of the
Secretary
of the
Legation
at
London
of the
29th
inst.

I have the honor to state I deemed
it indispensably necessary to the
preparation of Reports from me respecting
the sundry points embraced in the
Instructions to me from the Secretary
of State that an Officer of Royal Engin-
eers be detached at once on the duty
referred to in the enclosed correspon-
dence and I respectfully request
your authority to incur the necessary
expenditure.

I purposed ordering Lieut. Palmer
on this duty and I have the satisfaction
of anticipating that the material which
will be gathered by that Officer will be
of much Public Value, as he will be
instructed by me to collect sundry
miscellaneous information of a
nature not embraced in his recent
Report.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient,
humble servant,
M. Moody

His Excellency
Governor Douglas C.B.
L. L. L.

copy

R.C. Camp,
New Westminster
29th July 1859

Sir,

I am very desirous that
Lieut. Palmer should continue his
exploration of the Route to the Upper
Country from Fountain, at least as far
North as the Quenel River & Lake,
visiting on his return, Lytton, Fort Thomp-
son, the Shonwaps Lake & other localities
that will be specified. -

I wish him to fix
astronomically the positions of these &
other places of interest on the line of
communication & to obtain full in-
formation on subjects that will be
mentioned in a letter of instructions
with which he will be furnished.

You will inform me how
early his present duties will admit of
his proceeding on this service: - the
probable time he will be absent from
Head Quarters and the probable cost
of the proposed reconnaissance. -

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most obed. Servant
sig^d R.C. Moody
Cot. R.C.
& Chf. Com^r of Lands Works

Captain Passon
R.C. Camp

R.C. Camp,
New Westminster
29th July 1859

Sir,

In reply to your communication of this day's date, I have the honor to inform you, that I can readily alter the arrangements that were made for Lieut. Palmer to examine Contract Surveys, by undertaking that duty myself for a short period, so that Lieut. Palmer can proceed on the reconnaissance required as early as you may be pleased to direct.

I have referred your questions on time & expense to Lieut. Palmer & beg to enclose his replies.

I have &c. &c.

Sig^d R.M. Parsons
Capt. R.C.

Col. Moody R.C.

&c. &c. &c.

R.C. Camp
New Westminster
29th July 1859

The Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works is desirous that you should proceed in continuation of your reconnaissance, from Fountain to the Sulmon River & Lake, visiting Lytton, Fort Thompson, & other localities, obtaining certain detailed information & fixing positions astronomically.

Will you be good enough to state from the experience gained during your last exploration:

1. - The probable length of time it will be necessary for you to be absent from Head Quarters.
2. - The probable amount of money you will require for your current expenditure.

Sig^d R.M. Parsons
Capt. R.C.

Lt. Palmer }
R.C. }

True copies

Sig^d R.C. }
Capt. R.C. }

R.C. Camp,
New Westminster
29th July 1859

As far as I can judge the probable time occupied in making the reconnaissance described would be from 45 to 55 days.

It is extremely difficult to estimate the probable expense of this reconnaissance, as I have no information respecting the distances over which I shall have to travel, the nature of the roads, or the means of communication. but as far as I can judge I think £200 should be set apart for this purpose.

Sig^d H. Spencer Palmer
Lieut. Royal Eng^s
Capt. R.M. Parsons }
R. Engineers }

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2 July 20th

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North Camp -
New Westminster
29th July 1859.

Sir,

I have the honor to report to
Your Excellency that, in consequence
of the reduction of assistants in my
Office, and the re-organization of
the Department arising from it,
a short delay in forwarding any ac-
counts is unavoidable. -

The accounts
must be prepared
with all possible
expedite -

An inconsiderable delay is also
experienced by the long intervals in
the means of communication
between this and other places.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

M. Mosby
W. Mosby.

His Excellency
Governor Douglas C.B.:
L. L. L.

16 May
Sir, With reference to your letter of the 29th ult. relating
to the matter of the purchase of your land in
unincorporated. I had to report you with some
time necessary to the extent of my funds, for
proper accounts are required of the expenditure
of the sum of upwards of £1000 per year
throughout the period which has elapsed
since the purchase of your land.
I enclose the plan of my
further reference.

Handy
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R. 4. August

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New Westminster
30. July 1859.

Sir,

Do not think this
a matter of
sufficient importance
to call for official
interference - the
parks occupying
the flat at Langley
have to pay a
tax of 26 per acre
for the land occupied
by them - 20 acres

I have the honor to state I have received information that a large portion of the Buildings temporarily erected by Squatters on the Spit near to the Fort at Langley were burnt down on the 24th Inst. and I submit it to be a fitting opportunity for Your Excellency to put a stop to this objectionable practice of squatting by issuing instructions to the Magistrate at Derby to prohibit the erection of any more buildings on that spot and to give orders to those ^{people} who are still here to remove themselves & property therefrom by a certain date

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,
McMurry

His Excellency
The Governor
of British Columbia.

Limit District of Gold Commission -

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LANDS & WORKS DEPARTMENT
(B.C.) 1859 JULY TO SEPT.

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

PABC

January 21/8

21.8.8 August

By order of Mr. McLeod
Herbally whenever necessary
Application

New Westminster

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4th August 1859

His Excellency James Douglas C.B. Esq.
Sir

I beg to inform you that the
to be acknowledged enclosed document referred to in your
letter of the 31st July, is the temporary
receipt issued on the day of sale for
of \$3.75 being the amount of deposit
due on Block 50 Lot 5 Vancouver.

Under the Conditions of sale
Langley Cattle were received in lieu
of Cash on deposit; and the document
to which reference is made, records
that such was the case, with respect
to Mr. McLeod's purchase. There
is no statement on that document
of any amount being due, it

To His Excellency
The Governor of
British Columbia

being merely a receipt for \$35⁰⁰ or
25 per cent of the purchase money.

The Certificate on Mr. McBlane's
liability on his lot has been prepared
since the end of June, and would
have been delivered to him on
Application for it, in accordance
with the Public Notice ^{issued} by me.

His liability is as stated

\$ 11.66 1st July

11.66 1st August

11.68 1st September

\$ 35⁰⁰

His credit being \$ 100 on
Account of Vang by transfers, a portion of
such credit having been allowed
at the time of sale as recorded

on the accompanying receipt.

I have the honor to be

Your Excellency's

Most obedt. Servt.

J. J. Murphy

T. J. M.

Chief Clerk Lands Works.

99. Coke Luncatoinph June 1859
Block 30 McClure
Lit 5 \$ 33.75 Received Langley transfer
(B) A.B. (S) / Grant Capt R G
1/6/59

Friday
22nd

Med
H.H.

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Victoria 15. August 1859.

Sir,

In connection with early means of Imperial protection to this colony I beg to draw your attention to the importance as well as the comparative facility of arranging a regular communication of horse & pack & the resumption of the old H.M.C. arrangements from Port to Port across the Rocky Mts.

terms -
This proposal requires ^{an estimate} of the expense ^{of the expense} ^{and cannot be fairly} ^{judged} ^{without a more than} ^{superficial} ^{enquiry} ^{cannot} ^{quiet} ^{deal} ^{of} ^{the} ^{probability} ^{of} ^{its} ^{being} ^{so} ^{far} ^{as} ^{to} ^{be} ⁱⁿ ^a ^{position} ^{to} ^{organize} ^{it} ^{so} ^{quickly} ^{having} ^{the} ^{means} ⁱⁿ ^{hand} ^{so} ^{thoroughly} ^{well} ^{known} ^{from} ^{their} ^{acquaintance} ^{with} ^{the} ^{country} ^{and} ^I ^{think} ^{not} ^{at} ^{all} ^{reasonable} ^{to} ^{subsidy} ⁱⁿ ^{payment}.

and I think not at all reasonable a subsidy in payment.

The beneficial results which would follow could not fail the many & great - I would suggest that several intermediate Ports should be established at short distances and the most liberal terms afforded to the Public for forming Farm Establishments around them -

This latter is perhaps the only requirement to which I refer

H.E. Delapierre

Which it is just possible the W.C. may
find themselves obliged to transfer on the
Eastern side, but I think the Public interests
might demand it - It certainly would do so
sooner or later -

I have the honor to be

Sir Yrs. most obedt Serv^t

M. Woolley

C.M.S. Lang

Moody
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I certify that Mr. J. W. Southey
has furnished me with the notes of
a Survey of Two hundred & twelve Miles linear
and fifteen Chains, being a portion of his
Contracts with the Colonial Government.

M. Moody
C.M.S.

Chief Commr of Lands & Works
British Columbia

20 August, 1859.

M. Camp. Recd. Westminster }
B. C.

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I certify that Mr J. D. Smith has on 6 Sept.
furnished me with the notes of a
survey of one hundred twenty eight
Miles & 26 chains (lines), being a portion
of his Contract with the Colonial
Government.

A. M. Parsons.
Capt. R. E.

John G. Murray Esq.
Chief Comm^r of Lands & Works.

Royal Engineers
Camp
New Westminster
10 Sept 1859.

July
1859

I Certify that
Mr. J. W. Trutch has furnished
me with the notes of a survey
of Fifty two Miles & seventy nine
chains (linear) being the
concluding portion of his
Contract with the Colonial
Government 20 September 1859.

A. H. Moody
Comr. of Genl. Secy.

Royal Engineers
Camp
New Westminster

7/24
1859

Miles chains
393-40.

I certify that Mr. J. W. Soutch
has completed a Survey of Lands
in British Columbia amounting
to three hundred & ninety three miles,
forty chains lineal, or thereabouts,
in accordance with a Contract
dated 25 day of July 1859.-

J. W. Soutch
C.M.R. C. C. D. W.

R. S. Camp. Mt Westminster }
6 October 1859. }

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27 Aug 1859.

Sir,

I have received a letter from
Mr. Southgate as Agent for Lieut. W. Selby
Lieut. of R.M.S. "Ganges" requesting to
be allowed to deposit the deeds of
two lots at Langley, of which Lieut. Selby
is owner, in part payments of lots
purchased at Luxembourg, in
accordance with the proclamation of
the 14 Feb^y. last.

As Lieut. Selby was with his ship on
H.M. Service at Valparaiso during the notice and
the sale of lots at Luxembourg, and was
unable to forward his Langley deeds in
time to deposit them, and effect a
transfer, perhaps your assistance
may

A. S.
The Governor
P P P }

may be inclined to grant Mr. Southgate's
request. -

I have the honor to be

your Excellency's most obedient servant

M. Murphy
C.M.S.

granted. Those persons that Mr. Southgate
has mentioned is pleased to grant
this request

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Request 29th M. W. W. 30th August 1859 F917
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New Westminster
27th August 1859.

Sir,
With reference to the construction
of a Military Road from New West-
minster to Burrard Inlet, I have
reason to think I can form a contract
for clearing the 20 Feet width on the shore
east of the two Routes; viz: the one to the
upper end of the Inlet, at the estimated
cost of Four hundred and eighty Pounds
(£480.) - 1/10th to be paid in money and
the remainder in land, the specification
not being similar to that for the existing
contract on the Barrison & Millport
Road.

approved proposed
the expense does
not exceed the estimate

I would strongly urge your
Excellency's sanction to a contract
being made to form this road at once.
I really believe that, apart from the
vital military principles involved
and which may any moment be tested,
the saving in expense in the transport

Yours Excellency
Gov. Douglas C. S.

of Troops and "material" will be considerable. Naval aid by any class of Vessel can this be made available - I mean from a Line-of-Battle Ship to a Gun-boat. A reference to the Commissariat Transport Accounts will show that vessels are liable to be called for from time to time for hire of Vessels &c.

In a civil point of view, the road will also at once open out that part of the Country for settlement.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

M. Morphy

Col. Comd. 4th Troop in 1879 &c.

W. Henry - letter re written for Home Minister
only
C. S. 50 Aug. '59

In return to your letter of the 27 of August I am directed by Mr. the Gov. to signify to you his approval of your proposal to enter into a contract for clearing 20 feet in width on the short route from Sumner's Point to across the mountains upon the terms you mention, viz, one bush in every four tenths in land, provided the whole cut does not exceed the sum named by you viz £1000.

Yours

W. A. G. G.

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August 29th

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Explicit instructions
subsequently given.

New Westminster
27th August 1859.

Sir, In reply to your Excellency's letter
of the 18th Inst, respecting the grading
the Streets at New Westminster,

I have the honor to inform you
that no steps have as yet been taken
in the matter, having no means at
my disposal for the purpose.

With regard to the representations
alluded to in the correspondence,
I am not aware what promises
were made at the time of the Sale,

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble Servant,

M. Murphy

Chf. Commr. of Lands & Works

His Excellency
Gov. Douglas C.B.
L. L. L.

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North Camp-
New Westminster
27 August 1859.

Sir,

In answer to your communication of the 23rd I just received this morning. I beg to inform you that on the 25th I just an order was sent to the Treasurer at Victoria to pay to Mr. Kells the sum of £200. At the same time a note was written to the same Officer requesting him to inform you of the payment & also to acquaint you that a further sum of £400 would shortly be due to Mr. Kells on the same contract, in addition to

George Hunter Esq. }
Attorney-General }
British Columbia }

to still larger sums on other Con:
tracts.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
W. Murphy
Chf. Commr. of Lands & Works.

27. August 1859
Col. Moody
Jacksonville - Florida

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LANDS & WORKS DEPARTMENT
(B.C.) 1859 JULY TO SEPT.

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

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Handy
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Dear Sir

F917
New Westminster 18
2nd Aug^r 1859

I have the honor to forward
my Accounts and Vouchers up to the
31st July 1859, and to state that
your instructions have been carried
out as to the reduction of all civil
assistance, or Civil Service in this
Department. I am assured of your
Excellency also, that every effort is
made on my part to reduce the
Expenditure to the lowest extent. This
will be manifest in the future Ac-
counts laid before you.

Your Excellency is aware of the
nature of the impediments which have
hitherto operated in carrying out the
works for which the above expenditure
has been incurred, and can make
allowance also for the time unavoidably
occupied in organizing here, at the
very commencement of a settlement
in a New Country under discourag-
ements and difficulties, and under
unfavorable circumstances, a Department
of such mixed duties, Civil and

To Excellency
of the Governor

Military

Military as this is. You are aware the arrangement of the Department is novel in Colonial administration and may be considered experimental.

I am happy to say that now each subdivision of the Department is in order and the documentary Returns and Accounts will be duly prepared and forwarded to you, and any Departmental details usual and desirable may be adopted for the future, to almost any extent of precision.

There will also be no vital obstacle to bringing into stricter limits than heretofore the action of the Chief Commissioner as to previous Estimates and written authority for details of Expenditure. Hitherto it would have been scarcely practicable to have confined it stringently by specified regulations, and certainly would have been so embarrassing as to have impeded greatly the Public Service, as well as adding to its expense.

I mention the above not with the view of recommending even now much confinement of action in details at this

time very early stage of the Colony. Your species of economy can be equally well met I trust by fee commutation as to the general outline, and your sanction previously obtained for specific services and your sanction also for certain amount in gross, say per quarter or per half year for expenditure of more incidental nature. These might be submitted to you in person by the Chief Commissioner, and so discussed previous to final sanction given.

Unless the actual forms of Financial Statement issued & assumed by your sanction, are from the Home Government, I would respectfully suggest a reconsideration of them. As they stand at present they tend to place the person charged with the Expenditure in a false position certainly not intended. He is made by them to ask authority for a work or a service for an expenditure already carried out. Under such an arrangement one would naturally be always disposed, to the real injury of the Public Service, to delay any service whatsoever until all the details had been previously sanctioned. In our War Department even in perfectly

perfectly settled Countries and Stations with the facilities available that an advanced state of social conditions can fully and readily afford. Commanding Officers can incur certain incidental expenses on previous sanction as to total amount, making of course careful Returns supported by Vouchers. This is not only the case in War Departments but is accorded to Heads in all Departments. In a colony at our stage this freedom of action within limited total expenditure previously discussed and sanctioned is even more necessary. I submit this for your Excellency's consideration. I would also take this occasion to mention that so happened I have not really received instructions as to the mode of drawing money or how or when it was to be accounted for and to whom. Your Excellency has been so immersed in business of every description that doubtless it has not yet been practicable to prepare a Code of instructions for the guidance of all Departments. I merely allude to this as in some degree (in addition to what I have stated above) explanatory of why the Accounts were not forwarded earlier. It is not necessary ~~and~~ I feel assured for me to state
and

any of the additional causes

With regard to a few particulars in the Accounts, I would draw your Excellency's attention to the following: Such portions as are in account with the Hudson Bay Company require very careful comparison with any other Accounts that may have been rendered by them, to the Colonial Government but not through me. I will however serve the H. B. Company assistant Capt Grant materially during the difficult period in which he was placed at Langley. The Company advanced Cash as well as ^{provisional} supplies for these he paid. This is all clearly shown in Captain Grant's Account No 3. The Cash (£1232.18.2) so advanced by H. B. Company has not been repaid in full by me. It appears on the Debt side against me. The expenditure is met by the Vouchers on the Credit side detailed in Captain Grant's Account. Your Excellency recently caused order letters dated 28 July the Treasurer to pay direct to H. B. Company in account £1000.0.0 and to enter it in my Accounts with the Treasurer. This has been done, and will so far meet the above charge. A further sum of £232.18.2 paid

in like manner would send last
portion of the Accounts but the
Vouchers for receipt of both sums
should be sent to me and passed
by me to you in support of my
Accounts. It is necessary the Officer
who has been charged by your Ex-
cellency with the duty of adjusting
the Hudson's Bay claims against this
Department should compare Captain
Grant's Account above alluded to and
mine throughout with those he may
have received from the Company.

The above is the main point
to which it appears to me necessary
I should draw your Excellency's at-
tention in particular. I have endeavored
to throw the Account into a clear
form but they will be better regu-
larized in future. I propose as
early as I can to make another Analysis
of the Accounts, showing what may
be more expressly classed as Military
and what is purely Civil. Occasionally
an intricacy exists by both nature of
services having been mingled in one
Voucher. In future this will be
carefully guarded against.

The accompanying Documents
are classified as follows

Account

Account No 1 - Capt's Persons R.C.
" No 2 - Grant R.C.
" No 3 - Grant R.C.
" No 4 - "Public Works"
" No 5 - "Surveys"
" No 6 - Office & Contingent
" A. Mr. Hall's Account
" No 7 - "Public Works"
" No 8 - "Surveys"
Balance Sheet.

Very shortly I trust the Accounts
and Vouchers for the remainder of
the Balance to be accounted for
will be before you. They are delayed
by having to communicate with Captain
Grant at Douglas on sundry points
and he is very pressingly occupied
without my having the power at
present of affording him the as-
sistance he needs.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Excellency's most ob-
liged servant.

A. Murphy
1859.

Victoria, V.C.
31st Augt 1859

Sir

In connection with my letter
(31st Augt) accompanying the Accounts
and which I beg this letter may be
appended; I wish to add the Accounts
have been rendered in the Form No 9
in compliance with the instructions
recently conveyed to me. This was
probably with the view of carrying
back as far as possible a conformity
in the general Account of the
Colony. Perhaps it is scarcely
necessary for me to observe that
had I been aware it was your
Excellency's intention for all Expenditure
on all occasions to be brought forward
in that Form, it would have been
necessary for me to do so previous
to incurring the Expenditure, but
now I submit it is requisite for me

A. C. M. Governor

to be instructed as to how far I am
to be guided in using that form.
I confess frankly to a reluctant
disposition to dwell on, unless it
was prepared and submitted by me
to you on all occasions previous
to incurring Expenditure. In my
Department to act thus will create
much inconvenience and delay at
times, for the past time it
would have been impracticable as
already mentioned in the letter above
referred to.

Perhaps your Excellency will
kindly give this matter an early
consideration and cause some ar-
rangement to be prepared by which
the amplest control of expenditure
may be reserved, and yet wholesome
freedom of action be left for a
Department - such as that of the
Lands & Works.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

M. Morphy

Applied to 19th Sep
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Victoria 1st Sept. 1859

Handwritten notes:
The return to Mr. [unclear]
has been [unclear]
the report of [unclear]
has been [unclear]
not very [unclear]

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a
letter received by me from Mr. Lang Attorney
acting (I presume as counsel) on behalf of a
W. Jackson in a private matter between him
and a Mr. Wells a contractor for sundry work
undertaken.

I shall feel obliged if your Excellency
will cause the matter to be referred to the
Attorney General for his opinion and sugges-
tion for my guidance - No doubt it will be
the same as conveyed in the en-
closed letter but still I think it is well to
be furnished with the official opinion
of the Attorney General on the part of the Government.

I have the honor to be
Yours most obed^t Serv^t

M. Moody
C.M.S.

A. E. Thelby overseer

Referred to the Attorney
General, who is requested to
state his opinion upon this
matter, and also as to whether
a Government Officer is justified
in withholding payment for work
performed under Contract,
upon the simple notice of a
private Council. This letter is
by command of His Excellency

William H. G. Young

Act. Sec. Sec

8th Sep 1859.

Victoria
August 29th 1859.

Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that
Mr. W. Wells of West Westminster, contractor
under the Government of B.C. on the 27 August last
gave to my client J. G. Jackson of Victoria,
London Merchant, an equitable assignment of so
much of the sum of money payable to him from
Government in respect of contract work in
West Westminster as will cover a debt of
£1841-18 due from him to my client. I have
also the honor to inform you that such
assignment, (when notified to you) will prevent
the receipt of Mr. Wells or his assignees releasing
you (the Government of B.C.) from so much of
the debt, and that Mr. Jackson is the person
to whom the above mentioned sum must be paid
(if due from the Government.) I have the honor
to remain Sir

Yours most obedient servant
(signed) George Hunter Cory

Colt. Murray R.E.
Chief Comm^r of Lands & Works.

Henry
1857

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Recd. 15th

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Victoria B.C.
30th Sept 1857

Sir

In reply to your letter dated 18th August 1857, I beg to state that Mr. Chaubley was named by your Excellency as Auctioneer for the sale of the New Westminster town lots. I was understood he was to receive what was usual in similar cases and the charge claimed is what I believe to be usual in other Colonies. No agreement or treaty was entered into by me. I considered it to be a matter of ordinary fee and considering I had your Excellency's authority in all the arrangements I requested in the fee claimed, and addressed a bill accordingly for the amount to be paid to Mr. Chaubley.

I had the honor of explaining all the above circumstances to your Excellency you desired me, however, to endeavor to modify the claim, but that in case of non-success in abating it you would cause it to be discharged.

I have endeavored to carry out your Excellency's instructions but at yet without success, and am induced again to submit it. I would draw your attention to Mr. Chaubley's distress, and to his having purchased largely, so that he

Asd. Excellency
The Governor

Actual

actual amount to be paid over to him
would only be £40000 money, as the state
went on margin

I am not aware of the number of
days Mr. Franklyn was employed, he
came over from Vancouver Island to British
Columbia, and was for some days on the
ground, and frequently in my office, ac-
quainting himself with particulars and
details, employing himself thoroughly
in the interest of the Public Service,
that nothing should be wanting on his
part to make the sale agreeable as
to amount, and a fair one as to interest
made. Though I was not present at the
actual sale, I believe to good effect was
had to the able manner in which Mr.
Franklyn transacted everything relating
to it from first to last.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedt Servant

M. M. M. M.
C. M. M.

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Franklyn at 1000
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had as to buy the same with Mr. Franklin
he must be allowed the 2 p.p.s. but that
I will attend to the matter of making a copy
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Ad. L.
W. H.

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Victoria B.C.
6th Sept 1859

In a recent interview on the subject of grading the streets of New Westminster, and in the course of which "Municipal Corporations" and other relative matters were introduced, certain opinions were expressed by Judge Baylis and Attorney General Cary, from which I dissented.

Your Excellency reserved your opinion, and as the matter is of such vital interest to the residents of New Westminster - the Capital and to the other rising towns of British Columbia, I renew the subject and submit it to your early consideration.

I understood the opinions of Mr. Baylis and Mr. Cary to be as follows:

That it was not in the power of your Excellency constitutionally, to make any grant from any fund whatsoever (and fund included) in aid of Public Works, towards forming the streets of New Westminster. I understood them also to say that it was beyond the power of a Legislative Assembly to do so, that such works are entirely of a Municipal Character, to be carried out at the cost of the inhabitants of the town.

[Faint handwritten notes on the left margin, including "I understand the opinion of Mr. Baylis and Mr. Cary to be as follows:"]

His Excellency
the Governor

Municipal

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Municipal rate. It was further submitted, and that very strenuously, that it was not possible to form a Corporation at New Westminster, that it would not be practicable until the population of the town amounted at least to 2000 in number.

If the above principle should be permitted to rule it would not be practicable to make the Capital of British Columbia a place of residence. I do not, of course, do not contemplate such a condition of affairs, and from a recent grant to Yale and the formation of streets in Victoria Vancouver Island, where no Municipal Corporation exists, your Excellency probably does not recognize the principle.

In the absence of a Legislative Assembly and of Municipal Corporations it must be clear the Governor is invested with ample power to make such appropriation of funds derived from sales of town lots for any town as he may deem desirable, to aid in the formation of streets in that town, just as he would make appropriation from sales of Rural Lands to aid in making Roads through the Country, and I urge your Excellency to make a grant in this case of £1000 as a commencement authorizing me to make with it, if I can, a contract similar to that I recommended and reserved your sanction to carry out
for

for the Harrison Lick Road, and Bernard Islet Road; namely part in land and part in the above money so that I may gain as much immediate advantage out of it as possible.

If I have misunderstood the statement as to a Legislative Assembly having no power to make grants of the above nature, and that they have such power, it surely, on further reflection, must occur to the above gentlemen that you can do the same, as your Excellency is vested by law with all the power of such an Assembly.

With respect to the formation of Municipal Corporations, I venture, thinking alone perhaps in my opinion, to state to your Excellency obtaining the sanction of the Home Government, formed a Municipal Corporation, even at this early period of the Colony at New Westminster, and placed at their disposal the reserved and forfeited lots to derive a Municipal revenue from them to be applied to forming and maintaining streets you would be greatly surprised at the result. You would give the greatest satisfaction to the community, raise energies to active self reliance productive of the best results, and relieve the general Colonial Expenditure materially.

Your Excellency has manifested on several occasions a hearty disposition to encourage individual and corporate enterprise

in the matter, and I feel persuaded
you might safely refer it to the subject
under consideration.

The advantage of such a training
for future self Government in other
matters is so fully recognized that I
need not refer to it further than
to utter the opinion that notwithstanding
the unquestionable liabilities
to abuse and mismanagement, the
advantages on the whole to the Public
Service would be found as great here,
if not more so, than at home.

I have the honor to be

Dear Sir
Your most Obedt Servant

M. M. M. M.
M. M. M.

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Victoria B.C.
6th Sept. 1859

Sir
In a recent interview on the subject of grading the Streets of New Westminster, and in the course of which "Municipal Corporations" and other relative matters were introduced, certain opinions were submitted by Judge Beattie and Attorney General Cory, from which I dissented.

As your Excellency received your opinion, and as the matter is of such vital interest to the residents of New Westminster - the Capital - and to the other rising towns of British Columbia, I venture to repeat my observations and to press them on your Excellency's early consideration.

I understand the opinions of Mr. Beattie and Mr. Cory to be as follows, summed up in a few words, viz:

That it was not in the power of your Excellency, constitutionally, to make any grant from any fund whatever (Land fund included) in execution of Public Works, towards forming the Streets of New Westminster, I understand them also to say that it is even beyond

His Excellency
The Governor

depend the power of a Legislative Assembly to make such grant that such services are strictly of a Municipal character, to be carried out at the cost of the inhabitants of the town, by Municipal rates.

It was further submitted, and that very strenuously, that it was not possible to form a Corporation at New Westminster; that it would not be practicable until the population of the town amounted at least to 2000 in number.

If the above principles are to rule, it simply follows that it is not practicable to make the Capital of British Columbia habitable. As your Excellency does not contemplate such a condition of affairs, I again submit that in the absence of a Legislative Assembly, and of Municipal Corporations, your Excellency is invested with ample power to make such appropriation of funds derived from sales of town lots, in any town as you may deem desirable, to aid in the formation of streets in that town, just as you would make appropriation from sales of Rural Lands to aid in making roads through the Country, and I consequently venture to urge upon your Excellency to make a grant in the case of £1000 as a commencement authorizing

authorizing me to make with it, if I can a Contract similar to that I have recently made for the Burrard Inlet Road; namely part in land and part in the above money, so that I may gain as much immediate advantage out of it as possible.

I am at a loss to understand how the above doctrine can be maintained in the face of a grant already accorded to Yale in British Columbia, and the formation of streets now going on in Victoria, where no Municipal Corporation exists.

If I have misunderstood the statement as to a Legislative Assembly having no power to make grants of the above nature, and that they have such power, it surely on further reflection must occur to the above gentlemen that your Excellency is invested by law with all the power of such an Assembly.

With respect to the formation of Municipal Corporations, I recollect standing alone perhaps among your Councilors to state if your Excellency did form a Municipal Corporation, at this early period of the Colony, at New Westminster, allowing your institution to borrow a few months beforehand, and placing at their disposal the reserved and forfeited town lots to derive a Municipal Revenue from them, to be applied to forming

£200 in cash
£1000 payable in land
at the report price

forming and maintaining itself, you
would be agreeably surprised at the
result. You would find the greatest
satisfaction to the Community & would
ascribe to active self reliance, pro-
ducer of the best results.

The advantage of such a training
for future self Government in other
matters is so fully recognized that
I need not refer to it further than
to utter the opinion that notwith-
standing the unquestionable liabilities
to abuse and mismanagement the
advantages on the whole to the public
Service would be found as great here
if not more so than at home.

I have the honor to be

Yours most truly
etc

M. Moody
C.M.S.

L.S. Works
Victoria, Vancouver Island.
Saturday, 3 September 1859.
His Excellency the Governor of British Columbia
having been visited upon by the Chief Commissioner
of Lands and Works.

The Judges
The Colonial Secretary and
The Attorney General

The discussion of the subject of fixing the official
price of the Streets of British New Westminster
in British Columbia were entered into, and
it was agreed that the official price of the
Streets of New Westminster should be determined
as speedily as possible, and the desirable
price, having reference to the present state
of the colony and to the probable wants of the
City for the next few years, to be fixed
and shown by plans sent to His Excellency
and by posts erected in the Streets.

Colonel Mundy, the Chief Commissioner
of Lands and Works, to report to His
Excellency as soon as any part of the
work

above work is done.

The official grade of Columbia Street
to be the first determined, and then those
Streets which are most immediately
required in the opinion of the Chief Surveyor.

As soon as the grade of each Street
is fixed on paper, it shall be painted
out on the ground.

W. M. Mearns
S. S. Young

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Victoria 6: Sept: 1859

Sir

I have the pleasure to inform
you for the information of H.S.S.
that Mr. Mitchell has now sent in
some "book" more than amounting
to the 500-0-0 for
which he has given bonds.

I have the honour
to be Sir
Wm. G. Young Esq. J. must attend close
at last. P. Brooker
Clerk

Copy
L.L.
Rep. to
19 Sept 1859

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Victoria, V.I.
14 Sept 1859

Sir

Some are laid out in 5 acre, some in 10 acre, & some in 20 acre Lots, according to nearness to town. I propose some should be sold at the auction, and suggest £20.0.0 per Lot as a reasonable upset price

I have the honor to
respect your Excellency's instructions
as to the price you propose should
be put on suburban Lots in the
Neighborhood of New Westminster.
Some are laid out in 5 acres, some
in 10 acres, & some in 20 acre Lots,
according to nearness to town. I
propose some should be sold at
the auction, and suggest £20.0.0
per Lot as a reasonable upset price

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt. Servt.

Approved
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His Excellency
The Governor

M. Kennedy
20/9/59

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Victoria B.C.
3rd Sept. 1859

Sir

I have the honor to make
a requisition for salary due to Mr
Rumney, from 25th February to the
date of ceasing to do duty, viz 25th
July 1859
to the salary due
to be paid on

I beg to state, however, Mr
Rumney's services actually commenced
before the above date.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Yours Excellency's H. Servt

His Excellency
The Governor

J. M. M. M.
asmt.

I should be glad for an early
authority for him to proceed as
the fine weather will soon pass away

I have the honor to be

Yours most obedient servant

B. M. Murray
C.M.S.

Recd
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Victoria, V.I.
15th Sept 1859

Sir

I have the honor to
repeat your authority to purchase
Lumber and other Building Materials
to the extent of Six Thousand
Pounds towards enabling the Artificers
of the Royal Engineers to construct
against the coming change of
season, Quarters for Officers, and
to complete the providing of Quarters
for the Married Soldiers and their
families, also towards the construc-
tion of a Hospital.

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I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obt. Servt.

His Excellency
The Governor

W. M. G. M. G.

P.S. - The Officers many of the Women and
Children and Soldiers are still
under Canvas

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Victoria B.C.
14th Sept. 1859

Sir

I have the honor to
state a very considerable number
of Canadians and other British
Subjects are continually coming
to me in reference to pre-emptive
unsurveyed Lands in British Columbia

Have it your Excellency's authority
to grant such permission to all
British Subjects who may prefer
such request, and does it meet
with your approbation that I
should make such permission
public?

If so I would submit it
be framed on the following terms.

Until further notice all British
Subjects are hereby permitted to
occupy

His Excellency
The Governor }
}

occupy unoccupied Crown Land
in British Columbia, in ^{Sections} ~~Blocks~~
not exceeding 160 acres, on these
Conditions.

Actual occupation by construction
of a dwelling not less in size than
14x20 in the clear, and clearing
under spade or tillage not less
than 4 acres per acre, ^(or 2 acres if greater than 8) until
the Government Survey embraces
the location. When such Survey does
embrace the location payment to
be made at once at the then
market price per acre. half paid down & 1/2 paid out of 2.75 per

Survey may be made at once
at the cost of the occupier by
Surveyor approved by Chief Com-
missioner of Lands and Works

In all cases previous notification
to be made to Chief Commissioner
of Lands and Works in order that
no ground may be occupied which
the Government may intend to
sell

I have the honor to be
Your most Obedt Servant

M. Murphy C.O. 128

mile by mile, as he work
advances.

The time to complete work
to extend beyond the 1st April
next.

I solicit your Excellency's
early sanction as it is an
urgent service

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most o^bd^t Serv^t

M. Perry
C. M.

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Arrangements with the
works in the Spring &c.

I have the honor to
inform you that I have failed
as yet in negotiating a Contract
with Mr Valentine Hall for
work in aid of formation of
Road under Captain Grant at
Douglas. I purpose however to
proceed further endeavours in
that direction. I venture also
with great deference to request
your Excellency to cause repeated
efforts to be continued to obtain
me the assistance of a body of
Indians for work both on that
Road and in the formation
of the Road between Sumas

and
His Excellency
The Governor

and Langley

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obt. servant

Albion
C. Langley

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R.R. Camp -
New Westminster
16th Sept. 1859.

Sir, I do myself the honor to acquaint you that, in accordance with your wishes, I have detailed an Officer (Capt. Lempriere) to proceed by the next opportunity to Gale, and give you such information as may occur to him on the formation of a Road from that place to the Little Cañon. As he will accompany you in the Steam boat as far as Dm. Glas, may I request your Excellency to give him your instructions on the subject, in order that he may prepare the necessary details for your inspection on your arrival at Gale.

I have the honor to enclose a letter copy of a letter I have received from Capt. Lempriere asking for \$50 to cover his expenses, and as I have at present no funds in the Chest, shall feel obliged by your authorizing for

to send Lempriere
with respect to the
formation of the road
from Dm. Glas -
having no blank
money out, and no
as a difficulty, in making
enough to cover the
expenses of the road
I have the honor to
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of a letter I have
received from Capt.
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funds in the Chest,
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His Excellency
Gov. Douglas C.B.
I have the honor to
enclose a letter copy
of a letter I have
received from Capt.
Lempriere asking for
\$50 to cover his
expenses, and as I
have at present no
funds in the Chest,
shall feel obliged
by your authorizing
for

Hamley

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Stanley to issue that sum to me
from the monies he has in hand.

I shall take care that a statement
of Captain Lampson's expenses, sup-
ported by Vouchers be forwarded with
my accounts in due course of time.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

M. Murphy
C.M.B. Coy

Camp, New Westminster
15th Sept. 1859.

Refer

Sir,

I have the honor to request that an advance of £50 be made me, to pay any necessary expenses that I may incur in carrying out the duties you have just ordered me on. - I will give an account of the same on my return.

I have &c. &c.

Sgt. A. R. Empriore
Capt. Royal Eng.

(A true copy)

H. Howard
Capt. R. E.

Col. Moody, R. E.
Chief Commr. of Lands & Works

&c. &c. &c.

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(B.C.) 1859 JULY TO SEPT.

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Lands & Works Dept
New Westminster.
17th Sept. 1859.

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of Red receipt
forward them
M.

Sir, Receipt to
at 20/4

I shall feel obliged by your
consent to be returned, the
Lanefly Title Deeds of Mr
Mander, viz No 308 Lot 11. Block 41
No 166 Lot 16. Block 11. which I
handed to you at Victoria. The
Deeds' being deposited in part
payment of Lots purchased at the
Tacanborough Sale, by Mr Mander
it is necessary that they should
be kept in this Office.

I am Sir,

Wm H. C. Jones Esq
Colonial Secretary
Victoria

Your obedient servant
W. Moody

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Office of Lands & Works B.C.
New Westminster
20 Sept. 1859.

Sir,
I have the honor to enclose
a communication from Mr. Cochrane
lately employed on the Government Survey
at New Westminster, requesting a payment
for a Book that his party lack at
Langley, valued at Eight Pounds

I should feel obliged if your
Excellency would inform me whether
under the circumstances aforesaid
you are inclined to authorize
the amount that has been paid
for the book by Mr. Cochrane.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

His Excellency
The Governor

A. Morphy
Clerk

Lands Department
Queenborough 4th June

Sir

I have the honor to forward
to you the account of dis-
bursements for the month ending
30th April 1859 including stores
wages & other charges amounting
to £215-3-11

I also beg that the enclosed
account of £80-0-0 to James D. Tadm
for a boat may be authorized to
be paid as on our first landing
here (no wharfs being then made)
the utmost confusion prevailed
in the unloading of the steamer

Yours faithfully
James D. Tadm (and)
Queenborough

and many thefts were committed
and ourselves discovering some of
the Government stores in a boat
leading to proceed up the river.

We also found when the steamer had
left that several packages for the
Quincy Service were not come to hand
so the next morning I despatched
a party to the Magazine at Langley
to get a constable's assistance to
search for them there and got James
McTadin's boat for the service.

The crew left the boat in the
place granted out to them by the
constable and during the night
it was stolen with some stores
(and)

the vessel for its proving so
successful the crew had to return
by the steamer to Quebec.

I enclosed a letter corroborating
the above statement from Robert
Wilson the constable at Langley
and

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt servant
Wm J. Buchanan

Mansion House
Wash. Langley
May 6/79

Mr. Cochrane
Sir

Some time ago four
of your men came to Lower Langley
looking for some missing Government
Stores. Supposed to have been taken
by the Steamer Eliza Anderson
by some other boat, by mistake
to Langley - They were obliged
to stay all night to complete
their search next day - and stored
their boats in a perfectly safe place
& considered - when boats in fact
are generally moored - during
the night - in the boat yard - along
with the Canoes - which were moored
at the same place -

Yours Respectfully
Robert Bellon
Constable Langley

Mr. Cochrane
Civil Engineer
Quebec

\$40.00

Greenborough April 18/51
Recd. from John J. Carbone Esq.
the sum of Forty Dollars being payment in
full for my boat lost in his service.
James McFarlane

My boat was lost in the service of
the Survey department Greenborough
Wm J. Carbone

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Sand & Works Dept
New Westminster

22nd Sept 1859.

Dear Sir

Sir,
With reference to your minute dated 11th Inst. approving of an application from Mr. C. J. Adams to be allowed to transfer the value of his Langley Title Deed in part payment of a Lot purchased by him at the Queenborough Sale. I have the honor to inform you that the Colonial Treasurer has been directed to credit Mr. Adams in the sum of two hundred + five dollars accordingly.

\$115

I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your Excellency's obedient
humble servant,

To His Excellency
The Governor

J. Murphy C. W. S.
Commissioner of
Sand & Works

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Res. Westminster

23 Sept 1859.

Sir, I take an early opportunity
 of informing you that I have heard
 the Boundary Commission contemplates
 forming the new trail you desire
 from Langley to Chilliwack. It will
 be well for the Colonial funds, if
 the Foreign Office departments are
 inclined to bear this expense. I am
 nevertheless continuing my enquiries as
 to whether I can get together a party
 of Indians in our neighbourhood
 for this service. -

Any Canadian party I can get
 together I propose sending to Capt. Grant
 with the view of forming a second contract
 to push the main road in rear of
 the first Canadian party: - assuming
 you deem this to be the first
 importance

His Excellency
 R. Seymour

importance -

The Indians would not work
at bridges except at the price the
Indians of the neighbourhood are
receiving per diem for packing.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

M. Woodby
C. M. W.

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Land & Works Dept.
New Westminster
26th Sept. 1859.

Sir,

Agreeable to your request
I have the honor to forward
a list of the Purchasers of
Crown Lots in New Westminster
showing the price of each
lot, & whether purchased in
the name of an agent, or
the proprietor.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

George A. Caye Esq.
Attorney General

G. R. H.
Chief Commissioner
of Lands & Works.

26 Sept. 1859
Col Moody

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LANDS & WORKS DEPARTMENT
(B.C.) 1859 JULY TO SEPT.

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

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Royal Engineer Camp
New Westminster
24th Sept. 1859 -

Sir,

I have the honor
to acknowledge the
receipt of
your letter
of the 16th inst.
concerning
the accommodation
of the
Detachment
of the
Royal Engineers
at New Westminster
and in view of the
fact that you have
expressed a desire
to have the
accommodation
improved
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expressed a desire
to have the
accommodation
improved

Having attentively considered
the most strictly economical as well
as expeditious plan of carrying out
the indispensable service of quartering
my officers and remainder of the
Detachment against the coming
winter, and as your Excellency has
decided that the former are to be
accommodated in one Building,

I solicit permission to give up
to the Officers and Mess Establish-
ment the Building allotted to me
and construct a smaller one for my-
self whose limited accommodation
by this arrangement I could also
shift the Survey Office to the present
temporary Mess Room, and appropriate
the Building, in which it now is,

and provided the same be
disposed of by the
in aid of Quarters for the Mess -
I have the honor to be
Sir,
Governor Douglas C.B. -
L. L. L.

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It is so extremely important that
the completion of this indispensable
accommodation be proceeded with
as expeditiously as possible, and
as economy is of the most primary
importance at the present time,
I urge the above for your immediate
sanction.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
Humble Servant,

M. J. Moody
C. O. M. G.

P.S.) I still think however that no less a sum
will be requisite than the amount asked
for in my letter of the 13th Inst.

M. J. M.

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New Westminster B. C.

27 Sept 1859.

Sir,

Some of the Royal Engineers
under my Command have expressed
a wish to purchase land at the
sale about to take place in
New Westminster, but have stated
their inability to comply with the
rules of the sale as regards the payment
of the 1st & 2^d instalments in consequence
of their not having received their
pay for the last 3 months.

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under my Command have expressed
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sale about to take place in
New Westminster, but have stated
their inability to comply with the
rules of the sale as regards the payment
of the 1st & 2^d instalments in consequence
of their not having received their
pay for the last 3 months.

Will your Excellency allot a
certificate to be received from them
payable on the day they may purchase
more than a line of money, stating
that

His Excellency }
The Governor }

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that they have made over to the
Government, a proportion of their
Colonial by equivalents to the first
and second instalments due on
any lots they may purchase.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant,

M. Murphy
C.M.S.

Royal Engineers

- Camp

26th September 1859

Sir

I am given to understand
that a sale of land is about
to take place. I feel inclined
to purchase a small portion
of the same, I find that I
will be unable to comply
with the Rules of Sale as
regards the payment of the
1st & 2^d instalments in
consequence of not having
cash ready }
Yours faithfully }
Wm. Smith }

I received my pay for the
last three months.

I beg to call your attention
to this point as probably
a Certificate or some other
document will answer the
purpose as well as money.

A. M. Cook
Capt. Regt. Engrs.

Ch. [unclear]
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LANDS & WORKS DEPARTMENT
(B.C.) 1859 JULY TO SEPT.

COLONIAL
CORRESPONDENCE

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R. C. Camp,
New Westminster,
27 Sept^r 1859

Sir,

Recently, while at Victoria, Mr Talbot and I had an interview with you respecting his being legally qualified by Power of Attorney to receive moneys due to Mr Kells, from the Government and to give me proper discharge for the same, and you gave your opinion that he was so qualified, and that I should be perfectly safe in making the payment: at the same time you warned Mr Talbot of the Claims said to be against Mr Kells. -

Will you be good enough, as Attorney General, to advise me further in my official capacity, as Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works, as to whether when I shall be making any payments to Mr Talbot, it is required of me by law to take any other additional precautions than merely to receive Mr Talbot's receipt, or whether such receipt in the ordinary form will be a sufficient discharge for

The Attorney General

for me in all respects. -

I believe you satisfied yourself entirely, did you not? as to Mr Salbot being properly qualified to act for Mr Kells - You so expressed yourself at the time. -

I reserve from the Balance due to Mr Kells such sums as are sufficient to meet Notices served on me. - With respect to the payment of these latter amounts, what is the proper course for me to take? In the absence of a Court here, shall I pay them over to the Resident-Magistrate, or to whom? and from whom, am I to look for a proper discharge? -

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obed^t Servant

M. G. G. G.

Colonel Royal Engineers
and Chief Comm^r of Lands & Works. -

27 Sept 1859

Mr Hardy.

as per

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I have the honor to
 acknowledge the receipt of
 your letter of the 7th of September
 and in answer to the second
 of them to inform you that
 the one for the other last month
 by the last delivery per me
 Frank J. J. J. J.
 for the
 I have also to inform you that
 a balance of £ 1882. 2. 2 has
 been retained to meet demands
 of the 1859 vol. and subject
 to the 1862 vol. and subject
 any other demands you may
 have for the 1859 vol. must be
 outside the above - please

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Head Westminster
29 Sept: 1859.

Sir,
I beg to inform you that
two theodolites in use by the Surveyors
having been damaged. I have sent
them to San Francisco for repairs.

I request your Excellency's
approval of this step, as the
Instruments are much required.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant,
W. M. M. M.
C.M.S.

His Excellency }
The Governor }

(P) we have only 4 theodolites in all
A.M.

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R.R. Camp -
New Westminster
29th Sept 1859.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for
your Excellency's perusal a copy
of a letter I have this day received
from Captain Parsons & Co. -

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Persuaded as I am of the actual
necessity of the demand, I request
your sanction to my ordering, by
^{from San Francisco}
the first opportunity Two (2) Thermometers.
The cost of these in England is Twenty
Pounds (£20) each -

The remaining number will be
included in a list of Survey Stores
with which I am about to furnish
you, suggesting that they be procured
from England.

I have also to add that I think
the Thermometers mentioned in the
enclosed list should at the same
time be supplied from San Francisco
in order to make our Meteorological
Observatory complete with as little delay
as possible. I have the honor to be,

Yours have been
accidentally broken
M.M.

His Excellency
The Governor -
L. L. de.

Sir,
Your most obedient,
humble servant,
R. R. Camp

Copy

New Westminster
29th Sept: 1859.

Sir,

I have the honor to suggest to you the propriety of procuring at once from San Francisco, Two 5 Inch Theodolites, for the use of the Survey parties of the Royal Engineers: - Only four Theodolites were sent from England, two of these now require repairs, and more than the remaining two could be used with advantage, in laying out the works you have given me to do. -

If extensive or detached Surveys are to be carried on by the R. Engineers, the number of Theodolites should be largely increased. - In the Division of the Ordnance Survey, of which I had charge, and where repairs could

Col. Moody
Comm^d }
W. G.

be

be effected rapidly, ten Thermolites
were employed; I think no less
than this number should be added
to our present stock in this
Country, where from the roughness
of Transport and the thickness
of the Forests in which they are
used, the Instruments are greatly
liable to damage without facilities
for repair. —

I have &c. &c.

Sig. of
W. M. Parsons
Capt. R. G.

(A true copy)

A. H. Ward
Capt. R. G.

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Required for the use of the
Royal Engineers Meteorological
Observatory, the undermentioned
Instruments. -

1. Self registering Thermometers
Maximum Minimum index (Siphon)
1. Black bulb & Glass Maximum
(Phillips' Patent if Obtainable)
3. Common Thermometers for Standard
in Sun Cases - ranging from
30° below zero upwards. (Fahrenheit)

Appd. P.M. Moody
Col. Comd.

M. T. A. C. M.
29 Sept 1859.

Col. Moody R. E.
Comd.

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Office of Lands & Works, B.C.
New Westminster
30th Sept 1859 -

Sir,

In continuation of my letter to you of the 29th Inst. respecting the payment of monies that would be due to Mr. Kells or his attorney on the completion of certain works contracted for by him.

I have the honor to inform you that these contracts were completed on the 28th Inst. and payment demanded by Mr. Talbot, but declined by me until I heard from you on the subject.

I have in my hands here sufficient monies for the discharge of the whole of Mr. Kells' claims on the Government, and I intend to make ~~thereby~~ the payment here, but await your further counsel on the points referred to in my letters.

I also request your advice as to how far I shall be legally bound in purchasing from Mr. Kells' late Foreman, a Mr. Thomas on a lot of Hardware, which has been made over

The Attorney General. }
British Columbia. }
to

to him by Mr. Talbot in payment of
wages due to him - All the articles
are needed by this Department,
and as they are offered for sale at
a very moderate price, I consider
the present a fitting opportunity of
purchasing them to the advantage of
Government, if I am assured by you
that no hold can be taken on the Govern-
ment by any of Mr. H's creditors.

I must request you will be good
enough to give me a full, explicit
detailed advice on the whole of the above
mentioned particulars and in any
other matter that may occur to you
respecting the winding up of the con-
tract.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient,
humble servant,
W. Murphy
Colonel H's
Chief Commr. of Lands & Works.

From
Mr. Murray,
Crest Mills
30 September 1859
at 12:00

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Victoria Vancouver Island

13th August 1859.

Sir

I take the liberty of submitting the following
Memorandum on a subject that has already occupied
your attention and upon which it is probable you
may have already acted.

It is that subject upon which I have occasionally
had the honour to converse with you. Namely, whether
so far as possible the expressed wishes of Americans
and other British Subjects to enable them to emi-
grate to this Colony and make it their permanent
home.

However desirable before, the affair of Lan-
aan and all that has and that is certain to
flow from it; is abundantly sufficient to prove that
now at all events it is a matter of grave and im-
mediate Imperial Policy to people these Colonies
of British Columbia and Vancouver Island with
British Subjects and that as soon as possible.

All theories of Colonization affecting Colonies of Land
I submit must for the present yield to the more
important point of practically & effectually beyond
all peril securing to the British Arm in a legitimate
and

W. H. Pelly

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and economical manner these Colonies. Continuation
of the present state of things will be to form a Colony
rapidly if you will and soon self-supporting, but still
a Colony of Foreigners chiefly of one nation & many of
whom are avowedly aggressive and ready to demonstrate
their principle at a convenient season.

The time has passed when perhaps it might
have been possible to have carried out a broad liberal
and generous Policy towards emigration from the
neighbouring State - It may come again. I for one believe
it will - but to persist in it now would be fraught
with danger - The action of the United States officials
operating on the excitable temperament of their citizens
has for the present removed the power of acting with
freedom in the liberal spirit always animating the
British nation and government at home and in the
Colonies.

I cannot suspect & you sufficiently how utterly
repugnant it is to my disposition to arrive at such a
Conclusion - but it would be more prudent to close our minds
to the conclusions now daily forced upon us. The evidence
is irresistible to our plain practical common sense that

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* From 1880 in P. Columbia it is estimated by those best qualified
perhaps to judge that 90 percent are Foreigners, only 2 percent truly British subjects!

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if British subjects do not early people these vast
United States Colonies in ^{increasing} numbers will continue
to occupy the country till the whole becomes practically
and soon actually will be theirs - I do not say this
approachfully of them - "they are wise in their
generation"

It is for the Imperial government to determine
the value of the British Empire of these possessions -
on that topic I do not offer any observations, it would
be unnecessary, it may be assumed that the value
is fully recognized.

To encourage British subjects the first point
to consider are their wishes. We hear it on all sides
that for sundry reasons Canadians in particular are
desirous of immigrating here and very little reflection
will show that both socially and politically - as
a basis Canadians are perhaps the very best that
could be selected - socially, accustomed to the difficulties
existing in a new Colony and the expeditious
to overcome them and - Politically, as being united
in entire sympathy and oneness in the whole
breadth of British America from East to West -
politically also - being contented in the spirit with

which

which they consider and act as regards the operations of the adjoining nation - a people from whom though strikingly separated as regards national sympathies yet with whom they have many interests relationships and feelings in common.

It would appear they prefer finding their own passage to the colony and such passage is more expensive than to any other colony - The finding their own passage is simpler and more immediate in operation than furnishing funds from hence by sale of lands - The latter plan is adapted to a more advanced stage of the colony and may come forward by and by.

On the above observations I suggest to your Excellency that the object desired by both parties may probably be attained without in any ^{way} pledging or compromising the Govt. as to the advantages offered by this colony or misleading individuals however unintentionally by your Excellency communicating to His Government that such disposition on the part of Canadians has been proposed on your attention and suggesting that His Home Government authorities be satisfied in the English papers, promulgated through Canada and published in these Colonies also that all British subjects

Respectfully

desirous of locating in British Columbia or Vancouver should enjoy done on the following or such other terms as may be determined on further consideration by your Excellency and the Imperial Government, having in mind however that these are the terms desired by the Canadians and are correspondent to the easy terms granted in Canada itself.

The right of pre-emption to limited extent as to each lot or unsurveyed lands -
Pre-emption ^{to be} not to extend beyond 2 or say 3 years.

The right of title sub and sub to limited blocks of 80 and 160 acres (aliquot parts of a square) - 100 and 200 acres (custom of Canada and recommended to me).
On condition of some field clearing and cultivation of 1/2rd at close of each of the first 2 years - construction of a small dwelling and occupation - and payment of the Survey.

Such survey may be done surveyor Civil or military approved by G. Genl. V. C.

The above to be clearly understood to be a temporary measure and that the privilege is granted to all classes of ^(British born) British subjects - and to such others as may hereafter be taken

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taken the oath of allegiance and be approved of in each individual case by the Governor of these Colonies but not otherwise - It may be good Policy not to discourage certain Foreigners especially all those now resident in the Colony and good policy to be equally forthright forward in rejecting others. I am perfectly aware of the evil that may arise in certain quarters - but when met with discussion and courage such evils will be innocuous. This course is forced upon us by United States Officials - It will be difficult for this to be believed and approved of at home and in the Eastern States perhaps, but to disinterested persons possessed of local knowledge and experience it will not be questioned for a moment.

I only recommend the above as a temporary measure, with a large proportion of British Subjects within our borders all restrictions might be once more removed.

I would still sell in certain districts by auction at high prices of 10% or 15% per acre to all, including those comprised in the recent alien act, those are very many individuals of a certain class desirous to come out from the United States to settle and become most loyal subjects of a Power recognizing the entire freedom and the equal social rights of all under her maternal
Providence

The above
papers

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providence - It would be a subject of some to every English heart if these individuals should be shut out from among us - Some provision might be made to meet their case -

I am ready to admit all the evil experience has again and again proved to follow elsewhere from the "presumption system" but I am equally convinced that at the present time and for a temporary period only, such evils are entirely ^{remedied} to the people in large numbers and permeating throughout as quickly as possible the Colonies of Vancouver's Island & British Columbia with British Subjects -

I have the honor to be
Your Excellency's most obedient
Humble Servant
W. Rossby
W.R.B.

Victoria 15th August 1859

Sir,

In continuation of the letter I had the honour
to address to you on Saturday the following obser-
vations are also submitted -

In considering the defects and how to meet
them in the plan suggests as the only mode of action
under the circumstances forced on this Colony -
the most prominent might be scheming to the
Public disadvantage on the part of Speculators
in Land. As I propose the cost of obtaining land
to be so small ~~and~~ after arrival in the Colony -
(I say "after" because in truth the Paper-money is with the
immigrant part of the cost) ~~possibly~~ parties may
arrange this, many of the poorer emigrants
will be made instruments so far as to go on
open lands requiring little or no clearing, taking
up their 100 or 200 acres and forthwith con-
structing a rude dwelling and cultivating ~~the~~

Yrs.
The Governor

Handley

under Plough to the extent demanded 10 acres
or 20 acres - The cost of this to be repaid by the
Land Speculator to the Settler obtaining the grant
and so on to many others till he accumulated the
possession of the quantity he required - The
claim which would have to be demanded by
the Settler to cover his expenses in going on the
land and so building a dwelling however small and
to ploughing up or digging up the soil and
his maintenance during that time and the cost
he would have to pay for the Survey (if he did not
even demand his passage - money) would be found
on calculation to amount very probably to a sum
per acre certainly not less than 5/- per acre, and
the Land Speculator would have land in that
condition that he would become in fact a willing
and active agent in getting tenants on his land
and tenants would be attracted by the commence-
ment already made - by such action he helps to people
the colony - especially with foreigners but the result
would be so far diluted, as if the presence in the
country

country of the original settler, that danger
to the British element in the community would
be removed - The original settler would realize
a sum however small enabling him to go on
and get another farm and partly to stock it.

When the open lands are taken up the
cost of clearing 10 or 20 acres of the wooded land,
to be repaid to original settler by speculator,
would bring up the land per acre ^{to him} to a sum more
than equal to ~~a sum~~ what is now demanded
and the effect would then be even more advan-
tageous than before to the community at large.

Theories, as to ~~the~~ Prices for land, are
not of universal application either as to all times
or at all places - At this Colony at this time -
said theories do not apply - Elsewhere British
Subjects may come or may stay away as far as
great Britain or the ultimate advantage of
the Colony is concerned - Here great Britain
urgently needs them now. It is true they wish to
come, but the greater need is now on the side of
great Britain (take it) and she for the
time

* Vancouver & V.
British Columbia

* Imperial hold on the North Pacific and counterbalance to relations with the
United States through the Atlantic and Chesapeake Bays.

time at all events must adopt the popular view
as to obtaining land though her own may be in
truth the wisest in the end as a permanent measure.

The life of land funds for a time is obvious,
it follows as a matter of certainty that the good
Old Saxon plan must come into speedy action
of corporate bodies acting in concert for Public services
and of themselves levying taxes for the execution of
such services - that is, whether by county rates,
Parish rates, municipal rates, or taxes voted by
electors or juries - money would be raised on
all lands, ~~to~~ to meet the requirements of the
Public in reference to these lands - Roads, Bridges,
streets, Piers, Quays &c. - The land speculator having
to bear his share would be quickened in his action
of parting with his land again to bona fide settlers.

He will demand his profits of course,
but the land which may be taken up and thus
held through the medium of this temporary action
will not absorb the available land in the colony,
and at all events as I said before a body
of British subjects will be in it sufficient to

counteract/

counteract the still greater evil threatening
the existence of the place as a British Colony in
heart and in principles of action towards the Mother
Country. It is remarkable to observe how deeply
imprinted in the Anglo-Saxon to all time is
the principle of combination with entire freedom
of utterance so spontaneously developed on all
occasions and on all points affecting the common-
-weal & how readily it is adopted by ^{those} in contact
with it here continually already among
the mixed races (but in states citizens predominating)
in the mines - except the "Doodler" it reaches to a
provincial Association, but though rough and often
defective the result on the whole is a rapid advance
in Colonization and the "rough drawing out" may
be made more happily hereafter and under good
control if we can but ensure a large population
of British subjects "par-say" -

Among other points (for road-making
is not the only sort of Saxon combination) -
military union for self-defence could be safely

as/

as well as economically called into action then.

Now against Foreign aggression - Imperial Forces and Imperial labour at great Imperial cost are absolutely needed. They cannot be dispensed with until the material with which you and among which you have to work is largely infused with safer elements.

I have the honour to be

Yr. most obedient Servt.

M. Brophy

C.M.S.

For W. Dept

13th Aug 1859.

Dear Sir,

The enclosed is a subject
we have often conversed on.
I hope my views may meet
with your approval. I believe
it will be an excellent opportunity
for submitting it if it be with
y^r approval. I am, Sir,
Yours truly,
O. Moorby

Victoria
14 July 1859

My dear Sir,

I have reason to think
a great number of people would be
able and glad to buy land on the
following terms.

1/6 per acre down at once

1/6 do. in 6 months

& 3/4 per acre as the balance in a
year afterwards. This would be
selling the land for 5/- per acre.

Land Speculators will buy any quantity

W. H. P. M.

E. J.

Saturday, 19. 13th 1859.

My dear Sir,

In my letter to you today about Canadians settling in this County on very liberal terms I have made an error of figures which you do me the kindness to correct.

I find by my rough copy that one of the conditions is for $\frac{1}{10}$ of the land to be cleared the 1st year and $\frac{1}{10}$ the 2nd I meant $\frac{1}{20}$ - not $\frac{1}{10}$ - each year. and to construct a small dwelling house. I understand $\frac{1}{10}$ in 2 years is quite as much as could be expected.

Yours respectfully,
H. Kersey,

11th Sept 1859

My dear Sir,

Kindly authorize Mr. [unclear]
to write me a line informing me of the
decision at which you arrived and
may have instructed Mr. [unclear] to com-
municate to me respecting the Officer
Quarters here or of any further infor-
mation you may have desired before
fixing that decision.

The case is as follows,

Has not the Govt.

LIGHT ORIGINAL

Officers Quarters are indispensable
and it is equally indispensable to
provide for them ~~now~~ without

delay. We shall not have a day
to spare as the 2nd must be completed
for men (for economy) our
Carpenters are few in number and
also lumber is not to be had
quickly.

The real point is this -

In England and elsewhere Off.
2nd are in one building. This is
for economy sake. Shall I
arrange it here? or shall I build
separate for all cottages? that may
be separated hereafter & then
to do so will be more costly for the
present but bring a better sale some

Comp. Off. }
separate }

future day to the advantage of the colony.

If you & I decide that this extra
cost cannot be ~~avoided~~ entertained
I have then to propose that authority
be granted me to appropriate to the
my Officers the Building Contractor
for myself and that I build and
occupy a smaller one.

This last arrangement will be the
least expensive method and if
the colony is better off in the spring
separate cottages could then be con-
structed and an entirely different
appropriation made.

I would not push so much for a
reply but I am naturally getting
anxious to leave early was all
under my command.

The bad weather seems to threaten
continuance.
I am faithfully
Yours
A. Mosby

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text follows]

LIGHT ORIGINAL

New Westminster 28 Sept. 1859

My dear Sir,
I have the honour to acknowledge
the receipt of your Sir's letter from Fort Hope
dated 21st inst. I am equally surprised with
you Sir, at an impression being abroad, that the
Govt. are well disposed to all land in the
area or as in a long succession of advertisements in
the Public newspapers I called on all persons desiring
obtaining possession of land in the Territory
and with me detailed particulars. It may be
surprised the applications have been very few
(all are registered) while verbal enquiries have
indeed been numerous. I have satisfied
myself long ago that the application is in reality
for the privilege to purchase land - precisely what
I had the honour to intimate to you in my letter
of the 21st inst.

date 13th Oct. and venture to suggest you ^{and} considering the sundry services and
 bring me to make public a decision from you ^{and} calling duties they are called upon for -
 at that point when which in an interest in the ^{it} demands the most systematic arrangements
 subject you did not then deem it prudent ^{in carrying on the work} - I will forward a
 & requisite - I am very glad you now appear ^{to} have to Fort Hope at an early op-
 portunity. ^{portunity}
 I feel persuaded the applications for land ^{with respect to the lands (special) and}
 will then be numerous and the ^{for all Fort Hope (I have not received any}
 placing such patches in possession ^{applications in response to the 7th 8th reports}
 should be ^{made} and economically arranged for ^{to me} I conceive your excellency is not
 I would take up ^{probably} ^{convinced} within the limits of ^{aware} that the spots decided on in all
 applicants without having to incur the heavy ^{substantial} and as such when surveyed
 expense of sending men and perhaps officers ^{should be sold at a higher price than 10th per}
 again and again ^{the same spot} - Your Excellency ^{the price should vary from £5.0 5th 1st}
 is aware how small is ^{the party} ^{per acre} according to distance from the town.
 The present step should be ^{it is a great}
 that

Private

28th Sep. 1859.

My dear Sir,

I really with the utmost
earnestness beg you to write me at
once "Yes" to the effect of what I recom-
mend in the enclosed note - your
Colony will have a population giving
a fair revenue if you do. I will carry
out your orders with an energy that
~~will~~ cannot but afford you much
satisfaction and the storm now
over the whole Colony will be dispelled

Y^rs very faithfully

H. S. Hallam

J. M. Woodley

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