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EXTRACT from the Governor's Despatch to *William G. Smith, Esq., Secretary;* Hudson's Bay Company, dated 19 July 1855.

A COMPLETE account of all the land sales (*see* No. 1) made on Vancouver's Island, the company's purchase at Nanaimo excepted, since the commencement of the colony, is herewith transmitted. A proportion of the land has been paid only in part, but the payments will be completed as soon as the title-deeds are ready for issue, otherwise the titles will not be issued to the purchaser.

|                                                                             | £.    | s. | d. |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----|----|
| The amount of receipts for land sold, and stamps, as per this account is -  | 6,871 | 9  | 4  |
| Remitted per last account, dated 10th October 1853 -                        | 3,577 | 5  | 2  |
| Paid by the Paget's Sound Company in London -                               | 2,574 | -  | -  |
| Paid by W. C. Grant and J. Huggins in London -                              | 120   | -  | -  |
|                                                                             | 6,271 | 5  | 2  |
| Remains on hand -                                                           | 600   | 4  | 2  |
| As per statement No. 2:                                                     |       |    |    |
| 200 <i>l.</i> of this balance was paid over to the fur trade—say            |       |    |    |
| Bill from Arthur W. Owen -                                                  | £.150 |    |    |
| Transfer from W. H. McNeil -                                                | 50    |    |    |
|                                                                             | 200   | -  | -  |
| And credited the colony in the books of outfit 1854, and the balance, say - | 400   | 4  | 2  |
| Has been paid over to the fur trade on account of outfit, 1855.             |       |    |    |
|                                                                             | 600   | 4  | 2  |
|                                                                             | 600   | 4  | 2  |

You will observe by statement No. 2, an account of land sales effected and monies received for stamps at this place since my last report of land sales, dated 6th October 1853, the amount being 600*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.*

House of Assembly, Vancouver's Island,  
3 December 1856.

THE Speaker begs to inform his Excellency the Governor that the House of Assembly met this day adopted the following resolutions, and ordered the same to be presented to your Excellency.

1st. That the thanks of this House be presented to his Excellency the Governor for the communication of November 27th, 1856, and that the subject "relating to a supply of money for copying documents, &c." shall be taken into consideration at an early period.

2d. It was resolved, That respectful application be made, on the part of the House of Assembly, to know "what funds are subject to its control (if any), the amount of the same, and from what source derived; also, what fund is the royalty upon coal paid into?"

3d. That T. J. Skinner, Esq. was elected Chairman of Committee and Deputy Speaker.

The House stands adjourned until Saturday next, December 6th; then to meet at 10 a.m.

(signed) *J. S. Helmcken*, Speaker.

Government House, Victoria, Vancouver's Island,  
6 December 1856.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

I HAVE further to transmit with this communication abstracts of the income and expenditure of the colony for the two years ending respectively with the 31st day of October 1853 and 1854.

I have received your Speaker's address of the 3d day of December, and highly appreciate your complimentary message.

In reply to the following questions of the House, "What funds are subject to its control?" "the amount of such funds?" "from what source derived?" and "to what fund is the royalty upon coal paid into?" I would observe that I am not at present prepared to

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