

COPIES or EXTRACTS of any CORRESPONDENCE between Mr. Langford and the Colonial Department, relative to alleged Abuses in the Government of *Vancouver's Island*:—Of any CORRESPONDENCE, between the Colonial Department and Governor *Douglas*, referring to Mr. *Langford's* Charges:—And, of any CORRESPONDENCE with the Government of *Vancouver's Island* relative to the Appointment of Chief Justice *Cameron*, and the Remonstrances against such Appointment.

Correspondence between Mr. Langford and the Colonial Department.

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COPY of a LETTER from *E. E. Langford*, Esq., to his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, K. G.

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E. E. Langford,
Esq., to the Duke
of Newcastle, K. G.
10 March 1860.

My Lord Duke,

Vancouver's Island, 10 March 1860.

I HAVE the honour most respectfully to submit the enclosed correspondence and the following memorandum for the consideration of your Grace, in the hope that his Excellency Mr. Douglas may be directed to cause that proper inquiry be instituted which he has manifested a lukewarmness to afford me. It is with regret that I make the complaint these documents represent, Mr. Dallas, the agent for the Puget Sound Company, in whose favour the colonial surveyor acted to my disadvantage, being the son-in-law of Governor Douglas; yet the Land Office of this Colony has been held in such extremely low estimation by the community in general, that it becomes a public duty on my part not to relinquish proceedings in which sufficient testimony is, as I think, produceable, to bring a case (supposed to be but one) of many similar home to the offending parties. In urging the matter upon the notice of your Grace, I am sensible of the responsibility I incur, and of the manner in which failure to substantiate my statement must recoil upon myself; for, being a justice of the peace for the Colony, continuance in such office would, of course, be an impossibility should my representations lack foundation. It is with a confidence, therefore, inspired by the sense of the necessity for caution and accuracy, that I venture to submit facts, which appear to me to be such as your Grace's predecessor in office (who, in his Despatch of 14 August 1858, warned Governor Douglas to take precautions against "cheating in land,") would have desired to have been made aware of.

MEMORANDUM of original Complaint, with Observations upon Mr. Pemberton's Statement, and the Delay of Governor Douglas in meeting my representations.

1st. That in the summer of 1858, I made personal (that being the usual application at the Land Office to purchase a certain tract of land, and was informed by the colonial surveyor, Mr. Pemberton, that the land was already disposed of to Mr. Dallas; that doubting this, I further questioned Mr. Pemberton, who then stated that the first instalment of purchase money had been paid