

OTTAWA, May 20, 1874.

I refer Ministry to my letter by Mr. Edgar which sufficiently indicated his mission, and which they recognized. He is now recalled, and I await his return and report.

(Signed,) A. MACKENZIE.

To Lieutenant Governor Trutch,  
Victoria.

OTTAWA, July 13th, 1874.

SIR,—I have the honor to forward to you for your perusal, and for the information of your Government, two copies of the protest of the British Columbia Government against the breach or infraction of the "terms of Union" with Canada by the Dominion Government, which I have been authorized to present in person to Her Majesty's Government. Two copies of the charts referred to in the protest are also herewith forwarded.

May I request you to be good enough to acknowledge their receipt.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed,) GEO. A. WALKEM,  
*Attorney-General, B. C.*

The Honorable Alex. Mackenzie,  
Premier Dominion Government.

DEPARTMENT OF SECRETARY OF STATE,  
OTTAWA, 13th July, 1874.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date, addressed to the Hon. Mr. Mackenzie, transmitting two copies of the protest of the British Columbia Government against the alleged breach or infraction of the terms of Union with Canada by the Dominion Government, which you have been authorized to present in person to Her Majesty's Government; and also forwarding two copies of the chart referred to in the protest.

I have, &c.,

Honorable G. A. Walkem,  
Attorney General  
of British Columbia,  
Ottawa.

(Signed,) EDOUARD J. LANGEVIN,  
*Under Secretary of State.*

(Canada—No. 110.)

DOWNING STREET, 18th June, 1874.

MY LORD,—The intimation which I have received by telegraph of the departure from British Columbia of the President of the Council and Attorney-General of that Province, sent to this country for the purpose of appealing against the course proposed by your Government and sanctioned by the Dominion Parliament in regard to the Pacific Railway, together with the reports of the proceedings in that Parliament, and other informal communications have led me to apprehend that the difference of opinion which has unfortunately occurred, may not only prove difficult to adjust, but may not impossibly, if it remains long unsettled, give rise to feelings of dissatisfaction, and to disagreements, the existence of which within the Dominion would be a matter of serious regret.

2. It is not my wish, nor is it a part of my ordinary duty to interfere in these questions. They appear to me to be such as it should be within the province and the competency of the Dominion Government and Legislature to bring to a satisfactory solution, and you will readily understand that Her Majesty's Government would be very reluctant to take any action which might be construed as expressing