

Company's establishments for every public office, and to their servants, for want of other means, I commit in perfect confidence the custody of the public money.

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I have, &c.,

(Signed)

JAMES DOUGLAS, *Governor.*

The Right Hon. Sir E. B. LYTTON, *Bart.*,

&c., &c., &c.

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Copy of Dispatch from Governor Douglas to the Right Honorable Sir E. B. Lytton, Bart.

(No. 37.)

VICTORIA, VANCOUVER'S ISLAND,

November 27, 1858.

[Received January 29, 1859.]

SIR: 1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication No. 20, of the 16th September last.

2. It is to me a most satisfactory and encouraging circumstance that Her Majesty's Government continues to approve of my proceedings in administering the government of British Columbia. I feel truly grateful for your kind support, and, in consequence, more capable of encountering the difficulties with which, though in a lesser degree, we are still beset.

3. I have with much pleasure, and according to your instructions, conveyed to Captain Prevost and Captain Richards, the officers commanding H. M. S. "Satellite" and "Plumper," your acknowledgments for the cordial assistance which they have rendered to this government whenever their services were required, and they are gratified by the compliment.

4. Her Majesty's Government may feel assured that I will endeavor to dispense as much as possible with the use of military assistance in administering the affairs of government;