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The COLONIAL SECRETARY of BRITISH COLUMBIA to the TREASURER of  
VANCOUVER ISLAND.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, New Westminster,  
17th January 1867.*

SIR,—I am directed by the Governor to inform you, that he is anxious to retain your services under this Government, until the work of the approaching session is completed, and the Laws of the United Colonies amalgamated. His Excellency desires me to offer you the appointment of Sub-Treasurer of British Columbia, resident in Victoria, to carry out until repealed the Revenue Laws of Vancouver Island, with a salary at the rate of £400 per annum. I am, at the same time, to express a hope, on the part of the Governor, that he will ere long be in a position to offer you a permanent and more satisfactory appointment.

The Governor is anxious to secure the services of Mr. W. A. G. Young, late Colonial Secretary of Vancouver Island, in the position of Treasurer during the approaching session of the Legislature of the Colony.—I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient Servant,

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY of BRITISH COLUMBIA to the TREASURER of  
VANCOUVER ISLAND.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, New Westminster,  
6th March 1867.*

SIR,—I have received and laid before the Governor your several letters referring to your official position since the Union.

You are so fully aware of the position of affairs that it is unnecessary for me to enter upon the subject, beyond the statement that it has become necessary to reduce the Civil establishment to a considerable extent, and in the proposed amalgamation of offices to abolish for a time the distinct office of Treasurer.

Under the local laws of Vancouver Island the necessity existed for the continuance of the appointment of Treasurer. Under the "Officers' Enabling Ordinance" the necessity for the continuance of the office no longer exists, and the Legislature has expressed a desire that the appointment be abolished.

The Auditor-General has reported that, in consequence of the arrears of audit work, your books, as Treasurer of Vancouver Island, cannot be balanced under at least three months.

Under these circumstances, the Governor considers it the most advisable course to refer the question of the abolition of the Treasurership to the Secretary of State, together