

Enclosure 2, in No. 4.

Sir,

Downing-street, 1 July 1856.

MR. THOMAS BANISTER, of No. 5, Child's-place, Temple Bar, placed in Mr. Labouchere's hands some month's ago, a letter which you addressed to the former gentleman from San Francisco on the 4th of last January,* requesting his intervention with Her Majesty's Government on behalf of certain inhabitants of Vancouver Island, who expressed themselves dissatisfied with the administration of justice there, and with the governor's selection of Mr. Cameron for the provisional office of judge. I am now directed to inform you that the representations therein made have not been overlooked by Mr. Secretary Labouchere, and that, in pursuance of a design for some time in contemplation, measures have been completed by Her Majesty's Government for establishing a Supreme Court of Civil Justice in the colony. For this purpose an Order of the Queen in Council was transmitted to Governor Douglas on the 26th of last April.

With respect to the objection taken by certain inhabitants of Vancouver Island to the employment of Mr. Cameron in the capacity of judge, I am to inform you that Mr. Labouchere, having forwarded a copy of their memorial to the Governor, received from that officer a report which was, in his opinion, satisfactory; and that, in consequence, he has felt it his duty, in the absence of any more eligible person in the settlement, to recommend the Queen to nominate Mr. Cameron to the office of Chief Justice.

Mr. Labouchere trusts that the performance by this gentleman of his duties will be such as to remove any unfavourable opinion entertained of him in the colony.

Robt. S. Swanston, Esq.,
San Francisco.

I am, &c.
(signed) J. Ball.

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(No. 14.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. *H. Labouchere*, M.P., to
Governor *Douglas*.

No. 5.
Right Hon. H. Labouchere, M.P., to
Governor Douglas.
6 November 1857.

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Sir,

Downing-street, 6 November 1857.

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 25,* of the 28th of July, in which you request instructions as to the amount and payment of the salary to be assigned to Mr. Cameron, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Vancouver Island.

I have referred this question to the Hudson's Bay Company, with whom alone the decision rests, and they have apprized me that it is their intention to communicate with you on the subject by an early opportunity.

I have, &c.
(signed) *H. Labouchere*.

— No. 6. —

(No. 2.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. Lord *Stanley* to
Governor *Douglas*.

No. 6.
Right Hon. Lord
Stanley to
Governor Douglas.
30 April 1858.

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Sir,

Downing-street, 30 April 1858.

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch of the 22d January, No. 3,* requesting the support of Her Majesty's Government in favour of any measure which may be proposed by the Hudson's Bay Company for defraying the salary of the Chief Justice of the Colony.

Having communicated with the Governor of the Company upon this subject, I learn from him that instructions (of which he has sent me a copy) were sent to you upon it in November last. It appears to be the opinion of the Company, from which I do not myself see reason to dissent, that it should devolve upon the local legislature to provide the means of defraying the salary of the Chief Justice, and I trust that you will be enabled to secure a proper provision for him from that source.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Stanley*.