Having forwarded to the Ohief Justice a copy of the resolution of the Legislative Assembly, dated the 15th instant, for the purpose of ascertaining his views, in respect of the arrangement for his retirement from of fine, which that resolution suggests. I have the honor to enclose, herewith copy of Mr. Cameron's reply, and I beg at the same time to recommend that the Appropriation Act to which he allindes should be passed at an early date, so that I can advise Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State thereof when transmitting the before mentioned resolution of the House,

Your obedient servant.

Your obedient servant.

Governor.

On Account, Court House, 1864. 5:
Sin; —I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst, transmitting to me, by direction of the Governor, a copy of a resolution of the Legislative Assembly of Vancouver Island, bearing upon the position which I have now the honor to hold in this Colony, and anquiring what views I may entertain in respect of the arrangement which that resolution suggests.

In raply, I desire that the Legislative Assembly may be informed that I am quite willing to accept to the terms of the Resolution of areas it concerns myself, as soon as these

as far as it concerns myself, as soon as these terms are embodied in an Act, and passed by the Legislature in the usual way.

[A have, etc., etc., (Signed) DAVID CAMERON, C. J. William A. G. Young, Esq., Colonial Secretary.

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Mr. Franklin said this very discussion fixed the correspondence into consideration.

Mr. DeCosmos had great pleasure in presenting a petition from H. W. Carpentier, the President of the California State Telegraph Company, praying to be allowed to construct a dine of telegraph between the States west of the Rocky Mountains and the city of Victoria. The hon member said it was unnecessary for him to offer snything in favor of this petition, as its advantages must be fully apparent. The California State Telegraph Company proposed to extend their lines to this city by constructing nearly 350 miles of telegraph, including 25 or 30

Mr. Franklin said this very discussion (laughter).

Mr. DeCosmos said this subject had been trained at a very impoportune mement, when she was a very bad bargain indeed, the proposed to the colonies, not on the part of the executive, but on the part of the executive, but on the feeling in one, if not both of the colonies, not on the part of the executive, but on the feeling in one, if not both of the colonies, ont on the part of the executive, but on the feeling in one, if not both of the colonies, ont on the part of this House had asked the Ohief Justice to resign, and now hou members scrupled to except the most hostile feeling in the neighboring colony. He hoped the hon, mention, and in a few months privage, he might bring it in on a more enlarged scale.

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would support it with pleasure.

Mr. Street said that in common with his is a hon friend the member for Victoria, he was rather surprised at the introduction of this bill in its present form, leaving out altogether the express stipulations which had been previewally made by the House; unless these resolutions were incorporated in the bill he would feel bound to oppose it.

Dr. Helmcken could not see the need of introducing these provisions into this bill; it was quite easy to make them a subsequent mater. The purpose of the present bill was to secure the pension to the Chief Justice in the event of his resigning, and we could hardly expect him to resign till a sufficient guarantee were given him.

Dr. Powell said he had supported the resolutions in reference to the retirement of the Chief Justice, with the understanding that they should be carried out. (Hear, hear).—

He would much prefer even to see the present incumbent keep his seat than have an appointment made which would be distasteful to the people of the colony. He could not see why the resolutions might not be introduced into the proposed bill; he could not support this bill unless the provisions for a future appointment were made as specific as the granting of the pension.

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this bill unless the provisions for a future appointment were made as specific as the granting of the pension.

Mr. Young said he looked at this bill as a simple matter of business. There are resolutions sent by the House to the Home Government asking for the appointment of a Judge with certain qualifications, and offering to pay the present incumbent a pension. Here Majesty's government cannot force the Chief Justice to resign, unless he is incompetent to perform his duties and will naturally sak him if he is satisfied with the provision made. This bill was intended to meet this case, and he thought was simply meeting the views of the House.

The House is a future of the Chief the Chief the Chief with the provision made. If the hen mover would amend his motion, and propose to annex the whole of British Columbia, he would heartly support him.

Mr. Franklin said this very discussion

The metalty, Marchi 6, 2864.

The bill providing upplies for 1540 passed standing st He would move that an address be sent to the home government from the two Houses of our Legislature praying that Queen Charlotte Island be made a part of this seleny.

Mr. Young said he would be very happy to support this motion if he saw the alightest probability of the success of the motion. He could not see a single argument which could be addreed in its favor. We might just as well ask Her Majesty's government to annex Bute Inlet and all the Waddington read.—

Hauptterl. Geographically, the Island be-[laughter]. Geographically, the Island belonged to British Columbia, not to Vancouver Island, and the Home Government would undoubtedly se decide. He would be very sorry to make a request which would expose us to be snubbed by the Home government.—

hear, hear).
Mr. Franklin said the comparison of Bute Inlet with Queen Charlotte Island, was quite

(langiter). Mr. DeCosmos said this subject had been

them, they would have the whole matter concisely before them, and would not require to make any further enquiry. He would move that the resolutions be added to the bill new before the House.

Mr. DeCosmos asked the hon member if he would accept an amendment which he had drawn up, to the effect that no appointment as Chief Justice should be made of a barrister who had practised in this, or the neighboring colons.

The Committee on Standing Orders reported that they would recommend the suspension

boring colony.

Dr. Helmcken said the amendment wa certainly plain enough (laughter) in fact far too plain. He did not wish to offer a gratuitous insult to the bar of this colony, (hear, hear). He thought that a resolution to the effect that the present Chief Justice should not resign till his successor arrived from

England, would fully meet the case.

Mr. Bayley said without any intention to cast a slur on the members of the bar of this colony, he totally objected to the remark of the hon. Speaker, which would not prevent our barristers here from going home and getting

barristers here from going home and getting the appointment.

Mr. DeCosmos said he regarded the resolutions adopted by the House as binding as if they were embodied in an act of parliament. (Hear, hear.) He was surprised to see this House called on to pass this bill; the views of this House in passing these resolutions, were that they should be at once sent to England, but instead of that they had been making a circuit between the Chief Justice, the Governor, and this House. He would call on the introducer of this bill to explain why these resolutions had not been sent at ence to the Home Government. The views of this House were that these been sent at once to the Home Government. The views of this House were that these resolutions should go forthwith to England without delay. Why should individual interests be held up as superior to the interests of the whole country, as preposed by this bill? When the promoters of this bill would explain why the resolutions had not been sent home, and why they refused to insert the resolutions in this bill he would be prepared to view the matter is a different light. As to an insult to the bar of this colony, he could not look at it in that light; he believed that the members of the bar were auxious for the appointment of an English

barrister.
Dr. Helmeken said the resolutions had only been passed on the 15th of February, which was a delay of 15 days, and His Excellency having been in British Columbia at the time, and as the resolutions had to be accompanied by a despatch, that could not be done till His time.

TO-DAY'S BUSINESS.

To-day (Wednesday), the House will receive the report of the Committee on Standing Orders on the Telegraph Bill; also, go into Committee on the bill to pension the known to the Chief Justice. If this matter could be accounted by a despatch, that could not be done till His Excellency same down. As to the resolutions going to the Chief Justice that was a matter he had nothing to do with as Speaker of the House. Doubtless the Executive considered it their duty to make the resolutions into Chief Justice. If this matter

The bill quotifing fact to any supplies to 1864, and the supplies of the suppl

that they would recommend the suspension of the rules of the House.

Private Bills Committee reported their concurrence with said action. The bill will brought up to-day. House adjourned.

CARIBOO LETTER.

FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT.

RICHPIBLD, CARIBOO, Feb. 17th, 1864. RICHEIBLD, CARIBOO, Feb. 17th, 1864.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST:—As the express has gone out, I snatch the opportunity of sending you a few lines by private hands.

THE WRATHER.

Until yesterday the weather was very mild, but to-day it has set in very cold. Thermometer 24° below zero.

CLAIMS WORKING.

There are but few claims at work. The Caledonia has not paid any dividend for two weeks. Burna Tunnel work paying a little. Eureka paying a small dividend.

JUMPING COMMENCED AGAIN.

There is great excitement about claims on the creek, records having run out. Several good claims have been jumped.

it no alalai Wata THEATRE Some young fellows have opened a theatre here. There have been three performances—well attended—acting good.

There is also a debating society started at the Hespital. On the opening night Dr. Browne gave a lecture; subject, "Experience in the Crimes." It was very interesting and well attended. ABRIVAL OF CATTER.

A large herd of horned eattle arrived on the

The fourth tewn, is growing rapidly. Mr. Smith, of Richfield, has just completed a first-class saleon there. It is the best site for a town on the creek, and likely before long to be the largest. SICEMESS.

There is a good deal of sickness on the creek There is a good deal of sickness on the creek, principally scurvy and general debility, caused as much by a want of cleanliness as anything cles. In the Hospital are three patients; one broken leg, one general debility, one frest-hitten—four toes have been amputated. The latter is a Swede; was frost-bitten at Mouth of Quesnelle.

Business generally is dull.

OREGON ITEMS, [From the Oregonian.]

MELANCHOLY GASUALTY .- Mr. Frank How-

BRITISH COL o 4. An Ordinance

ove the Laws rela

Preamble Whereas, from the inciportance of Gold Mining is, it is requisite to make to the holding, sale, tran nosal of claims and interes tate the creation of p to confer privileges under more economical and syst daties upon the registration matters; ... Be it enacted by the Gr

Columbia, with the advice a Legislative Council thereo 1. From and after the so much of clause thirty-on Fields Act, 1859, as relate meeting of the Mining Boar ed to read as follows:

Mining Board . The Mining Board shall r

mmissioner, when and nion occasion shall req er such Mining Board. Repeals Section 33 of the G

2. Section 33 of the said 1859, shall be repealed, a provisions substituted in Election of Minin The General election of Mining Board shall be he

each year, as the Gold Con District shall appoint; Vacancies in the And the Gold Commiss appointment all vacancies the said Board, and when

cur, and such appointees si til the next General Election Mining Board may act u
Gold Commis 3. Section thirty-five (35 Fields Act shall be amend he words Gold Commission of the said section.

Mining Board to manage it 4. The words Gold Con and are hereby struck out f six (36) of the said Gold wherever the same may occ lieu thereof the words " ms Mining Board' shall be ins auch clause, which shall b strued accordingly, reserving the Gold Commissioner, the fore spacified in clause 1, of

Protection against dans 5. Upon complaint being Gold Commissioner is herel order all mining works to such manner as he shall th the safety of the public, or their rights, or the interest claims adjoining to or affect be either filled up or suffic his satisfaction, at the cost may have constructed the such parties shall be absersuch order in the premises, Commissioner shall seem ex

Hill or Tunnel fi. All claims situated o fronting on any natural cl vine or water course shall drawn parallel to the chann on which they may be locat to constitute the frontage of to be marked by posts of that intervals of one hundred at right angles thereto to colines or dividing lines between Gold Commissioner may re

tain Tunnel Ci 7. Provided also that the sioner shall have power to any hill or tunnel claim on claim or any part thereof come within two hundred i Gold Commissioner may partnership 8. Clause seventeen (17) a Act, 1859, is hereby repealed

Bed-rock Flumes. Power 0. It shall be lawful for th sioner to grant, or agree to entry on or under any lands the purpose of constructing maintaining bed-rock flumes not exceeding ten years, we subject to such of the conditions hereinafter mentioned bed-rock flumes, as in the Gold Commissioner the int in his district, for the time b advisable. Provided that or agreement shall contain tion of the rights of the Cro rights of way and water, ar

grant) a reservation of privalent for the time being. Who may be a Bed-rock I 10. Three or more free mitute themselves into a bed pany within the meaning when duly authorized, as is mentioned, may enter upon gulch, ravine, or other wa colony, for the purpose of laying a hed-rock flume th not otherwise expressed in aforesaid, with the rights a under the limitations and r after specified.

land for public or government (sr) far as consistent with the

Privileges of and requiremental Flume Compa 11. Any company so au said, and organized under this act, shall be entitled