

VANCOUVER
ISLAND.

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No. 19.

Vancouver Island,
11th August, 1851.

MY LORD,

No. 19.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch of 3rd April, 1851, notifying that Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept my resignation of the office of Governor of this Settlement, and that your Lordship has communicated my request for a passage in one of Her Majesty's Ships, to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

H. M. S. Daphne, being on the point of sailing from this Settlement for San Francisco; I have applied to Captain Fanshawe for a passage as far as that port, as it is very unlikely that another of Her Majesty's Ships will visit the Settlement this year.

Should no official announcement of the appointment of my Successor arrive in the meantime, it is my intention to nominate a Council, provisionally, or such a portion of Council as may constitute a quorum, the Senior Member of which will act as Governor till a new appointment be made.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) RICHARD BLANSHARD,
Governor.

No. 20.

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Vancouver Island,
11th August, 1851.

MY LORD,

No. 20.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch of 20th April, 1851, enclosing a copy of a letter from the Secretary of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and desiring me to pay to Captain Wellesley, of H. M. Ship Dardalus, the sum of £47 15s 0d., for the expenses of a passage that was afforded me in that ship, in September and October last.

As I presume that your Lordship, in observing that you did not consider it as an expense that ought to be paid by the public, referred to the terms of the grant of Vancouver Island to the Hudson's Bay Company, by which they are bound to defray all expenses of the settlement, I have forwarded a copy of your Lordship's letter to the Governor and Directors of that Company, requesting them to make the payment, for no funds are at my disposal as Governor.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) RICHARD BLANSHARD,
Governor.

No. 21.

(Copy.)

Vancouver Island,
30th August, 1851.

MY LORD,

No. 21.

I beg to inform your Lordship that, on the 27th instant, I nominated the following Gentlemen as Members of Council for Vancouver Island:

JAMES DOUGLAS, Esq., (Senior Member).
JAMES COOPER, Esq.,
JOHN TODD, Esq.

Providing expressly that these nominations should be merely provisional, and subject to be confirmed or disallowed by Her Majesty the Queen. The above named Gentlemen have this day taken the Oath of Allegiance as prescribed, and their seats as Members of Council.