

## No. 19.

*The Honorable Mr. Walkem to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies.*

LONDON,  
10th September, 1874.

MY LORD,—In a letter of the 15th of August last, acknowledging the receipt of the Petition to Her Majesty of the Committee of the Executive Council of British Columbia, Your Lordship was pleased to inform me that you did “not anticipate that you would be able, until after two or three weeks, to come to a decision as to the course which you should take” upon the subject matter of the Petition.

As the time mentioned has now expired, may I request Your Lordship to be good enough to inform me of the conclusion (if any) which you may have arrived at.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) GEO. A. WALKEM.

## No. 20.

*Mr. Malcolm to the Honorable Mr. Walkem.*

DOWNING STREET,  
14th September, 1874.

SIR,—I am directed by the Earl of Carnarvon to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, and to express to you his regret that he is not at present in a position to communicate to you any decision, in regard to the Petition of the Executive Council of British Columbia.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) W. R. MALCOLM.

## No. 21.

*The Honorable Mr. Walkem to the Earl of Carnarvon.*

LONDON,  
October, 31st, 1874.

MY LORD,—I now beg leave respectfully to offer, for your Lordship's consideration, a recapitulation and review of the main points of the question at issue between Canada and British Columbia, respecting the breach, by the former, of the Railway Agreement in the Terms of Union.

Although I have been favoured by your Lordship with many and lengthened interviews on this subject, I hope that the grave nature of the interests committed to my care, as well as the important influence which your Lordship's action at the present time is sure to exercise upon the political and industrial growth of the Province, will be a sufficient excuse for again troubling you.

A written communication of the kind proposed may also usefully serve to define more clearly some of the views, which I have advocated on behalf of the Province.

Before proceeding further, I trust that I may be permitted to tender the expression of my grateful sense of the attention with which your Lordship has been pleased to receive, not only the statement of the case of British Columbia as set forth in the Petition of its Government, but also the comments upon it which I have from time to time made.

The Provincial Government will be glad to learn—what your Lordship has been good enough to state—that you have been gratified with the temperate spirit