

The Minister, therefore, recommends that in the absence of satisfactory reasons having been given for cancelling the Order in Council of June 7th, 1873, that the Order in Council of 23rd May, 1878, cancelling it be annulled, and that of June 7th, 1873 be revived.

He also recommends that a copy of his report to Council, if approved, be furnished to the Honorable the Secretary of State for transmission to the Government of British Columbia for their information.

The Committee submit the above recommendations for Your Excellency's approval.

Certified, W. A. HIMSWORTH, C. P. C.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, VICTORIA, B. C., 15th May, 1879.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 1171 on 303, of the 24th ult., enclosing a copy of an Order of His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the subject of the Canadian Pacific Railway in this Province.

I beg to inform you that I have referred a copy of your despatch and enclosure to my Executive Council.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

A. N. RICHARDS, *Lieut.-Governor of British Columbia.*

Hon. J. C. AIKINS, Secretary of State for Canada.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, VICTORIA, B. C., 19th May, 1879.

SIR,—I have the honor to enclose to you, herewith, a copy of a Minute of my Executive Council having reference to the cancellation of the railway reservation on the mainland, made at the instance of the Dominion Government under Order of May, 1878.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

A. N. RICHARDS, *Lieut.-Governor of British Columbia.*

Hon. J. C. AIKINS, Secretary of State for Canada.

*Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Executive Council, approved by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the 14th day of May, 1879.*

The Committee of the Council have had under consideration despatch of the 24th April, 1879, from the Hon. the Secretary of State, informing this Government that the Privy Council had by Minute of the 22nd April, 1879, cancelled their Order of the 23rd of May, 1878, and revived their Order of the 7th of June, 1873, which fixed the terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway at Esquimalt, and they advise that the Dominion Government be at once requested to inform the Provincial Government whether the following reserve made for railway purposes, at the instance of the Dominion Government, under the said Order of May, 1878, shall be cancelled, as it is highly undesirable that the land should longer be withdrawn from settlement, that is to say, a tract of land beginning at English Bay, on Burrard Inlet, and following Fraser River to Lytton; thence by Thompson River valley to Kamloops; thence up the valley of the North Thompson, passing near Lakes Albreda and Cranberry to Tête Jaune Cache; thence up the Fraser River valley to the summit of the Yellow Head Pass, or the boundary between British Columbia and the North-West Territories. The Committee further advise that a copy of this Minute be forwarded to the Dominion Government.

Certified, THOMAS BASIL HUMPHREYS, *Clerk Executive Council.*