

3. Criminal jurisdiction has not been included. Your Despatch, No. 11, of the 25th July last, shows that you have not felt any difficulty as yet on this score, and as soon as you have assembled the lawful legislature of the colony, as directed by my Despatch, No. 5, of the 28th February last, you will be able to make such further provision for the purpose as you may consider advisable.

I have, &c.

(signed) *H. Labouchere.*

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(No. 9.)

EXTRACT of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. *H. Labouchere*, M.P., to
Governor *Douglas*; dated 5 May 1856.

"REFERRING to my Despatch, No. 8,* of 26th ultimo, I transmit to you, herewith, a Warrant under the Royal Sign Manual, authorising you to pass Letters Patent under the Public Seal of Vancouver Island, appointing Mr. David Cameron to the office of Chief Justice of that Colony."

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No. 4.
Right Hon. H. Labouchere, M.P., to
Governor Douglas.
8 July 1856.

(No. 12.)

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

Sir,

Downing-street, 8 July 1856.

I TRANSMIT, for your information, copies of a correspondence with Mr. Robert S. Swanston of San Francisco, relative to the selection of Mr. Cameron for the office of Judge of the Supreme Court of Vancouver Island.

I have, &c.

(signed) *H. Labouchere.*

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My dear Sir,

San Francisco, 4 January 1856.

I ARRIVED on the 29th ultimo from Vancouver Island, where I have been staying since I last addressed you; the residents, as a last effort to save the colony, have begged of me to apply in the strongest terms to you to exert what influence you can bring to bear in their favour; enclosed I send you such documents as they were enabled to furnish me with. The copies of the memorials to the Colonial Secretary, the House of Commons, and the Queen, forwarded last year, and of which you were to have been furnished with duplicates, having been in some way mislaid, it was decided to place you in the best position possible, and leave it to yourself to do what you can.

On my arrival at Victoria, I found that the colonists were goddisheartened at the apathy and indifference shown by the Colonial Office in their grievances, that it required the strongest representations on my part to induce them to make one more effort, however weak, availing of your good offices; if one must die, it is well to die doing. The feeling existing in the colony is that the place is doomed; and there is every probability, if matters do not mend, of a general exodus shortly. I know of no fewer than six families who are preparing to leave this next summer. Once the move commences, it will be too late to attempt restoring confidence by any patching compromises.

I trust, that in writing you on the matter, and occupying your time, I am not taking any undue advantage of your kind offer of services in favour of Vancouver Island, and I sincerely hope that you may have the opportunity of doing something, however little, towards drawing the attention of the Government to that important place.

The colonists are all delighted at the idea of having convicts introduced, and they express themselves strongly as to the benefits likely to result to the Island by such a measure.

The war is raging with unabated violence on the American shores of the Straits of Fuca; the farmers and their families have either been massacred or forced to fly into the little townships along Puget's Sound for protection. The Nisqually and Pungallup Indians (fishers) and the Klilcutat and Yahemaspinne Indians are as yet the only tribes who have openly declared war, but they are using every effort of persuasion and intimidation to induce the adjoining tribes to side with them, and there is, I believe, but little doubt as to what will be the result of their machinations. As yet the Vancouver Island Indians are quiet, and apparently uninterested; but, from personal investigation, and through the agency of Indians in my pay, I have become cognizant of a state of feeling amongst them, which is not to be trifled with. The progress of the war is a matter of constant discussion with