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EXTRACT of GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

IF, in spite of your resolution in favour of Victoria, I still hesitate on removing my abode and the seat of the Legislature from the spot established by law, you will understand that I consider the public faith and honour engaged on the one side, and possible expediency on the other. If, as some persons assert, the present uncertainty be found to be more detrimental to the public interests than any decision which may be arrived at, I shall come to that decision, and make public the recommendation I may lay before the Secretary of State. I, however, look confidently forward to the time when the centre of population will be found on the eastern side of the Cascade Range.

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Governor Seymour
to the Duke of
Buckingham and
Chandos.
13 July 1867.

EXTRACT of DESPATCH from Governor *Seymour* to His Grace the *Duke of Buckingham and Chandos*, dated Victoria, 13th July 1867. No. 87.

Proclamation.
14 Feb. and
20 July 1859.

"I WISH the question of the seat of Government to be set at rest, and if your Grace can see your way to establish it at Victoria without injustice to those who have purchased land at New Westminster on the faith of the proclamations I enclose, I shall not offer one word of remonstrance. Either town will suit me equally well as a place of residence, and in the present financial condition of the Colony, I shall be very glad to have but one house to keep up. Victoria has made the most progress; consequently, perhaps, under existing depression, it would be well to concentrate our waning resources upon the spot where the greatest outlay has been made. I will not allow that Victoria possesses any natural advantages over New Westminster, but it is older and more developed as a town."

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I enclose the message I addressed to the Legislative Council on the subject. The last paragraph simply means that I will not be controlled in my policy by meetings held in the Victoria Theatre.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency *James Douglas*, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander in Chief of British Columbia.

WHEREAS it is expedient to publish, for general information, the method to be pursued with respect to the alienation and possession of agricultural lands, and of lands proposed for the sites of towns in British Columbia, and with reference also to the places for levying shipping and customs duties, and for establishing a capital and port of entry in the said Colony;

Now therefore, I, *James Douglas*, Governor of the said Colony, do proclaim and declare as follows, viz.:

1. All the lands in British Columbia, and all the mines and minerals therein, belong to the Crown in fee.

2. The price of lands, not being intended for the sites of towns, and not being reputed to be mineral lands, shall be 10 s. per acre, payable one-half in cash at the time of the sale, and the other half at the end of two years from such sale. Provided that under special circumstances some other price, or some other terms of payment may from time to time be specially announced for particular localities.

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