

BRITISH COLUMBIA.



No. 9. An Ordinance to encourage the construction of a Telegraph Line, connecting British Columbia with the telegraph lines of the United States, and for other purposes.

[10th March, 1864.]

WHEREAS, the California State Telegraph Company, a Company duly incorporated pursuant to the laws of the State of California, one of the United States of America, and having its principal office in the City of San Francisco, has constructed lines of telegraph, extending through the said State and the adjoining States and Territories, and connecting with the telegraph systems of the Atlantic States and of the British Provinces of North America; and whereas the President of the said California State Telegraph Company has been authorized, by a resolution of the Board of Directors to represent the said Company and to bind the same in all matters and things connected with the extension and construction of its telegraph lines from California northward; and whereas it is expedient to enable the said Company to extend its telegraph lines to New Westminster, in the Colony of British Columbia, with a view of increasing the facilities of the said Colony for communication with the rest of British North America and the Pacific and Atlantic States of the United States;

Preamble.

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of British Columbia, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

1. The privilege is hereby granted to the President of the California State Telegraph Company, and to his successors in office, or assigns, to construct and place a line or lines of telegraph over any public or tidal lands, and along or across any public street or highway (not obstructing such street or highway), and to lay down a telegraph cable or cables through or across any stream, creek, river, strait, bay, gulf, water, or water course within the Colony of British Columbia and its Dependencies, (but so as not to impede navigation or other public rights), and to own, use, enjoy, and employ the same for the period of twenty-five years from the passage of this Act.

Privileges granted to California State Telegraph Company on public lands.

2. The said President of the California State Telegraph Company, and his successors or assigns, are hereby also authorized to construct and place a line or lines of telegraph over any private lands, upon obtaining the written consent of the owners thereof.

May run line of Telegraph through private property on obtaining consent of owner.