

*The Earl of Carnarvon to the Earl of Dufferin.*

My Lord,

*Downing Street, January 4, 1875.*

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 18th of December,\* forwarding to me a copy of an Order of the Dominion Privy Council, expressing the acknowledgments of the Government of Canada for the services which I have been fortunate enough to render in promoting the settlement of the differences which had arisen between British Columbia and the Government of the Dominion with respect to the construction of the Pacific Railway.

It has been with great pleasure that I have received this expression of their opinion, and I sincerely rejoice to have been the means of bringing to a satisfactory conclusion a question of so much difficulty, of removing, as I trust, all ground of future misunderstanding between the Province of British Columbia and the Dominion, and of thus contributing towards the ultimate completion of a public work in which they, and indeed the whole Empire, are interested.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) CARNARVON.

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\* No. 31.