

No. 17.

Lieutenant-Governor to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

3rd August, 1874.

Upon advice of Responsible Ministers I accept on behalf of British Columbia arbitration offered in your Despatch to Lord Dufferin, eighteenth June. Please acknowledge.

(Signed) JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies to Lieutenant-Governor.

Your Telegram of August 3rd, received.

(Signed) CARNARVON.

Lieutenant-Governor to Secretary of State for Canada.

VICTORIA, B. C.,

August 3rd, 1874.

My Ministers request me to state for the information of the Governor-General that the following message has been this day telegraphed to Lord Carnarvon :—

“Colonial Secretary, London,—

“Upon advice of Responsible Ministers, I accept on behalf of British Columbia arbitration offered in your despatch to Lord Dufferin, 18th June. Please acknowledge.”

(Signed) JOSEPH W. TRUTCH,
Lieutenant-Governor.

No. 18.

Mr. Herbert to the Honorable Mr. Walkem.

DOWNING STREET,

15th August, 1874.

SIR,—I am directed by the Earl of Carnarvon to acknowledge the receipt of the Petition to the Queen, signed by yourself on behalf of the Executive Council of British Columbia, which you left with his Lordship, on the occasion of your recent interview with him at this Office.

After careful perusal of this clearly drawn and temperately expressed statement, and after hearing the further representations which you have since made orally, his Lordship feels that he has before him a full exposition of the views of the Provincial Government; and he desires me to thank you for the judicious manner in which you have discharged the duty entrusted to you.

Lord Carnarvon will be much pleased if he can be the means of adjusting the differences which have arisen; but the subject abounds in details which require close examination; and his Lordship thinks it may be convenient to you to know that he does not anticipate that he will be able, until after two or three weeks, to come to a decision as to the course which he should take.

I am, &c.,

(Signed)

ROBERT G. W. HERBERT.