

including Queen Charlotte's Island, and all other islands adjacent to said territories, except as therein-after excepted :

And whereas it has appeared to us expedient that the right of exclusive trade with the Indians given by us in manner aforesaid to the Governor and Company of Adventurers trading to Hudson's Bay, and their successors, within the territories in the said instrument described, should no longer be exercised by them within so much of those territories as is comprised within the said colony of British Columbia :

Now, know ye that we do hereby revoke our said grant contained in the hereinbefore-recited instrument of the 30th May, 1838, in so far as the same embraces or extends to the territories comprised within the said colony of British Columbia.

And we do hereby declare, that this present revocation of our said grant shall take effect within the said colony as soon as it shall have been proclaimed there by the officer administering the government thereof.

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*Copy of Dispatch from Governor Douglas to the Right Honorable Sir E. B. Lytton, Bart.*

[No. 23.]

VICTORIA, VANCOUVER'S ISLAND,  
November 6, 1858.

[Received January 15, 1859.]

SIR: In acknowledging receipt of your dispatch of the 2d September, 1858, No. 3, transmitting to me the Queen's revocation of the Crown Grant of the 30th May, 1838, to the Hudson's Bay Company, in so far as relates to the territories comprised within the colony of British Columbia, I beg to acquaint you that the necessary proclamation upon this subject will be made in the course of a few days.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

JAMES DOUGLAS, *Governor.*

The Right Hon. Sir E. B. LYTTON, *Bart.*,

&c., &c., &c.