

14 CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF

Further documents, relative to the financial state of the colony, will be sent to the House as soon as they are made up.

I have to recommend that a sufficient money appropriation be made by the House to defray the expense of preparing any documents required for their information in future, as there are at present no funds at my disposal for that purpose.

I beg that the charter of grant of Vancouver's Island may be returned when convenient, as I have no other copy.

(signed) *James Douglas,*
Governor, Vancouver's Island.

EXTRACTS from the Governor's Despatch to *William G. Smith, Esq.,* Secretary, Hudson's Bay Company, dated 16 October 1856.

I HAVE the honour of transmitting herewith a statement of the lands, forming part of the public domain, which have been sold in this colony since the 12th day of July 1855, up to the 10th day of this present month of October 1856.

You will observe, by statement No. 1, that the whole quantity of land sold since last year, amounts to 2,137 acres. The extent of unimprovable rock, added to the allowance made for roads, somewhat exceeds 837 acres, leaving 1,299 acres 3 roods and 26 perches chargeable to purchasers, on which 512*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* has been already paid in, and there remains payable by annual instalments the sum of 787*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.*

The public expenditure of the colony for the twelvemonth ending with the 1st day of November 1855, amounts to the sum of 4,107*l.* 2*s.* 3*d.* The income arising from the duty on licensed houses, sales of public land, and other sources, produced the sum of 693*l.* 2*s.* 10*d.*

The balance of the account in this country remaining unpaid, is therefore 3,413*l.* 19*s.* 5*d.*, as will appear in the following exhibit of the public objects to which that outlay was applied ; viz. :—

Government premises - - - - -		£.	s.	d.
			7	5 10
Surveying department supplies - - - - -	£: 183 18 1			
" " wages - - - - -	500 - -			
			683	18 1
Construction of bridges - - - - -	720 14 7			
" " roads - - - - -	667 10 10			
			1,388	5 5
Victoria church - - - - -			877	1 -
Public schools - - - - -			320	4 11
Victoria parsonage - - - - -			117	9 4
Chaplain, salary and board - - - - -			368	7 1
Collector's office - - - - -			1	7 6
Poor-rates - - - - -			10	10 3
Administration of justice - - - - -			100	- -
Gaol expenses - - - - -			30	9 2
Militia - - - - -			81	8 8
Sundry expenses - - - - -			107	14 1
Overcharge from last account - - - - -			12	- 11
		£.	4,107	2 3
The sums placed to credit of the colony are as follows; viz. :—				
Sundry credits - - - - -	£. 18 5 4			
Land sales, &c. - - - - -	334 17 6			
Duty on licensed houses - - - - -	340 - -			
			693	2 10
Leaving a balance unpaid as before said of - - - - -	£.		3,413	19 5

There is a further sum of 65*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* arising from proceeds of land sales effected last year, which was omitted in the fur trade books, but will be brought forward this year.