

of this Government, a copy of a despatch from that Minister to Your Lordship proposing himself as arbitrator in the matter under discussion, between the Government of Canada and this Province, in relation to the 11th Article of the Terms of Union of British Columbia with Canada.

I have submitted Your Lordship's despatch and that from Lord Carnarvon to Your Lordship, therein transmitted, for the consideration and advice of my Executive Council.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

No. 16b.

The Lieutenant-Governor to the Secretary of State for Canada.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, VICTORIA,
3rd August, 1874.

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit to you for the information of His Excellency the Governor-General, a copy of a despatch addressed by me to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, expressing the acceptance by this Government of the offer made by His Lordship in his despatch of 28th June last, to the Governor-General, to arbitrate in the difference existing between the Government of Canada and this Province, in relation to the Railway Article of the Terms of Union, together with a copy of the Minute of the Executive Council of British Columbia therewith enclosed, expressing the opinions and advice of my responsible Ministers upon Lord Carnarvon's proffered arbitration, and in accordance with which my said despatch to His Lordship, and the telegraphic message therein referred to—and of which a copy is appended—as well as this communication and the telegram to you of this day's date—a copy of which is also attached hereto—are at the same time despatched.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

No. 16c.

Lieutenant-Governor Trutch to Earl Carnarvon.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, VICTORIA,
3rd August, 1874.

MY LORD,—I have the honor to state that, on the 28th ultimo, I received and laid before my responsible advisers a copy of Your Lordship's despatch of June 18th, to Governor-General the Earl of Dufferin, upon the pending difference between this Province and the Government of Canada, in relation to the Railway Article of the Terms of Union, which despatch was transmitted to me by Lord Dufferin, on the 3rd ultimo, in accordance with Your Lordship's instructions.

I now enclose a Minute of the Executive Council of this Province on your said despatch, and upon the advice of my Ministers therein expressed, I beg to signify my cordial acceptance, on behalf of the Government of British Columbia, of Your Lordship's proffered arbitration, in accordance, in all respects, with the conditions laid down in your said despatch, and to state that I have to-day dispatched a telegraphic message to you to this effect, of which a copy is appended.

A copy of this despatch and enclosures therewith, will be sent by this mail to the Secretary of State for Canada, for the information of His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.