

OTTAWA, 31st March, 1879

SIR,—In reference to your memorandum of the 19th instant, enclosing certain telegrams from the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, with respect to the reservation of lands along the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, I have the honor to state that the Order in Council of 9th June, 1876, concurring in the report of the Minister of Public Works, dated 7th June, 1876, was not acted on by the British Columbia Government; that an Order in Council, dated the 1st June, 1877, defined the routes in the event of the selection of either Bute Inlet or Dean Inlet as the terminus; that an Order in Council, dated the 13th July, 1878, superseded previous Order in Council, in so far as the route to be followed is concerned, defining that route as from Tête Jaune Cache to Burrard Inlet. Finally, that an Order in Council, dated 3rd September, 1878, transmitted to you with my letter of the 20th of that month, requested the British Columbia Government to convey to the Dominion Government certain lands along the line of Railway, as shewn on the plan accompanying my letter.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

F. BRAUN, *Secretary.*

E. J. LANGEVIN, Under-Secretary of State.

*Telegram.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, OTTAWA, 22nd March, 1879.

Order in Council of 9th June, 1876, respecting line of Pacific Railway superseded by subsequent Order. Line as at present defined shown on map sent to Lieut.-Governor in letter of 23rd September last, by late Ministry.

J. C. AIKINS, *Secretary of State.*

To the Speaker Legislative Assembly, Victoria, B.C.

DEPARTMENT OF SECRETARY OF STATE, 24th March, 1879.

SIR,—With reference to your telegrams of the 19th ult., and the 18th inst., and to my replies thereto of the 6th and 22nd inst., on the subject of the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, I have honor to inform you that as regards the Order of His Excellency the Governor-General in Council of the 9th June, 1876, a copy of which was enclosed in the letter from this Department of the 13th of that month, that Order in Council was superseded by a subsequent order, in so far as the route to be followed is concerned, defining that route from Tête Jaune Cache to Burrard Inlet.

I have to add that by an Order in Council of the 3rd September last, a copy of which was enclosed to the Lieut.-Governor on the 9th of that month, the British Columbia Government was requested to convey to the Dominion Government certain lands about the line of railway, as shown on a plan, which plan was enclosed to the Lieut.-Governor on the 23rd of the same month.

I have, &c.,

J. C. AIKINS.

To the Speaker Legislative Assembly, Victoria, B.C.

VICTORIA, B.C., 14th April, 1879.

Assembly adjourned, awaiting information as to your railway policy. Please reply immediately.

A. N. RICHARDS, *Lieut.-Governor of B.C.*

Honorable Secretary of State.

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