

of an order of His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the subject of the non-fulfilment by the Dominion Government of the 11th Article of the Terms of Union of this Province with Canada.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed,) JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

The Honorable D. Christie,
Secretary of State for Canada,
Ottawa.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA,
GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
25th February, 1874.

SIR.—I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of an Address to me from the Legislative Assembly of this Province, requesting me to protest on behalf of the Legislature and people of British Columbia, against the non-fulfilment of the 11th Article of the Terms of Union of British Columbia with Canada, by which the Dominion undertook to secure the commencement simultaneously within two years from the date of Union, of the construction of a railway from the Pacific towards the Rocky Mountains, and from such point as may be selected east of the Rocky Mountains towards the Pacific, to connect the seaboard of British Columbia with the railway system of Canada; and to urge the absolute necessity for the commencement of the actual construction of such railway from the seaboard of British Columbia early in the present year.

I also enclose a minute of my Executive Council, concurring in the prayer of this Address to me, and recommending that a copy thereof be forwarded by me to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he will be pleased to order immediate action to be taken thereon.

In accordance therefore, with the advice of my Ministers, I beg that you will be good enough to lay this despatch and its enclosures before His Excellency the Governor General, and to recommend to His Excellency's favorable consideration the representations and urgent request of the Government and Legislature of British Columbia herein set forth.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed,) JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

The Hon. D. Christie,
Secretary of State for Canada.

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Executive Council, approved by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the 23rd day of February, 1874.

The Committee of Council have had under consideration an Address of the Legislative Assembly of the 9th instant, respecting the breach of the railway clause contained in the terms of Union.

On the 25th July last, and again on the 24th of November last, strong protests and representations on the subject of the Address were forwarded to the Dominion Government, but no reply of an assuring character has yet been received by the Province. The result of this silence has been one of painful and growing dissatisfaction.

The Committee feel that a strong but respectful protest against the course pur-