

(No. 130.)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA, May 15th, 1874.

MY LORD,—I have the honor to enclose for your Lordship's information a news-
Globe, 13th and paper report of the speech delivered by Mr. Mackenzie on the 12th
 11 May. • instant, when introducing Resolutions for a Bill to provide for the
Globe, 12th May. construction of the Pacific Railroad, together with a summary of this
Globe, 13th May. speech, and an article from the *Globe* newspaper of the 12th instant,
 explanatory of the Government project.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

DUFFERIN.

The Right Honorable

The Earl of Carnarvon.

&c., &c., &c.

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OTTAWA, May 15th, 1874.

MY LORD.—In continuation of my despatch, No. 130, of this day's date, I have
 May 14. For ar- the honor to enclose an extract from the *Toronto Mail*, an opposition
 file see Scrap paper, criticising the scheme of the Government.
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I have, &c.

(Signed)

DUFFERIN.

The Earl of Carnarvon.

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DOWNING STREET, 18th June, 1874.

MY LORD.—The intimation which I have received by telegraph of the departure
 from British Columbia of the President of the Council and Attorney-General of that
 Province, sent to this country for the purpose of appealing against the course pro-
 posed by your Government, and sanctioned by the Dominion Parliament, in regard to
 the Pacific Railway, together with the reports of the proceedings in that Parliament,
 and other informal communications, have led me to apprehend that the difference of
 opinion which has unfortunately occurred, may not only prove difficult to adjust, but
 may not possibly, if it remains long unsettled, give rise to feelings of dissatisfaction
 and to disagreements, the existence of which within the Dominion would be a matter
 for serious regret.

2. It is not my wish, nor is it a part of my ordinary duty to interfere in these
 questions. They appear to me to be such as it should be within the province and com-
 petency of the Dominion Government and Legislature to bring to a satisfactory solu-
 tion, and you will readily understand that Her Majesty's Government would be very
 reluctant to take any action which might be construed as expressing a doubt of the
 anxiety of the Dominion Government and Parliament to give the fullest consideration
 to such representation as may be made on the part of British Columbia, and to deal in
 the fairest and most liberal spirit with what may be established as being the just
 claims of that Province.

3. At the same time, I am strongly impressed with the importance of neglecting
 no means that can properly be adopted for effecting the speedy and amicable settle-
 ment of a question which cannot without risk and obvious disadvantage to all parties
 remain the subject of prolonged and it may be, acrimonious discussion, and it has
 occurred to me that as in the original terms and conditions of the admission of British
 Columbia into the Union, certain points (as for example the amount of land to be
 appropriated for the Indians, and the pensions to be assigned to public officers deprived
 of employment) were reserved for the decision of the Secretary of State, so in the
 present case it may possibly be acceptable to both parties that I would tender my
 good offices in determining the new points which have presented themselves for
 settlement. I accordingly addressed a telegram to you yesterday to the effect that
 I greatly regretted that a difference should exist between the Dominion and the
 Province in regard to the railway, and that if both Governments should unite in