

*COPY of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Executive Council, approved by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the 16th day of January, 1879.*

The Committee of Council recommend that His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to forward the following telegrams, which explain themselves, to the Hon. the Secretary of State:—

VICTORIA, 15th January, 1879.

Hon. Secretary of State, Ottawa.

Expected reply to my despatch of ninth November. Not having been received, please acquaint Government by telegram with your railway policy, as Legislature meets twenty-ninth January. Ministry anticipating a reply, have deferred troubling your Government until latest moment. Also please forward accompanying telegram to Imperial Government, if their reply to Province not received.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 15th January, 1879.

Secretary State Colonies, London.

No reply to petition of Legislative Assembly, which meets twenty-ninth. Has it been forwarded?

The Committee also recommend that copies of this Minute be sent to the Imperial and Dominion Governments.

Certified,

THOS. BASIL HUMPHREYS,

*Clerk of the Executive Council.*

*By telegraph from Victoria, B.C., 18th February, 1879.*

OTTAWA, 19th February, 1879.

Please acquaint me by telegraph, for information of Com. Legislative Assembly, if despatch of Dominion Government, 13th June, 1876, locating Railway, was rescinded or withdrawn, with date, and made by telegraph or letter of such withdrawal.

FREDERICK WILLIAMS, *Speaker.*

To Secretary of State.

DEPARTMENT OF SECRETARY OF STATE, OTTAWA, 6th March, 1879.

Letter from Department of Public Works, with a plan showing line route through British Columbia, as defined by Order in Council of July, 1878, was sent to Governor of British Columbia by the Secretary of State's letter of 25th September last, and receipt acknowledged.

J. C. AIKINS.

To FREDERICK WILLIAMS, Speaker, Legislative Assembly, Victoria, B.C.

*By telegraph from Victoria, B.C.*

OTTAWA, 18th March, 1879.

Your telegram shows you misunderstood mine, which relates to Dominion despatch, 9th June, 1876, requesting railway reserve, between Yellow Head Pass and point near St. George. Please reply as requested immediately. House awaits it.

F. WILLIAMS, *Speaker.*

To Secretary of State.