

derived, respecting the topography of the province; the natural or artificial divisions of it; the value of lands throughout the several districts; or respecting any other subject which it may be necessary for you, in your character of commissioners, to investigate.

5th.—You will be allowed to take copies of any of the maps, charts, surveys or documents mentioned in the preceding paragraph; but you will consider yourselves as receiving such copies under a strict obligation not to communicate them to any persons, nor to permit transcripts to be made from them, either for the use of others or for your own use, after your public duties have terminated. Before the commission is actually closed, you will return all documents of this nature in your possession, to the various public departments from which you may have received them. You will, however, consider yourself at liberty, in making the report subsequently mentioned, to annex to it any copies of or extracts from any of the said documents above-mentioned, which may seem to you necessary to elucidate such your report.

6th.—His Majesty's civil and military officers in the province, will further be required to communicate to you all such information connected with the object of the mission, as their personal knowledge may enable them to afford, with the exception only of such matters as they may consider themselves bound under any obligation of official confidence and secrecy to conceal. Whatever official communication may take place between yourselves and any of the public departments of the province, will pass through the medium of the lieutenant-governor, whom you will, in every such instance, request to transmit your inquiries to the subordinate officers of government, and through whom answers to such inquiries will be communicated to you.

7th.—In the execution of the duties of your commission, you will understand that you are not separately and individually to represent the particular party by whom you are appointed, so as to consider yourselves as agents deputed to protect and promote the interest of either party as opposed to that of the other; but you will all regard yourselves as impartial arbitrators, and as bound without affection or favour to make an equal and impartial award upon the questions submitted to your decision.

8th.—For maintaining order and regularity in the performance of your duties, and to obviate doubts and misconception as to the effect and nature of your proceedings, you will, from the day on which you receive your commission, keep a regular journal of all your public transactions. In this journal will be entered,—1st, a minute of all deliberations held, and of all resolutions adopted at any meeting of the commissioners. 2d. A minute of every material occurrence which may happen in the execution of your duties. 3d. If any one or more of the commissioners shall dissent from any resolution of the majority, and shall conceive that the subject in controversy is of adequate importance, he will be permitted to enter upon the journal a minute containing the grounds and reasons of his dissent.

9th.—A meeting of the commissioners will be held once at the least in every two weeks, when the minutes of the proceedings at their last meeting, and of all subsequent transactions, will be read over and confirmed or corrected, as may be necessary; all the commissioners will subscribe their names to the minutes when ultimately confirmed, to obviate any dispute respecting their authenticity.

10th.—You will correspond officially with this department only. Every such communication will, by this department, be transmitted to the office of the company in London, for the information of the directors, and all official communications which I may have occasion to make to you, will also be previously communicated to the directors. All official communications from you to this department, must be made in the name and on behalf of the commissioners in general, and signed by the senior commissioner. If any one or more of the commissioners should think it right to make any official communication in which the rest refuse to concur, he will be at liberty to do so; upon condition, however, that before it is actually transmitted to England, it be entered upon the journals, for the perusal and consideration of the other members. No attention will be paid to any official communication which may be transmitted to this department, in violation of this regulation. All official communications from this department must be entered at length upon the journal.