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Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 23rd December, 1873.

The Committee have had under consideration the despatch dated 24th November, 1873, from the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, enclosing a further minute of his Executive Council, referring to the non-fulfilment by the Dominion Government of the 11th Article of the Terms of Union of this Province with Canada, and stating that in accordance with the advice of his Ministers expressed in this minute, he requests that this despatch and its enclosure be laid before Your Excellency together with the previous minutes of his Executive Council on the same subject, which were forwarded for consideration in his despatches, No. 67 and No. 68, of the 26th of July last, the latter of which, conveying a protest from that Government on the failure of the Dominion Government to secure the commencement within two years from the date of Union, of the construction of a railroad from the Pacific towards the Rocky Mountains, as provided in the 11th Article of the Terms of Union, he states is yet unanswered, and requesting Your Excellency to communicate to that Government in whatever manner may be deemed advisable in time to meet the requirement of the desire indicated by his Ministers, the course intended to be taken by the Dominion Government in fulfilment of the 11th Article of the Terms of Union of that Province with Canada.

The Committee of Council respectfully recommend that the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia be informed that this Government is giving its most earnest consideration to the project for the construction of the Pacific Railway, an outline of which was given in the speech delivered by Mr. Mackenzie at Sarnia, on the 25th November, a scheme which they believe will be acceptable to the whole Dominion, including British Columbia, and that they hope to be able within a short time to communicate more definitely with that Province on the subject.

Certified.

(Signed.) W. A. HILSWORTH,
Clerk of Privy Council.

To the Honorable
The Secretary of State,
&c., &c., &c.

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DEPARTMENT, SECRETARY OF STATE,
20th December, 1873.

SIR,—Adverting to your despatches, Nos. 68 and 96, of the 26th July and 24th November last respectively, I have the honor to transmit to you here-
23rd December, 1873. with, for the information of your Government, a copy of an Order of his Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the subject of the alleged non-fulfilment by the Dominion Government of the 11th Article of the Terms of Union of the Province of British Columbia with Canada.

I have, &c.

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia,
Victoria.

(No. 4.)

BRITISH COLUMBIA,
GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
21st January, 1874.

SIR,—I have the honor to acquaint you that I have duly received and laid before my Executive Council your despatch of the 30th ultimo, and the copy therewith enclosed