

line of territory to any company which men of such position and character as those who have signed the enclosed letter might form for the purpose.

His Grace is in communication with Mr. Baring on this subject.

I am, &c.

H. H. Berens, Esq.  
&c. &c.

(Signed) FREDERIC ROGERS.

No. 5.

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COPY of a LETTER from H. H. BERENS, Esq., to His Grace the Duke of  
NEWCASTLE, K. G.

Hudson's Bay House, London,  
August 11, 1862.

MY LORD DUKE,

I HAVE communicated with my colleagues in the direction of the Hudson's Bay Company on the subject of your Grace's letter of the 31st of July, of which I had the honour to acknowledge the receipt on the 1st instant.

They direct me to assure your Grace of their readiness to co-operate with Her Majesty's Government in any measures they may be pleased to recommend for the improvement of the communication across the territories of the Company, and for the settlement of the country, provided always they are not required to advance the capital of their constituents in aid of speculations projected by other persons, of the success of which the projectors are the most competent judges.

The Directors of the Hudson's Bay Company will have no objection to make such free grant of land to any association, of which the gentlemen who have made the application to your Grace, by their letter of the 5th July,\* are the responsible Directors, as may reasonably be required for effecting the proposed communication, on the sole condition that adequate security is taken for the establishment and completion of a sufficient road for passenger traffic and telegraphic communication across the continent.

I have, &c.

(Signed) H. H. BERENS,  
Governor.

His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, K. G.  
&c. &c. &c.

No. 6.

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COPY of a LETTER from Sir F. ROGERS, Bart., to THOS. BARING, Esq., M.P.

SIR,

Downing Street, August 18, 1862.

WITH reference to my letter of the 31st ult.,† I am directed by the Duke of Newcastle to transmit to you for your information a copy of a letter from the Chairman of the Hudson's Bay Company,‡ stating the extent to which the Company will be willing to co-operate with yourself and colleagues in establishing telegraphic communication with British Columbia across British North America.

I have, &c.

(Signed) FREDERIC ROGERS.

T. Baring, Esq., M.P.  
&c. &c.

No. 7.

No. 7.

COPY of a LETTER from Sir FREDERIC ROGERS, Bart., to H. H. BERENS, Esq.

SIR,

Downing Street, August 28, 1862.

YOUR letter of the 11th instant§ has been laid before the Duke of Newcastle, and his Grace requests that you will express to your colleagues in the management of the Hudson's Bay Company his gratification at their readiness to make a grant of land to the promoters of the contemplated undertaking of a passenger and telegraphic communication.

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