

— No. 8. —

CORRESPONDENCE with ADMIRALTY relative to COAL at *Vancouver's Island*.

Enclosure 1, in No. 8.

COPY of a LETTER from *H. G. Ward, Esq., M. P.*, Secretary to the Admiralty, to *B. Hawes, Esq., M. P.*

Sir,

Admiralty, 5 February 1848.

3 January 1848 :
see No. 7.

I AM commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to transmit to you, for the information of Earl Grey, the enclosed copy of a letter from Mr. Cunard, suggesting that on land being granted on Vancouver's Island, that the coal-mines there should be reserved for the use of the Crown.

I have, &c.

B. Hawes, Esq.
Colonial Office.

(signed) *H. G. Ward.*

Enclosure 2, in No. 8.

COPY of a LETTER from *Herman Merivale, Esq.*, to the Secretary of the Admiralty.

Sir,

Downing-street, 18 February 1848.

I HAVE laid your letter of the 5th instant and its enclosure before Earl Grey, and I am directed by his Lordship to acquaint you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that the suggestion made by Mr. Cunard, that it would be advisable to reserve the coal at Vancouver's Island for the use of the Crown, will be borne in mind whenever an opportunity arises for the disposal of land in that portion of the British possessions.

I am, &c.

The Secretary, Admiralty.

(signed) *Herman Merivale.*

Enclosure 3, in No. 8.

COPY of a LETTER from Captain *Hamilton, R.N.*, to *B. Hawes, Esq., M.P.*

Sir,

Admiralty, 19 October 1848.

I AM commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to state, for the information of Earl Grey, that it is their Lordships' intention to send a steam-vessel and a sloop of war, under an officer of scientific acquirements (to be placed under the command of Rear-Admiral Hornby in the Pacific), to Vancouver's Island, for the purpose of general survey and careful examination, and my Lords request to be favoured with any suggestions or wishes that Lord Grey may desire to make on the subject.

I have, &c.

Benjamin Hawes, Esq.
&c. &c. &c., Colonial Office.

(signed) *W. A. B. Hamilton.*

Enclosure 4, in No. 8.

COPY of a LETTER from *Herman Merivale, Esq.*, to Captain *Hamilton, R.N.*

Sir,

Downing-street, 2 November 1848.

I AM directed by Earl Grey to acknowledge your letter of the 19th instant, conveying information that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty intend to despatch a steam-vessel and a sloop of war to Vancouver's Island, and I am desired to acquaint you that should any suggestions occur to Lord Grey before their departure, his Lordship will avail himself of the information conveyed in your present letter, and will cause a communication to be made to the Admiralty on the subject.

I have, &c.

Captain Hamilton, R. N.
&c. &c. &c.

(signed) *H. Merivale.*