

I think it also advisable to point out that as doubts may be entertained respecting the binding authority of any proclamation issued by you subsequently to the date of the Order in Council constituting a Legislative Council (viz., the Colonial Secretary, the Attorney General, the Treasurer, the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and the Collector of Customs,) your first step in convening the Council should be to re-enact in the form of an Ordinance any proclamation or proclamations which you may have issued after the above date, including the proclamation (if any) by which you may have paid the salaries of public officers.

Governor Sir J. Douglas, K.C.B.
&c. &c.

I have, &c.
(Signed) NEWCASTLE

No. 4.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from his Grace the Duke of NEWCASTLE, K.G., to Governor Sir JAMES DOUGLAS, K.C.B.

(Separate.)

SIR,

Downing Street, August 1, 1863.

WITH reference to my Despatch, No. 35* of the 14th ultimo, I transmit to you herewith instructions † under the Queen's sign manual and signet, appointing the following officers, viz.:

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† Not printed

The Colonial Secretary,
The Attorney General,
The Treasurer,
The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works,
The Collector of Customs,

to be members of the Legislative Council of British Columbia.

Governor Sir J. Douglas, K.C.B.
&c. &c.

I have, &c.
(Signed) NEWCASTLE.

No. 5.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. EDWARD CARDWELL, M.P., to Governor KENNEDY, C.B.

(No. 2.)

SIR,

Downing Street, April 30, 1864.

I HAVE received Sir James Douglas's Despatch No. 3, of the 12th of February, enclosing a Resolution of the House of Assembly of Vancouver Island, in which the House declines to pass the Civil List Act proposed in the Duke of Newcastle's Despatch marked "Separate," of the 15th June last. †

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I regret that the House of Assembly did not feel able to concur in the proposals submitted to it on this subject.

I am desirous, however, to prevent as far as possible the disappointment and inconvenience to individuals which this decision might occasion.

It appears from the Resolution of the Assembly that the Crown land fund for the year 1863 amounted to 4,500*l.*, but that a considerable portion of this sum consisted of the proceeds of sales effected in former years. There may be sources of revenue, such as fines and forfeitures, fees of office, the proceeds of which the Crown could justly appropriate, but in the absence of any precise information on this head I can only authorize you to issue warrants for the payment of the salaries of the Governor and the Colonial Secretary, at the respective rates of 3,000*l.* and 600*l.* per annum assigned to them by my predecessor, out of any funds which may be under the direct control and at the disposal of the Crown.

It will of course rest with the Legislature to make provision for the remuneration of the other officers employed under the Government in any way and from any source which may seem most appropriate to them.

Besides the Civil List, Sir James Douglas's Despatch raises a still larger and more important question, namely, the union of both Colonies under one Governor, though with some distinct administrative department.