No. 4.

VANCOUVER ISLAND.

Copy of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon to Governor Kennedy, C. B.

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(No. 7.)

Sir, Downing Street, August 22, 1866.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 43,* dated * page 2. the 16th June last, enclosing a memorial addressed to my predecessor by the Legislative Assembly of Vancouver Island, praying that certain clauses in British Columbia Customs

Duties Ordinance, No. 3 of 1865, may be disallowed by Her Majesty's Government.

I have to request you to inform the memorialists that the Governor of British Columbia has been apprised by a recent Despatch that Her Majesty will not be advised to confirm the Ordinance No. 3 of 1865 in its present form;—although the matter will cease to be of importance to the inhabitants of Victoria when the Island and the mainland form post of the case Colors. land form part of the same Colony.

I have, &c.

Governor Kennedy, C.B.

(Signed)

CARNARVON.

&c. &c.

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Copy of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon, the Earl of Carnaryon to Governor Kennedy, C.B.

(No. 8.)

SIR, Downing Street, August 22, 1866.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 46,* of the *page 8. 26th June, enclosing a memorial addressed to my predecessor by the Legislative Council of Vancouver Island, praying that the British Columbia Ordinance No. 3 of 1865 may į

I have in reply to refer you to my Despatch, No. 7, of to-day's date, from which you will learn that that Ordinance will not be submitted for Her Majesty's confirmation in its present form.

I have, &c.

Governor Kennedy, C.B.

&c.

CARNARVON. (Signed)

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COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON to Governor Kennedy, C.B.

(No. 10.)

Downing Street, September 12, 1866. SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 50,* of the 12th July last, enclosing correspondence on the subject of the Bill, authorizing a loan of

\$90,000, which has recently passed the Legislature of Vancouver Island.

I regret that the Assembly has neglected to provide ways and means for the expenditure of the Colony, and has preferred adopting a Bill for defraying the indispensable public services by means of a loan to be raised at the high annual interest of 12 per cent.

Such a course appears to me to be objectionable in the highest degree, but it is to be hoped that after the union of Vancouver and British Columbia, the united Government may devise some more legitimate and fitting manner of providing for the public wants.

I have, &c.

Governor Kennedy, C.B.

&c. &c. (Signed)

CARNARVON.