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COPY of Letter from Chief Justice *Cameron* to Governor *Douglas*.

Sir,

Belmont, 12 February 1857.

I HEREWITH transmit, for the approval of your Excellency and your Honourable Council, a copy of the rules and manner of proceeding to be observed in the Supreme Court of Civil Justice of Vancouver's Island, drawn up in virtue of the authority vested in the Court by Her Majesty's Order in Council, dated the 14th day of April 1856.

As no seal has yet been received for the use of the Court, I have authenticated the copy by my signature, which I hope may suffice for its passing your Council. And as these rules cannot take effect until three months at least after publication, I hope your Excellency and Council will take action on them as speedily as possible.

I am, &c.

(signed) *David Cameron, C. J.*

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PROCLAMATION by his Excellency *James Douglas*, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of *Vancouver's Island* and Dependencies, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

WHEREAS it hath pleased the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Most Honourable Privy Council, in an order from the Court at Buckingham Palace, bearing date the 4th day of April 1856, to constitute a court for the administration of justice in civil cases in her colony of Vancouver's Island, and to vest in the said court power and authority to frame, constitute, and establish such rules and regulations as shall seem meet, touching and concerning the forms and manner of proceeding to be observed in the said court, and the practice in pleadings and other matters, as set forth and declared in Her Majesty's said Order in Council.

Now, be it known unto all Her Majesty's subjects, that the rules and regulations of the said court, as submitted by Chief Justice Cameron, have been approved, and passed the Council this 17th day of February 1857, and will take effect three months from the date hereof.

Given under my hand and seal, at Government House, Victoria, this 18th day of February in the year of our Lord 1857, and in the 20th year of Her Majesty's reign.

(signed) *James Douglas*, Governor. (SEAL.)

By his Excellency's command,

(signed) *Richard Golledge*, Secretary.