


There is only one course that I can see. Nothing else will gain the object—we must carry our respectful, but firm prayer beyond petty absolutism and tenacious cliques, to the throne of our Gracious Queen. We must ask Her Majesty to grant us, now, that privilege which she promised to accord to us, “A Legislative Assembly” elected by the people, to express our wants and wishes, and to adopt ways and means to develop the resources of our Colony.

A LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY having the confidence of the country, would create confidence and respect in England and in other Colonies. *Through its guarantee Colonial credit will be offered and accepted by England.*

Fellow-countrymen, there is a great future for this land. Depend upon it, if God spares us to remain in it for ten years longer, we shall not regret our earlier struggles. The workmen who behold a building risen before them in all its grandeur and solidity, will not lay too much stress on the numerous difficulties which so frequently attend the digging out and preparation for a good foundation.—The excavations which were to prepare the way for the foundations of British Columbia, have been going on for two years; we now want to see that foundation of future greatness speedily and safely laid in a Legislative Assembly.

WE WANT A LEGISLATURE to ask for a Governor:—A Local Governor, and our own Colonial staff of officials resident amongst us. British Columbia has been for two years and is at this moment, a body without a head. If any business of importance has to be transacted; the unfortunate client (or whatever character he may hold,) has to follow the head and members all across the Sound, over James Bay, and up Bird Cage Walk to a distant den—over its portals acute vision can discern—

“Victoria Government House.”

 Lodgings for B. C. officials gratis;
Board across the way.

N. B. LOAFERS respectfully invited.

I express my honest doubts as to whether any of our British Columbia worthies will ever settle down in British Columbia, from the Governor downwards. They will throw dust in your eyes, cross the water for a couple of months, and then return to the old nest for nearly the rest of the year. We want a Legislature, to insist on our rights in this respect. British Columbia requires *a staff of Officers of her own*. Let them confine themselves to the country they were sent to, or give it up altogether, and put better men in their room—which is not impossible.

Surely our Queen does not know that Her Attorney General for British Columbia seeks a similar appointment in Vancouver Island, and is now member of the Vancouver Legislature. Does Her Majesty know that the Protean Treasurer for British Columbia can also (in his own opinion) discharge the duties of M. P. P. for Esquimalt? Fortunately for his own reputation, his best friends took compassion on him, and prevented his obtaining the unenviable triumph of his brother official. Is Her Majesty aware that an Acting Colonial Secretary for British Columbia has come to anchor at Victoria?

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