

RESOLUTIONS

PASSED AT A PUBLIC MEETING HELD AT VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, NOV. 28, 1867.

Whereas, certain memorials relating to a subject of the utmost importance to the commercial, industrial, general and political interest of this Colony, namely, the situation of the Seat of Government of the now united Colonies of Vancouver Island and British Columbia, under the name of British Columbia, have been framed, signed and transmitted to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies by Donald Fraser, Esq., A. G. Dallas, Esq., Gilbert M. Sproat, Esq. (gentlemen well known and esteemed) the Hudson Bay Co, the Bank of British Columbia, the Bank of British North America, and other mercantile firms and gentlemen at present in England, but interested in this colony by reason of their being property or bondholders; and whereas, copies of the said memorials, as also a letter from our respected fellow-colonist D. Fraser, Esq., have been published for the information of the public; and whereas it is advisable that an expression of opinion thereon should be elicited, it is

Resolved—That these memorials, as they lucidly, honestly and truthfully portray and grasp the situation, and ably support and maintain the well-understood and expressed wish as well of the people as of the Honorable the Legislative Council of the Colony, namely, that the Seat of Government for the now United Colonies of Vancouver Island and British Columbia would, for the present at least, be most advantageously and conveniently placed at the City of Victoria, it being situated on the high road of travel to both America and British possessions, the centre of commerce and resort, and the pivot of postal and steamboat communication, both domestic and foreign, possessed of superior and established advantages, as well for the internal government of the country as for holding easy and rapid communication with England, Her Majesty's fleet and foreign ports, including the recently formed America Territory of Alaska, we cordially endorse their prayer, and also the political course the memorialists have pursued.

Resolved—That desirous of expressing our gratitude, and our appreciation of the valuable service rendered, we tender our heartfelt thanks to Donald Fraser Esq., A. G. Dallas Esq., Gilbert M. Sproat Esq., and others; the Banks, Mercantile Firms, and gentlemen who have in the hour of need interested themselves in favor of this sadly neglected Colony, for their kind, laborious and meritorious services in its behalf, and whilst begging that they will continue their active exertions, we also pledge ourselves to aid their endeavors as far as our now restricted freedom will permit.

Resolved—That our special thanks are due and given to our esteemed fellow-colonist, Donald Fraser, Esq., in the integrity of whose intentions we have the fullest confidence, for the offer of his services in England, should occasion require. Whilst accepting this generous offer, we nevertheless earnestly and confidently hope that Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies will, according to Constitutional usage, accede to the well-understood wishes of the people, as expressed by petitions, and to the desire of the Legislative Council as shown by their Resolutions, and by so doing in some measure remove the now existing and continually increasing discontent and assist in restoring that confidence which is so much needed, and thus materially aid in reviving the progress and promoting the future welfare of the entire Colony.

Resolved—That a copy of these resolutions be sent to His Excellency the Governor with the respectful request that he will forward them at the first opportunity to Her Majesty's principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, and that a copy also be sent to Donald Fraser, Esq., in order that the same may be made known to the friends of the Colony in England.