

(Copy)—No. 52.

THE DEPUTY-GOVERNOR TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

OTTAWA, September 10th, 1877.

To Colonial Office: MY LORD,—With respect to the correspondence noted in the  
 No. 90, April 5, 1875. margin, I have the honor to forward herewith to your Lordship a  
 No. 103, April 19, " copy of a Minute of Council referring to an application made by  
 No. 123, May 1, " the Government of British Columbia in regard to the exclusion of  
 From Colonial Office: the Government of British Columbia in regard to the exclusion of  
 No. 113, May 13, 1875. that Province from the privileges granted by the 21st Section of  
 To Colonial Office: the Treaty of Washington.  
 No. 25, July 12, 1875.  
 From Colonial Office:  
 No. 199, Aug. 12, 1875.

I have, &c.,  
 (Signed) WM. B. RICHARDS,  
 Deputy-Governor.

The Right Honorable the  
 EARL OF CARNARVON,  
 &c., &c., &c.

(Copy)—No. 298.—Canada.

THE EARL OF CARNARVON TO THE EARL OF DUFFERIN.

DOWNING STREET, 29th October, 1877.

MY LORD,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the despatch of the Deputy-Governor No. 52, of the 10th of September, enclosing a Minute of your Privy Council, urging that negotiations should be opened with the Government of the United States with a view to the admission of British Columbia to the privileges granted by the 21st section of the Treaty of Washington.

I request that you will inform your Ministers that Her Majesty's Government will be ready to embrace any suitable opportunity which may offer of urging the United States Government to make the concession desired by the Government of British Columbia, but that up to the present time no such opportunity has presented itself.

I have, &c.,  
 (Signed) CARNARVON.

Governor General  
 The Right Honorable the  
 EARL OF DUFFERIN, K.P., G.C.M.G., K.B.,  
 &c., &c., &c.

*Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 6th September, 1877.*

The Committee have had under consideration the despatch from the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, of the 9th August, 1877, transmitting a copy of a Minute of his Executive Council on the exclusion of the Province of British Columbia from participation in the provisions of the 21st section of the Treaty of Washington, and urging upon the Dominion Government the claims of the Province to full recognition as an integral portion of Canada to the enjoyment of the privileges common to the eastern Provinces under that Treaty.

They have also had before them the report hereunto annexed from the Hon. Mr. Mackenzie, acting in the absence of the Hon. the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, to whom the above-mentioned despatch and enclosure were referred, and