

— No. 6. —

COPY of a LETTER from *B. Hawes, Esq., M. P.*, to *Sir John Pelly, Bart.*

Sir,

Downing-street, 25 October 1848.

I HAVE received Earl Grey's directions to inform you that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty intend to send a steam-vessel and a sloop of war under an officer of scientific acquirements (to be placed under the command of Rear-Admiral Hornby, in the Pacific) to Vancouver's Island, for the purpose of general survey and examination.

Sir J. Pelly, Bart.
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(signed) *B. Hawes.*

— No. 7. —

COPY of a LETTER from *A. Barclay, Esq.*, to *B. Hawes, Esq., M. P.*

Sir,

Hudson's Bay House, 3 November 1848.

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo stating that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty intend to send a steam-vessel and a sloop of war to Vancouver's Island for the purpose of general survey and careful examination.

Benjamin Hawes, Esq., &c. &c. &c.
Colonial Office.

I have, &c.
(signed) *A. Barclay.*

(B.)

REPORT from the COMMITTEE of HER MAJESTY'S PRIVY COUNCIL for TRADE and PLANTATIONS on the Grant of *Vancouver's Island* to the HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY, dated 31st October 1848.

At the Court at Windsor, the 31st day of October 1848.

Present:—THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

His Royal Highness Prince Albert.
Lord Chancellor.
Lord President.
Duke of Norfolk.
Earl of Auckland.

Lord John Russell.
Viscount Palmerston.
Lord Campbell.
Sir George Grey, Bart.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Report of the Right honourable the Lords of the Committee of Council appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to trade and foreign plantations, dated the 30th of this instant October, in the words following; viz.—

Your Majesty having been pleased, by Your Order of Reference of the 4th September 1848, to refer unto this Committee a draft of a grant of the island called Vancouver's Island, in North America, to the Hudson's Bay Company, and copies of a correspondence relating thereto, to consider the same, and to report to Your Majesty whether, in their opinion, any amendments should take place in the conditions contained in the said grant, or whether any further conditions should be inserted therein, for the purpose of binding the Hudson's Bay Company to use their best to effect the colonization of the said island: We, the Lords of this Committee, have taken the same into consideration, and having fully inquired into the whole matter, do this day agree humbly to report to Your Majesty that, in our opinion, it is essential, in order to ensure the more effectual colonization of Vancouver's