

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY OF STATE, OTTAWA, 26th November, 1878.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 102, of the 9th inst., enclosing a copy of a Minute of your Executive Council, calling attention to despatches of the 31st May, of the 9th and 23rd September, 1878 respectively, having reference to the reservation and conveyance, for the purposes of the Canadian Pacific Railway, of land on the mainland of British Columbia.

I have, &c.,

R. W. SCOTT.

To His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY OF STATE.

SIR,—With reference to the letters from your Department, of the 29th May and the 30th September last, I am directed to transmit to you, herewith, for your information, a copy of a despatch from His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, and of the Minute of His Executive Council therein referred to, on the subject of the reservation and conveyance, for the purposes of the Canadian Pacific Railway, of land on the mainland of that Province.

I may mention that the letters of the 31st May and the 23rd September, referred to by His Honor, were addressed to him from this Department, enclosing for the information of his Government, copies of the communications from your Department of the dates above cited, and that the letter of 30th September was also from this Department, enclosing a copy of the Order of His Excellency the Governor General in Council, of the 3rd of that month, on the subject of the route of the C.P.R.

I have, &c.,

R. W. SCOTT.

Hon. Minister of Public Works, Secretary.

(Telegram.)

VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, 16th January, 1879.

Expected reply to my despatch of 9th November. Not having been received, please acquaint Government by telegram with your railway policy, as Legislature meets twenty-ninth January. Ministry anticipating a reply, have deferred troubling your Government until latest moment. Also please forward accompanying telegram to Imperial Government if their reply to Province not received. Secretary State Colonies, London, no reply to petition of Legislative Assembly which meets twenty-ninth; has it been forwarded?

A. N. RICHARDS, *Lieutenant-Governor*.

Hon. Secretary of State, Ottawa.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, VICTORIA, B.C., 17th January, 1879.

SIR,—I have the honor to enclose you herewith two copies of a Minute of my Executive Council, dated 16th instant, embodying a telegram to the Dominion Government on the subject of their railway policy, and also one to be forwarded to the Imperial Government in reference to the petition of the Legislative Assembly of the Province.

I have the honor to request that one of the enclosed copies be forwarded to the Imperial Government through the proper official channel.

And I have the honor to inform you that the contents of the enclosed copy of Minute were forwarded to you on the 16th inst. by telegram.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

A. N. RICHARDS, *Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia*.

Hon. Secretary of State for Canada, Ottawa.