

BRITISH
COLUMBIA.

- SECTION . Leases of "worked-out" gold-fields, extended sluice washings, for puddling machines, quartz reefs, deep sinkings, to issue at a minimum upset price of per acre or per yard of reef.
- SECTION . Extent of claim regulated by local legislation.
- SECTION . Power to associated miners to divert course of streams, cut sluices, races, &c., &c.
- SECTION . Similar power for mills either for quartz crushing, sawing timber, &c., laying down tramways, rails, &c.

CHAPTER

- SECTION . General rules regulating survey with regard to main roads, navigable waters, permanent streams, lakes, springs, general size and proportion of lots, &c.
- SECTION . Power reserved in grants for the Crown or its servants to open roads, &c., stating basis on which compensation should be given.
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- SECTION . Publication of the names of all licence holders, applications for land, &c., to be required.
- SECTION . Appropriation of revenue.
- SECTION . All lands sold or occupied liable to general or local rates.
- SECTION . General powers to Governor in Council to alter, amend, and give effect to, &c., as long as not repugnant to general tenor of these orders.
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COPY of DESPATCH from the DUKE of NEWCASTLE to Governor DOUGLAS, C.B.
(No. 9.)

SIR,

Downing Street, February 18, 1860.

I HAVE had the honour to receive your Despatch No. 231,* of the 10th of November, acknowledging some Despatches from my predecessor, on the disposal of land in British Columbia. No practical question is raised by this communication, and it is unnecessary for me to enter further into the particular question to which it relates.

But I may take the present opportunity of cautioning you (although the caution is perhaps unnecessary), that in transmitting to you in my recent Despatch No. 3,† of the 7th of January, Capt. Clarke's scheme for the disposal of lands, you are not to suppose me to have done so as a preliminary towards carrying such a scheme into execution by the instrumentality of an Order of Her Majesty in Council. I think that the subject is not one fit to be dealt with by that authority, and that any attempt to frame in this country regulations entering so much into detail would be misplaced. My object was merely to put you in possession of the views of a gentleman of great ability, who formerly occupied a high position in Australia, and enjoyed the confidence of the colonists, upon the best means of meeting difficulties such as he had himself encountered in administering the affairs of a rapidly growing Colony, in order that you might have the benefit of his experience. You will be able to judge for yourself how far the principles embodied in his scheme would be of any assistance to you in British Columbia, subject of course, in case you approve those principles, to all the modifications of detail which the difference of local circumstances might require.

Governor Douglas, C.B.
&c. &c.

I have, &c.
(Signed) NEWCASTLE.

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COPY of DESPATCH from the DUKE of NEWCASTLE to Governor DOUGLAS, C.B.
(No. 12.)

SIR,

Downing Street, February 28, 1860.

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 241,* of the 23rd December, enclosing a copy of a letter from Colonel Moody relative to the portions of land which it may be desirable to reserve in Burnard's Inlet for naval purposes.

Governor Douglas, C.B.
&c. &c.

I have, &c.
(Signed) NEWCASTLE.

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