

YOUR PETITIONERS THEREFORE HUMBLY PRAY :

That before granting any subsidy to the line of Steamers referred to, the Imperial Government will be pleased to make it a condition in the contract that the Steamers shall call at Victoria both on the inward and outward passage to land and receive mails, passengers and freight.

And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray, &c.

Signed on behalf of the members of the Board of Trade of British Columbia, this 26th day of August, A. D. 1887.

ROBT. WARD, President.
W. MONTEITH, Secretary.

LETTER FROM SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR-GENERAL TO BRITISH COLUMBIA BOARD OF TRADE, 11TH OCTOBER, 1887.

OTTAWA, 11th October, 1887.

SIR:—I am directed by his Excellency the Governor-General to forward to you the accompanying copy of a despatch addressed to him by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reference to a Petition from the members of the British Columbia Board of Trade on the question of subsidizing a line of Mail Steamers between British Columbia, China and Japan.

The Petition, as you will learn from the despatch, has been duly forwarded to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

I have the honor, &c., &c.,

THE SECRETARY, B. C. Board of Trade.

(Signed), HENRY STREATFIELD,
Gov.-General's Secretary.

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SIR HENRY HOLLAND TO THE MARQUESS OF LANSDOWNE.

DOWNING STREET, 22nd September, 1887.

MY LORD:—I have the honor to inform you that I have received from the British Columbia Board of Trade a letter dated Victoria 26th of August, 1887, enclosing a Petition addressed by the members of the Board to the Chancellor of the Exchequer upon the subject of the question of subsidizing a line of Mail Steamers between British Columbia, China and Japan.

I request that you will inform the Secretary of the British Columbia Board of Trade that this Petition has been duly forwarded to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

I have, &c.,

(Signed), H. T. HOLLAND.