

VANCOUVER
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COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON to
Governor KENNEDY, C.B.

(No. 3.)

SIR,

Downing Street, August 13, 1866.

I HAVE the honour to transmit to you a copy of the Act passed this Session by the Imperial Parliament for the union of the Colony of Vancouver Island with the Colony of British Columbia.

You are aware that the plan of uniting the two Colonies has been for some time under consideration. It was the wish of the Duke of Newcastle to have effected this measure; and though his Grace deferred to the public feeling which prevailed against union, he entertained little doubt that the force of circumstances would, at no distant period, cause a change of opinion in the minds of the reflecting and intelligent members of the community. This opinion has been fully realized. During the years 1865 and 1866 applications have been formally addressed to Her Majesty's Government by the Legislature of Vancouver Island, praying to be united with British Columbia; and my predecessor in this office, who for two years had carefully watched the course of events in both Colonies, was satisfied, not only that this union would prove advantageous to both Colonies, but that it had become indispensable. Mr. Cardwell, therefore, introduced a Bill into the House of Commons for this purpose, which, after careful consideration, was adopted by Her Majesty's present Advisers, and has now received the sanction of Parliament. You will perceive that the third clause of the Act imposes on the Governor of British Columbia the duty of proclaiming the law when Vancouver Island will cease to be a separate Colony, and your own functions as its Governor will unavoidably determine. I regret much the unfavourable effect which this measure will have upon your interests. And I regret it the more because I am aware that your conduct in the administration of a government which has been by no means free from difficulty has been distinguished by good judgment, and has uniformly obtained the approbation of my predecessor.

I am confident that, so long as you retain the government of Vancouver Island, from which I am thus reluctantly obliged to relieve you, it will be your endeavour to support the policy of Her Majesty's Government, and to facilitate by all means in your power the consolidation of Her Majesty's Colonies in the Pacific under one effective government.

Governor Kennedy, C.B.
&c. &c.

I have, &c.
(Signed) CARNARVON.

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IMPERIAL ACT, 29 & 30 Vict. c. 67.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON to
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(No. 6.)

SIR,

Downing Street, August 21, 1866.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 45,* of the 26th June, respecting the financial position of the Colony under your government.

The difficulties to which you refer will, I trust, be removed by the proposed union of Vancouver Island to British Columbia.

Governor Kennedy, C.B.
&c. &c.

I have, &c.
(Signed) CARNARVON.

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