

Appendix.

Enclosure 1, in No. 5.

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Sir,

Vancouver Island, 2 November 1856.

I BEG to acknowledge receipt of a communication received from you, dated 10th July 1856, and have to thank you on behalf of myself, and others interested, for the trouble you have taken.

A packet, addressed to you, was forwarded from this place in reply to your former letter, containing such evidence that we think conclusive to substantiate our just cause of complaint of the propriety of the appointment of Mr. Cameron to the very high office of judge.

The Colony of Vancouver Island under the present rulers is now at the lowest ebb; in fact, all who can wind up their affairs, are preparing to do so, myself among the number, for the colonists have lost faith with the Government, when, notwithstanding our remonstrances, such appointments are forced upon us.

It is my intention (God willing) to be in England next April or May, when I shall have much pleasure in waiting upon you.

Thomas Banister, Esq.

I have, &c.
(signed) *James Cooper, M.C.*

To the letter accompanying the packet referred to in the above letter, I replied as follows:—

(No. 27.)

London, 5, Child's-place, Temple,
8 November 1856.

Gentlemen,

I HAVE had the honour to receive this day your letter of the 20th of September, to which is attached a copy of one from Mr. Cooper of the 23d of January 1854, as are also several other papers.

I find that your letter, though it acknowledges the receipt of my letter of the 1st of May, yet that my communication of the 10th of July, with its enclosures, had not been received by you. I think it important that I should have from you a reply to my letter of the 10th July, as you will then have had before you everything that has taken place in this matter before I communicate with any Member of Parliament.

It may also possibly occur that Mr. Cameron's course may have been such since the acts of which you complain (and I notice that they are of rather an old date), as to induce you to reconsider whether you will persevere in submitting that he is an improper person for the office which the Secretary of State, as I have informed you, has approved of his filling.

I wait your next letter with some anxiety, and I will act upon your wishes.

I should have preferred that the documents should have been officially verified by a notary public, or some official person, so that no exception could be taken against them, for it may be that a Member of Parliament may not like to present them supported as they are.

I remain, &c.
(signed) *Thomas Banister.*

To James Cooper, M.C., Edward E. Langford, J.P.,
William Banfield, James Yates, Thomas James Skinner, Esqrs.

Enclosure 2, in No. 5.

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Sir,

Downing-street, 31 January 1857.

I AM directed by Mr. Secretary Labouchere to acknowledge your letter and its enclosures of the 16th instant, relative to the appointment of Mr. Cameron as Judge of the Supreme Court of Vancouver Island.

I am also to acknowledge the receipt of your further letter of the 20th instant, on the subject of the establishment of a railroad through the British North American territories to the Pacific.

Thomas Banister, Esq.

I am, &c.
(signed) *J. Ball.*