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COPY of MINUTES of a Council held at *Victoria, Vancouver's Island*, on the 14th, and following days of February 1857.

Saturday, 14 February 1857.

THE Council having met this morning pursuant to a summons issued on the 13th of this present month; the Governor being present, and the following members, viz.: John Tod, senior member, Roderick Finlayson, John Work.

The Governor then proceeded to lay before the Council, an Act granting the sum of 130 l. for defraying the unavoidable expenses of the House of Assembly, which was read for the third time, and passed the House on the 18th day of December last.

The Council having read the several clauses of the said Act, it was proposed as an amendment that the following words should be omitted in the preamble, that is to say "attending the conduction of the business," and the following words in the 8th clause, viz.: "Licences of 16th July 1856", and that the Act be as follows:

A Bill granting certain Sums of Money for the use of the House of Assembly of *Vancouver's Island*.

Whereas it is necessary that certain sums of money be voted for defraying the unavoidable expenses of the House of Assembly of *Vancouver's Island*, be it therefore enacted;

1st. That 50 l. sterling be placed at the disposal of his Excellency the Governor to defray the expenses of copying statistics and documents for the use of this House.

2d. That 10 l. sterling be granted to Mr. Robert Barr for his past services as clerk of this House.

3d. That 5 l. sterling be granted to Mr. Andrew Muir for his past services as serjeant-at-arms.

4th. That 25 l. sterling be allowed for the salary of the clerk of the House for the year 1857.

5th. That 15 l. sterling be allowed for the salary of the serjeant-at-arms and messenger, for the year 1857.

6th. That 20 l. sterling be granted for lighting, heating, and furnishing the House of Assembly for the year 1857.

7th. That 5 l. sterling be granted for stationery for the use of the Members of the House of Assembly.

8th. That the above items be paid out of the revenue derived from the duty charged on licensed houses.

The Act so amended was approved, and passed.

The Governor then proceeded to lay before the Council a letter from Chief Justice Cameron, transmitting a copy of the rules and manner of proceeding to be observed in the Supreme Court of Civil Justice of *Vancouver's Island*, drawn up in virtue of the authority vested in the Court by Her Majesty's Order in Council, dated the 4th day of April 1856, which was submitted for the approval of the Council.

This document was before the Council until evening, when an adjournment took place to Monday, the 6th instant.

Monday, 16 February 1857.

The Council met this morning, pursuant to adjournment, the Governor and the same Members being present, as on Saturday the 14th instant.

Proceeded with the reading and consideration of the rules and manner of proceeding of the Supreme Court for the remainder of the day, and then adjourned to Tuesday the 17th instant.

Tuesday, 17 February 1857.

The Council met this morning according to adjournment, the Governor and the same Members being present, as on Monday the 16th instant. Completed the reading and consideration of the rules and manner of proceeding of the Supreme Court, which were unanimously approved and passed in Council.

The Council then adjourned.

(signed) *James Douglas*, Governor.