

The Colonial Secretary to Mr. Waddington.

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COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
31st August, 1866.

SIR,—Adverting to my Letter of the 10th instant, wherein a doubt was conveyed to you, as to whether the Ways and Means would be forthcoming to pay yourself and certain of the School Teachers, who had been recommended by the Board of Education for confirmation in their appointments, I am desired by the Governor now to notify you for your own information, and also for the information of the Board of Education, and of the different School Trustees, that there does not appear any probability of the Ways and Means being at the disposal of the Governor to meet the Expenditure on account of Education; and that therefore His Excellency is compelled at once to state that he will not guarantee the payment of any further expenditure under that head, whether on account of Salaries, Rent, or other matters, beyond the 31st day of August next.

2. His Excellency desires me to express the extreme regret which he feels in finding it incumbent upon him to make this communication; but the present unfortunate condition of public affairs must necessarily take precedence of his own feelings in the matter, and no alternative is left him, than so far as possible to avoid a greater inconvenience by giving the earliest notification consequent upon the circumstances in which he is placed.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG.

NO. 9.

ENCLOSURES IN THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 12, TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
31st March, 1859.

MR. SPEAKER has the honor to inform His Excellency the Governor that the following Address was agreed to this day:—

That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will urge upon the Home Government the desirability of establishing a Mint in this Colony; and also that the money therein coined shall be Decimal Currency of the same value as that of the United States of America.

Proposed by the Honorable Member for Esquimalt.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, VICTORIA, V. I.,
6th April, 1859.

To the Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a communication from Mr. Speaker, dated on the 31st day of March, transmitting the following Address:—

“That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will urge upon the Home Government the desirability of establishing a Mint in this Colony; and also that the money therein coined shall be Decimal Currency of the same value as that of the United States of America.”

I have to assure the House that I will, without delay, enter into communication with Her Majesty's Government, strongly recommending the expediency and advantage of establishing a Mint on Vancouver Island.

(Signed) JAMES DOUGLAS,
Governor.

NO. 10.

ENCLOSURE IN THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 13, TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

To His Excellency FREDERICK SEYMOUR, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of British Columbia and its Dependencies, Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the Officers and Members of the British Columbia Chamber of Commerce, in approaching Your Excellency, desire to lay before you the following Resolutions, passed by this Chamber, at a Meeting held on the 28th of February, instant, as an expression of the wishes of the Mercantile community of New Westminster and the Towns of the Lower Fraser:

1. *Resolved*, That this Chamber considers it expedient to promote by every legitimate means the Commercial interests of this Colony; and whereas it is of opinion that nothing can be more