

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, VICTORIA, B.C., 3rd December, 1879.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 2727 on 1672, of the 13th ultimo, enclosing a copy of an Order of His Excellency the Governor General in Council referred to in your letter of the 11th October last, on the subject of the route of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

I have further the honor to inform you that I have caused a copy of your despatch and enclosure to be handed to my Ministers for their information.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

A. N. RICHARDS, *Lieut.-Governor of British Columbia.*

Hon. J. C. AIKINS, Secretary of State, Ottawa.

*Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 16th December, 1879.*

On a memorandum dated 15th December, 1879, from the Hon. the Minister of the Interior referring to the appointment of the Hon. J. W. Trutch, C.M.G. by Order in Council of the 9th instant, as Resident agent for British Columbia, part of his duties being to assist and advise the Department of the Interior in the administration of the railway lands in that Province.

The Minister recommends that the Government of British Columbia be now requested to take steps, without unnecessary delay, to convey to the Dominion Government the lands for twenty miles on each side of the railway line in the said Province, pursuant to the eleventh section of the terms of Union between British Columbia and the Dominion, and in accordance with the location of the railway as described in the Order in Council of the 4th October last, a copy of which has been transmitted to the said Government.

The Committee submit the above recommendation for your Excellency's approval.

Certified,

J. O. COTÉ, *Asst. C.P.C.*

Hon. Secretary of State.

DEPARTMENT OF SECRETARY STATE, OTTAWA, 9th January, 1880.

SIR,—Referring to previous correspondence upon the subject of the line of route of the Canadian Pacific Railway through British Columbia, I have the honor to request that steps may be taken by your Government, without unnecessary delay, to convey to the Dominion Government the lands for twenty miles on each side of the railway line in the said Province, pursuant to the eleventh section of the terms of Union between British Columbia and the Dominion, and in accordance with the location of the railway as described in the Order in Council of the 4th of October last, a copy of which was transmitted to you with Mr. Under-Secretary Langevin's letter of the 13th of that month.

I have, &c.,

J. C. AIKINS, *Secretary of State.*

To His Honor the Lieut.-Governor of British Columbia, Victoria.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, VICTORIA, B.C., 30th January, 1880.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 9th inst., requesting that steps may be taken by my Government, with as little delay as possible, to convey to the Dominion Government the lands for twenty miles on each side of the railway line through this Province, pursuant to the eleventh section of the terms of Union between this Province and the Dominion, and in accordance with the location described in the Order in Council of the 4th October last.