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PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency JAMES DOUGLAS, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Colony of British Columbia and its Dependencies.

PROCLAMATION, having the Force of Law to enable the Governor of British Columbia to convey Crown Lands Sold within the said Colony.

WHEREAS, by virtue of an Act of Parliament made and passed in the 21st and 22nd Years of the Reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen by a Commission under the Great Scal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in conformity therewith, I, JAMES DOUGLAS, Governor of the Colony of British Columbia, have been authorized by proclamation issued under the Public Scal of the said Colony, to make Laws, Institutions and Ordinances for the peace, order and good government of the same:

Now, therefore, I, JAMES DOUGLAS, Governor of British Columbia, by virtue of the authority aforesaid, do proclaim, ordain, and enact, that on and after the day of the date of this proclamation, it shall be lawful for the Governor, for the time being of the said Colony, by any instrument in print or in writing, or partly in print and partly in writing, under his hand and seal to grant to any person or persons any land belonging to the Crown in the said Colony; and every such Instrument shall be valid as against Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors for all the estate and interest expressed to be conveyed by such instrument in the lands therein described.

Issued at Victoria, Vancouver's Island, under the Public Seal of the Colony of British Columbia, this 2nd day of December, 1858, in the 22nd year of Her Majesty's Reign by me.

(L.s.)

JAMES DOUGLAS, Governor of British Columbia.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.