

A REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY AT VANCOUVER'S ISLAND. 17

Victoria, Vancouver's Island, 17 December 1856.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

I have received Mr. Speaker's communication of the 13 day of December, containing the Requisition of the House "for a copy of the last Census of the population of Vancouver's Island;" and I have in consequence the honour of forwarding with this letter, the documents described in the annexed schedule.

Not having time to procure copies, I have sent the original documents, which the House will probably cause to be returned when convenient.

(signed) James Douglas, Governor.

Schedule No. 1.—Census Returns, Vancouver's Island Colony, 1855.

.. No. 2.—Indian Population, Vancouver's Island, 1856.

House of Assembly of Vancouver's Island,
18 December 1856.

The Speaker,

On behalf of the House of Assembly, begs respectfully to acknowledge the receipt of "the Census of the white and Indian population of Vancouver's Island," from his Excellency the Governor, and has the honour in the name of the House, "to thank his Excellency for the same," and that they shall be returned at an early period.

He also begs to inform his Excellency that Mr. R. Barr wishes to resign his office of clerk of the House *pro tem*.

(signed) J. S. Helmcken, Speaker.

House of Assembly of Vancouver's Island,
18 December 1856.

The Speaker,

Begs to inform his Excellency the Governor and Council, that the enclosed Appropriation Bill was first voted in Committee of Supply, and has subsequently passed through the usual stages of first, second, and third readings, and that it is now presented by order of the House for the consideration and approval of his Excellency the Governor and Council.

(signed) J. S. Helmcken, Speaker.

A BILL for the Appropriation of certain Monies 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 attending the conduction of the business of the House of Assembly of Vancouver's Island, be it 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 service of sergeant-at-arms.

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

5th. That 15*l*. be allowed for the salary of the sergeant-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 licenses of July 16th, 1856.

Read the third time this 18th day of December 1856, A.D., and ordered to be forwarded to his Excellency the Governor and Council.

(signed) J. S. Helmcken, Speaker.