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

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

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, VICTORIA, B.C., 10th Oct., 1878.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 23rd ult., enclosing a copy of a letter from the Secretary of the Department of Public Works, together with plan therein referred to, shewing the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway through this Province as now defined; and requesting that a conveyance may be obtained from my Government to that of the Dominion, in trust, of the extent of public lands mentioned in a certain Order in Council of the 3rd ult., and forwarded to me in a despatch dated 9th ult. I beg to inform you that I have referred a copy of your despatch and its enclosures (2) to my Executive Council.

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

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

Hon. R. W. SCOTT, Secretary of State, Ottawa.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, VICTORIA, B.C., 9th November, 1878.

SIR,—I have the honor to enclose to you herewith a copy of a Minute of my Executive Council dated 5th inst., calling the attention of the Dominion Government to despatches of the 31st May, 9th and 23rd of September, 1878, respectively, having reference to the reservation and conveyance, for the purposes of the Canadian Pacific Railway, of land on the mainland of British Columbia, and requesting that the present Dominion Government will be good enough to communicate their views on said despatches to the present Government of this Province as soon as possible.

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

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

Hon. Secretary of State, Ottawa, Canada.

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Executive Council, approved by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor on the fifth day of November, 1878.

The Committee of Council consider it advisable to respectfully invite the attention of the Dominion Government to their predecessors' despatches of the 31st of May, 9th of September and 23rd of September, 1878, respectively, referring to the reservation and conveyance, for the purposes of the Canadian Pacific Railway, of land on the mainland of British Columbia, and to request the present Dominion Government to be good enough to communicate their views on said despatches to this Government as soon as possible.

The Committee would observe that the land mentioned has been fully reserved for railway purposes and that every facility should and will be given to the Dominion Government to enable them to commence railway construction in the Province at the earliest practicable moment.

The Committee advise that this Minute be approved and that a copy thereof be forwarded to the Dominion Government.

Certified, J. M. HUMPHREYS,

Clerk of the Executive Council.