

The Weekly British Colonist.

Wednesday, March 2, 1870

The Petition of Alexander Watson

To the Honorable Legislative Council of British Columbia.

The petition of the undersigned ALEXANDER WATSON, Treasurer of the late Colony of Vancouver Island...

That the appointment was subsequently confirmed by Royal Warrant dated the 28th day of April, A.D. 1862.

That your petitioner continued to perform the duties of the office, and in addition he discharged the duties (occasionally) of Commissioner to the Troops stationed at San Juan Island and Collector of Revenue for the City of Victoria...

That on the 6th March, 1867, your petitioner received a further communication from the Governor of British Columbia...

That on the 20th day of March, 1867, your petitioner received a dispatch from Governor Seymour offering to bring to the notice of the Secretary of State his claims for other employment...

That your petitioner accepted the Governor's proposition, believing it to be part of the scheme which His Excellency had laid before your Honorable House...

That having done as the suggestion of the Governor of British Columbia, and removed his family to England...

That your petitioner, still anxious to make his home in the colony, and having the assurance of the authorities of the Colonial Office that his acceptance of temporary employment would not prejudice his position...

That in addition to the inconvenience and anxiety consequent upon the loss of an income of Six Hundred Pounds per annum, your petitioner has suffered pecuniary loss through the operation of the Act of Union amounting to Five Hundred Pounds.

That in consequence of the action of your honorable House during the Session of 1867 in withdrawing the aid of the public accounts of the late colony for the year 1866...

That your petitioner, having the honor of the aid of the public accounts of the late colony for the year 1866, and the bonds for £2000...

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That, with respect to the first named authority, as His Excellency Governor Kennedy was pleased to express doubts regarding the permanent character of the Act referred to, your petitioner desires to submit his own knowledge of the history of this enactment...

which is recommended that the entire revenue of the colony of Vancouver Island should be placed at the disposal of the Legislature...

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Governor, Chief Justice, Colonial Secretary, etc.

Referring to the annual Estimates it appears that the entire revenue of the colony (including the Crown revenue) was regularly placed at the disposal of the Legislature...

At this time the Treasurer was informed that the Secretary of State could not authorize his salary to be charged against the Crown Fund...

That as the Crown revenue of Vancouver Island was pledged to the office of Treasurer at the date when your petitioner accepted the appointment...

Wherefore your petitioner humbly prays that it may please your Honorable House to take into consideration his claims for compensation against the estate of the late colony of Vancouver Island...

Card from Dr Helmcken. EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—In to-day's report of the proceedings of the Legislative Council I am made to say that I am sorry my appointment has been the cause of so much complaint...

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