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BRITISH COLUMBIA,
GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
26th July, 1873.

SIR,—I have the honor to enclose, at the request of my Ministers, for submission to His Excellency the Governor General, a minute of my Executive Council, representing the non-fulfilment by the Dominion Government of the 11th Section of the Terms of Union of British Columbia with Canada, expressing regret that the railway has not been commenced, and strongly protesting against the breach of a condition of the terms so highly important to this Province.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed,) JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

The Hon. J. C. Aikins,
Secretary of State for Canada.

COPY of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Executive Council, approved by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor on the 25th day of July, 1873.

The Committee of Council have had under consideration the non-fulfilment by the Dominion Government of the 11th Section of the Terms of Union.

The Committee regret that the construction of the railway has not been commenced, and therefore strongly protest against the breach by the Dominion Government of a condition of the terms so highly important to the Province.

The Committee recommend the above for the approval of Your Excellency, and, if sanctioned, respectfully request that a copy thereof be at once forwarded to the Dominion Government.

Certified,
(Signed,) W. J. ARMSTRONG,
Clerk, Executive Council.

(No. 96.)

BRITISH COLUMBIA,
GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
24th November, 1873.

SIR,—I have the honor to enclose herewith a further minute of my Executive Council referring to the non-fulfilment by the Dominion Government of the 11th Article of the Terms of Union of the Province with Canada.

In accordance with the advice of my Ministers, expressed in this minute, I beg you to be pleased to lay this despatch and its enclosure before His Excellency the Governor General, and to be good enough to bring to His Excellency's attention the previous minutes of Executive Council on the same subject which were forwarded for his consideration in my despatches, No. 67 and No. 68 of the 26th July last—the latter of which conveying a protest from this Government on the failure of the Dominion Government to secure the commencement within two years from the date of Union of the construction of a railroad from the Pacific towards the Rocky Mountains—as provided in the 11th Article of the terms of Union—is yet unanswered, and to move His Excellency to communicate to this Government in whatever manner he may deem advisable in time to meet the requirement of the desire indicated by my