

*The Province of British Columbia.*

British Columbia shall, subject to the provisions of "*The British North America Act, 1867*," continue as existing at the time of the Union until altered under the authority of the said Act,—it being at the same time understood that the Government of the Dominion will readily consent to the introduction of responsible government when desired by the inhabitants of British Columbia, and it being likewise understood that it is the intention of the Governor of British Columbia, under the authority of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to amend the existing Constitution of the Legislature by providing that a majority of its members shall be elective.

"The Union shall take effect according to the foregoing terms and conditions on such day as Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Most Honorable Privy Council, may appoint (on addresses from Legislature of the Colony of British Columbia, and of the Houses of Parliament of Canada, in the terms of the 146th section of "*The British North America Act, 1867*,") and British Columbia may in its address specify the electoral districts for which the first election of members to serve in the House of Commons shall take place.

"That such terms have proved generally acceptable to the people of this colony.

"That this Council is, therefore, willing to enter into Union with the Dominion of Canada upon such terms, and humbly submit that, under the circumstances, it is expedient that the admission of this Colony into such Union as aforesaid, should be effected at as early a date as may be found practicable under the provisions of the 146th section of "*The British North America Act, 1867*."

"We, therefore, humbly pray that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased, by and with the advice of Your Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, under the provisions of the 146th section of "*The British North America Act, 1867*," to admit British Columbia into the Union or Dominion of Canada on the basis of the terms and conditions offered to this colony by the Government of the Dominion of Canada, hereinbefore set forth; and inasmuch as by the said terms British Columbia is empowered in its address to specify the electoral districts for which the first election of Members to serve in the House of Commons shall take place, we humbly pray that such electoral districts may be declared under the Order in Council to be as follows:

"That 'New Westminster District' and the 'Coast District,' as defined in a public notice issued from the Lands and Works Office on the 15th day of December, 1869, by the desire of the Governor, and purporting to be in accordance with the provisions of the 39th clause of the '*Mineral Ordinance, 1869*,' shall constitute one district, to be designated 'New Westminster District,' and return one member.

"That 'Cariboo District' and 'Lillooet District,' as specified in the said public notice, shall constitute one district, to be designated 'Cariboo District,' and return one member.

"That 'Yale District' and 'Kootenay District,' as specified in the said public notice, shall constitute one district, to be designated 'Yale District,' and return one member.

"That