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The COLONIAL SECRETARY of BRITISH COLUMBIA to the TREASURER of
VANCOUVER ISLAND.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, New Westminster,
22d March 1867.*

SIR,—I have duly received and laid before the Governor your letter of 13th instant, and I am directed by His Excellency to acquaint you that he is about to forward the same for the consideration of the Secretary of State.—I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient Servant,

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

TREASURER of VANCOUVER ISLAND to COLONIAL SECRETARY of BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Treasury, Victoria, 26th March 1867.

SIR,—Referring to my letter of the 13th inst., and to your reply thereto, dated the 22d inst., I have the honour to acquaint you, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, that as the "Officers' Enabling Ordinance" does not appear to enable officers of Vancouver Island to perform duties appertaining to British Columbia, and that, as you are aware, I do not hold any appointment under the Government of British Columbia, I have some hesitation in continuing to receive and disburse public monies in the capacity of ex-Treasurer of Vancouver Island.

I have, accordingly, to request that you will move His Excellency to make such arrangements as will relieve me from this anomalous position in which, solely for the convenience of the public service, I have placed myself.—I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient Servant,

ALEXANDER WATSON.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY of BRITISH COLUMBIA to the TREASURER of
VANCOUVER ISLAND.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, New Westminster,
30th March 1867.*

SIR,—With reference to your letter of the 26th instant, I am directed by the Governor to offer you six months' leave of absence on full pay, with a free passage for yourself and family to England.

The Governor will likewise, should you accept this offer, bring to the notice of the Secretary of State your claims to other employment. He greatly regrets that the financial condition of the Colony leaves him but little hope of being able to offer you suitable employment within it.—I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient Servant,

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.