

No. 2.

H. Merivale, Esq. to Thomas Banister, Esq.

Sir,

Downing-street, 16 May 1856.

I AM directed by Mr. Secretary Labouchere to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated the 2d instant, enclosing the copy of one which you have addressed to Messrs. Cooper, Banfield and Yates, of Vancouver Island, relative to the appointment of Mr. David Cameron to the office of Chief Justice of that settlement.

I am, &c.
(signed) *Herman Merivale.*

No. 2.
H. Merivale, Esq. to T. Banister, Esq.
16 May 1856.

No. 3.

J. Ball, Esq., M.P., to Thomas Banister, Esq.

Sir,

Downing-street, 1 July 1856.

I AM directed by Mr. Secretary Labouchere to enclose you the copy of a letter* which he has addressed to Mr. Swanston, of San Francisco, in consequence of the representation which you made to Mr. Labouchere in February last, relative to the affairs of Vancouver Island.

I am, &c.
(signed) *J. Ball.*

No. 3.
F. Ball, Esq., M.P., to T. Banister, Esq.
1 July 1856.
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No. 4.

Thomas Banister, Esq. to the Right Hon. H. Labouchere.

Sir,

5, Child's-place, Temple Bar, 2 July 1856.

I HAVE had the honour to receive your letter of yesterday's* date, with its enclosure, viz., a copy of a letter addressed to Robert S. Swanston, Esq., and I hope I may be permitted to remark that it did not appear to me that the inhabitants of Vancouver Island expressed themselves dissatisfied with British courts of justice, but that they were with the conduct of the individual appointed to preside over those courts as Chief Justice. I anxiously trust the very high estimate you entertain of his abilities may be fully realised, otherwise I much fear that dissatisfaction may be manifested in a manner by no means agreeable to those administering the affairs of the Colonial Office in this country.

I shall feel it incumbent upon me to forward this reply, with your communication, to the gentlemen at Vancouver Island, inasmuch as Mr. Swanston having left that part of the world, as communicated to you by me in May last (on my noticing in the Gazette Mr. Cameron's appointment), the purport of your letter to him might be unknown to them, through him, for an indefinite period.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Thomas Banister.*

No. 4.
T. Banister, Esq. to the Right Hon. H. Labouchere.
2 July 1856.
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No. 5.

Thomas Banister, Esq. to the Right Hon. Henry Labouchere.

Sir,

5, Child's-place, Temple, 16 January 1857.

I HAVE the honour to transmit you a copy of a letter I have received from Vancouver Island by the last mail, referring to the matter brought under your consideration last year at the instance of the colonists of that Colony. This communication acknowledges the receipt of a letter from me of the 10th of July 1856, referred to in the copy of my letter to them of the 8th of November last, a copy of which I beg also to transmit to you.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Thomas Banister.*

No. 5.
T. Banister, Esq. to the Right Hon. H. Labouchere.
16 January 1857.
2 November 1856.