

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

New Westminster, 22nd August, 1866.

SIR,

I have received and laid before the officer administering the Government, your letter of the 6th inst., with its enclosures, and His Honor has directed me to inform you that he has perused your Emigration Scheme, and proposed plan for utilizing the waste lands of British Columbia, with great interest, and cannot fail to see the great advantage the Colony would derive if it were successfully carried out.

The scarcity of agricultural labor at the present time is much felt in the interior of the Colony, and the Government is only too anxious to further, in every way possible, the promotion of any scheme which may tend to the introduction of a class of labourers so much required in the country; but unfortunately the plan proposed by you, of obtaining a free grant of a certain tract of land, cannot be carried out without the previous sanction of the Secretary of State, as the Imperial instructions prevent the free grant of Public Lands in British Columbia, and His Honor thinks it advisable, as you are about to visit England, in case you are able to mature your plan, in order to further the arrangement more quickly and satisfactorily, that you should apply, direct, to the Secretary of State, and lay your scheme for the introduction of farm labor into the Colonies before him, with a view of securing a promise of a free grant being made in favour of the Company.

I have the honor to be,

Sir.

Your obedient servant,

H. M. BALI.

Mr. M. F. Klaucke,
Victoria, V. I.

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Memorandum supplied by Mr. Alfred Waddington, (projector of the Bute Inlet and Quenelle Mouth Railroad Company,) in relation to an overland route from Bute Inlet in British Columbia to Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Reverting to the scheme of an International Railway, the distance by Tete Jaune Pass would be as follows: