

## 18 CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF

The following resolution relating to the preceding Appropriation Bill, was also agreed to 13th December 1856 :

"That in the opinion of this House, the revenue received on the 16th day of July 1856, from the licenses to sell spirituous liquors, &c., ought to be withdrawn from the credit of the "Trust Fund."

(signed) *J. S. Helmcken*, Speaker.

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To his Excellency *James Douglas*, Esq., Governor, &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

House of Assembly, Victoria, 19 December 1856.

I AM instructed by the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Assembly to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's communication and documents of the 17th instant, and to thank your Excellency for the same; and also to inform your Excellency that the House will again meet on Wednesday next, the 24th instant, at 11 o'clock, a.m.

I have, &c.  
(signed) *Robert Barr*, Clerk *pro tem*.

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(No. 5.)

No. 13.  
Governor Douglas  
to Right Hon. H.  
Labouchere, M. P.,  
24 Feb. 1857.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor *Douglas* to the Right Honourable  
*H. Labouchere*, M. P.

Victoria, Vancouver's Island, 24 February 1857.

(Received, 29 April 1857.)

Sir,

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1. I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatches, Nos. 18 and 19,\* of the 21st of October and the 10th of November last.

2. It is very gratifying to learn that the speech with which I opened the Legislature on the 12th of August, has received your approval.

3. The House of Assembly not having met for regular business since my report of the 9th of January, there is nothing of importance to add to the information then communicated respecting its proceedings.

4. The Council was convened on the 14th day of the present month, for the consideration of an Act passed by the House of Assembly on the 18th day of December granting the sum of 130*l*. sterling, chargeable to the duties on licensed houses, to be applied, in the manner stated in the several clauses of the Act, as it appears in the minutes of Council forwarded herewith. This Act, with some few verbal alterations, passed the Council on that day, and will be transmitted after receiving the final approval of the House of Assembly.

5. The consideration of the Rules and Regulations of the Supreme Court for the administration of justice in civil cases, as submitted by Chief Justice Cameron, with a communication of which I herewith forward a copy, was taken up on the 14th, and finally passed the Council without alteration on the 17th of February.

6. A copy of those rules will also be transmitted for Her Majesty's final approbation or disallowance, as soon as transcribed and carefully revised, and by that time the official seal of the court, for which I took the liberty of sending a requisition with my despatch, No. 18, of the 14th of August last, will probably have arrived in this country, and will be attached to the document as directed by Her Majesty's Order in Council.

7. A copy of the proclamation of the Rules and Regulations of the Supreme Court, published on the 18th of this month of February, is also forwarded with this despatch.

8. Hoping that those proceeding may meet with your approval.

I have, &c.  
(signed) *James Douglas*,  
Governor.