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The Duke of
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vernor Seymour.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from His Grace the Duke of *Buckingham and Chandos*
to Governor *Seymour*.

Sir,

Downing-street, 9 July 1868.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatches, No. 31*, of the 29th of April, and No. 51†, of the 28th of May, the first reporting that, having brought the question of the selection of a capital for the united Colony under the consideration of the Legislative Council, you had received a resolution from them, expressing the opinion that Victoria is the place most suitable for the capital; and the second, forwarding a copy of the Proclamation by which you declared Victoria to be the capital of the united Colony on the 25th of May.

In reply, I have to inform you that I have been glad to be apprised of the settlement of a question which, while it remained open, must have furnished a continual source of irritation and uncertainty, and I feel little doubt that you have judged rightly in placing the seat of Government in that part of the Colony where the greatest stationary population has collected, and where maritime communication is easiest.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Buckingham and Chandos,*

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

COPY of EXTRACTS of CORRESPONDENCE between
Governor *Kennedy* of *Vancouver Island*,
Governor *Seymour* of *British Columbia*, and
the Colonial Office, on the subject of a SITE
for the CAPITAL of *British Columbia*.

(Mr. Graves.)

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