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COPY of DESPATCH from the Right Hon. Sir E. B. LYTON, Bart., to Governor DOUGLAS, C.B.

(No. 67.)

SIR,

Downing Street, May 20, 1859.

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I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 114,* of the 14th of March, on the subject of the policy to be observed towards the Indian tribes, and containing your opinion as to the feasibility of locating the Indians in native villages, with a view to their protection and civilization.

I am glad to find that your sentiments respecting the treatment of the native races are so much in accordance with my own, and I trust that your endeavours to conciliate and promote the welfare of the Indians will be followed by all persons whom circumstances may bring into contact with them. But whilst making ample provision under the arrangements proposed for the future sustenance and improvement of the native tribes, you will, I am persuaded, bear in mind the importance of exercising due care in laying out and defining the several reserves, so as to avoid checking at a future day the progress of the white colonists.

Governor Douglas, C.B.
&c. &c.

I have, &c.
(Signed) CARNARVON.
(In the absence of the Secretary of State.)

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COPY of DESPATCH from the Right Hon. Sir E. B. LYTON, Bart., to Governor DOUGLAS.

(No. 70.)

SIR,

Downing Street, May 23, 1859.

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your private letter of the 10th February, in which you represent the inadequacy of the salary assigned to the office of Governor of British Columbia.

The frankness with which you have explained yourself in a matter of personal concern and of much delicacy is fully appreciated by me. It relieves me of the embarrassment which often attends communications upon such subjects, and enables me to address you with corresponding candour.

It is impossible for me to question for a moment the statements you make as to the expenses unavoidably devolving upon you as the Governor of Vancouver's Island and British Columbia, nor the present extreme dearness of every necessary of life in those Colonies. I yield, therefore, to the conviction that your emoluments have been fixed at too low a rate; and I am prepared to sanction an addition to your salary of 1,200*l.* out of the local receipts of the current year, provided that the Revenue of British Columbia amounts in the aggregate to not less than 50,000*l.* The numerous Despatches which I have addressed to you explaining the impossibility of imposing on this country any of the charges of Government for a Colony which has been forced into existence by its gold discoveries, relieve me of the task of repeating that I cannot depart from the principle by which, in this respect, I have been guided from the outset. You will accordingly distinctly understand, that whilst I am happy to meet your wishes to the extent above named, the addition in question can only be made out of Colonial resources, and on the condition stated.

Governor Douglas, C.B.
&c. &c.

I have, &c.
(Signed) CARNARVON.
(In the absence of the Secretary of State.)

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COPY of DESPATCH from the Right Hon. Sir E. B. LYTON, Bart., to Governor DOUGLAS.

(No. 71.)

SIR,

Downing Street, May 24, 1859.

* Pages 19 and 59.

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatches, No. 9,* of the 3d of November last, and No. 92,* of the 4th of February, reporting the site which you had selected on the banks of the Fraser River for the capital and seaport of British Columbia.