Sir E. B. Lytton trusts that as early an answer as practicable may be returned to this letter, as little time is left for communicating with the Governor of British Columbia before the termination of the licence; and it may be necessary (in the event of your refusal) to apply to Parliament for an amendment of the present Acts.

I have, &c.

H. H. Berens, Esq. (Signed) H. MERIVALE.