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most that the Germans claimed at the Con-

this wholesale announcement, but if future

intelligence shows it to be correct, it will

result in one of those retributive judgments

that are sometimes meted out to callous, self-

sufficient mortals for their indifference to the

anfferings of their fellow-creatures. The

idea that England or France, or both

combined, can now retain the pesce of

England that the Schleswig territory should

be maintained intact-with all the protes-

tations of France against what it considered

an outrageous assumption when Prussia at-

tempted to cross the Eider ;- what can be

more humiliating to the Great Powers of

Western Europe? If temporary peace was

the object, France and England have at-

tained their desire, but they can rest assured

the quietude will be only temporary. No

greater temptation could be held out to un-

scrupulous powers than the knowledge that

their acts will go uppunished. It is the same

with them as it is with the footpad. Let us

dispense with our courts of justice and our

police, and we shall no doubt get rid of the

unsightly gibbet; but is it desirable that

society should be left to the mercy of its

worst elements ? Russia has been allowed

to decimate Poland-to wreak barbaric ven-

geance on an already maltreated race, bes

cause that race chooses to resent a brutal

treatment. France then was ready to es-

pouse the cause of the Poles, but England,

with her sympathy for the oppressed, where

was she ? Enveloped in her own intensified

selfishness. Denmark becomes the victim, and

England is ready to take her part, but

where is France? Alas, shall we say it,

playing the same game of childish, culpable

lousness to Polish suffering; leaving her in

humiliation, because Earl Russell scouted

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. Tuesday, Aug. 23d. This body held their first sitting of the Tuesday, August 30, 1864.

Autumn Session yesterday. Present : the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Treasurer, the Hon. Roderick Finlay-son, and Hon. Donald Fraser. EUROPEAN AFFAIRS.

The recent news from Europe gives us the The Hon. Henry Rhodes was introduced to the Council and took his seat. unexpected and extraordinary intelligence that the Danish imbroglio has been at length THE SUMMONING OF THE LEGISLATURE. settled, with the sacrifice of the whole of A discussion arose on the legality of the summoning of the Legislature. The Hon. Donald Fraser considered that Schleswig and the island of Alsen. We say " unexpected and extraordinary ;" for the

the Governor had committed a serious error in summoning the House to meet without ference was the portion south of a line drawn giving 14 days' notice, such being contaary to all precedents, by which His Excellency from Tondern to Flensburg, not half the terbould have been guided. ritory of the Duchy. We can scarcely credit

This opinion was opposed by the Hons. Colonial-Secretary and Tressurer. and after the sense of the House was taken a committee was appointed to take the matter into consideration, and the Council adjourned.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

Tuesday, August 23. The Heuse met at 3:15 p. m., members present, Messrs. DeCosmos, Franklin, Trim-ble, Street, Duncan, Dennes, Carswell.

Burope when they feel disposed is becoming a pitiable fallacy. Denmark despoiled THE NEW CHIEF JUSTICE. before their eyes, amid all the false The Sneaker read the following communication from His' Excellency, enclosing a despatch from the Imperial Secretary of State: pretences which the Germans originally put forward-with all the implied promises of

. VICTORIA, Aug. 22, 1864. To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly,

GENTLEMEN,-I have the honor to transmit the reply of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies to a despatch of my. ince or for the abandonment of the enterpredecessor, enclosing a copy of a resolution of the Legislative Assembly, representing the necessity of appointing a barrister from England to fill the office of Chief-Justice of ments under which the undertaking may pro Vancouver Island.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, Your very obedient servant, A. E. KENNEDY, Governor

Majesty to disallow the whole ordinance. DOWNING STREET, May 12, 1864. SIR .- I have received Sir James Douglas

rise.

despatch, No. 4, of the 3rd of March, enclos ing a copy of a resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly of Vancouver Island, representing the necessity of appointing To the Honorable the Speaker and the members barrister from this country to fill the office of Chief-Justice, and stating, that the House would be prepared to vote a pension of £500 GENTLEMEN : per annum to the present Chief Justice. I have the honor to transmit for the infor-The arrangement which the House of As-sembly desire to effect is one which appears mation of the Legislative Assembly, a further Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the subject of

to be very well worthy of adoption, but I England to go to Vancouver Island until I the proposed Telegraph connecting Victoria have the means of giving him a sufficient assurance that his office will have the independent and permanent character which is on public grounds so desirable, but which the laws now in force de not confer. selfishness-paying off England for her cal-

I have, &c., EDWARD CARDWELL. (Signed) THE TELEGRAPH BILL VETOBD.

The Speaker read the following communication from His Excellency :

construction of a Telegraph Line connecting British Columbia with the Telegraph Lines of the United States and for other purposes. I observe that by the 5th clause of this given the validity of any acts of this House

Ordinance there is secured to the California may be called in question: State Telegraph Company for a period of Resolved, therefore, that this House is of agree to take anything in the speech into con-State Telegraph Company for a period of Parliament of this Colony shall be assemand any other place within the territory of prescribed by the aforesaid statute. the United States of America to the west of The Speaker said the motion was not in

the Rocky Mountains. Mr. DeCosmos saidit was a question on From the Parliamentary paper noted in the margin of which a copy is enclosed, yeu will learn (what from the correspondence be-dealt with wihout the customary notice. The Speaker admitted that it was a quesween this department and Mr. Collins respecting the construction of a telegraph line tion of privilege; it remained for the House

British Columbia across the North of Asia to say whether it should not lie on the table (which correspondence was communicated twenty-four hours. to you on the 10th of February last, you will Mr. Franklin differed from his hon. col-Govern- league in thinking that Imperial statutes from a trading voyage as far as Barclay to you on the 10th of February last, you will ment are unable to sanction the establishment necessarily applied here. He alluded to an Sound. This is only one of many similar inalready have inferred) that H. M. of any exclusive privileges in regard to tel- instance where the Imperial parliament in stances of Indian insolence that have come egraphic communication, and you cannot fail the reign of George III had refused to meet

egraphic communication, and you cannot fail to see that the strict enforcement of this principle is peculiarly indispensable in Brit-ish Columbia, through which Her Majesty's Government may have to communicate in Government may have to communicate in fourteen. He disputed the figures of the hon. gentleman as to the number of vacant Indian chief with two men came on board very critical times and in very important matters with Her Majesty's Naval Forces on the Pacific. It will therefore be impossible seats. There was only one member who was and priced the trade goods; he then return-that the 5th clause of the Ordinance under affected by the short notice, viz., the hon: consideration should be allowed to remain in member for Victoria district; another, the various prices, and said that they would reconsideration should be allowed to remain in operation and the California State Telegraph Company should be at once so informed. Company should be at once so informed. I have besitated to recommend the immer here in any case. If the Executive had the stated price; when he returned he com-I have besitated to recommend the immer nere in any case. If the Excentive had the stated price; when he returned he com-diate disallowance of this ordinance because made a mistake, the hon. gentleman had menced growling that I had not given him it appears to me that by allowing it for the committed a similar error by asking the more. Amongst other things he said that present to remain in operation, I shall fa- House to take up business by moving the the reason we did not give more was that

cilitate those negotiations between the Gov-ernment and the Company, which will be as they would tend to bring into force old frightened at them, and that if they acted English statutes many of which were now the same as the Ohiats did to Banfield that necessary to provide either for the continua obsolete and ridiculous. He would move the next vessel that came would give them that the resolutions be referred to a select more. I told them that if I did not give enough not to trade their oil, but not to make I hope you will be able to make arrangecommittee. Dr. Trimble before the question was put a row. They then asked me what I came

to the House would beg to read the following there for if I did not buy; I answered I extract of a letter dated Downing street, came there to trade but could give them no ceed, but it must be clearly understood that the exclusive right of Telegraphic communi-July 31, '48, in reply to Sir H. Pelly, from more than I always had done before. At cation can, under no circumstances, be al-B. Dawes, Esq., Under Colonial Secretary this time there were on deck about 10 or 12 lowed, and that if the clause giving that for the colonies, saying, "Provision is already Indians or perhaps more; most of them had right be not repealed, I shall have no other made for establishing a judicial authority un-long knives with them. The chief then told one of them to go foralternative left than that of advising Her

der the Act for establishing Criminal and Civil jurisdiction in certain parts of North ward and see that the other man did America, 1 and 2 Geo. IV. c. 66." This has not come aft, and he placed two more Indians never been repealed and in the indenture of at the cabin door so that I could not Charter to the H. B. Company, it declared move away from the place where I stood near that the law shall be the same as that of the Taffrail. The other Indians shouted, Lower and Upper Canada. The Canadian "Kill him! kill him! there will be nothing Civil and Criminal Law is still in force in done, it has been done before and nothing this colony, and by that law not only can said." The Chief attempted to lay hold of me barristers practise in our courts and ordered the women and children to go Canadian but the Governor as in Canada, by the 3d and 4th Victoria, c. 31, sec. 11, could call "kill, then, if nothing else would do" when an together the House from time to time, and at Indian wried out "don't kill him, he has been any time without specifying any particular a good man to Indians, it is better to kill notice. Mr. DeCosmos denied that he wished to "I could kill you and drink your blood." notice.

prove that all English statutes applied here ; After a little he cooled down and said now all he wished to show was that the particular measure the oil, I did so, thinking it best, and Act passed in the reign of George III. was in force, and the hon. gentleman (Mr. Frank-He said it was not enough and took the plug lin) well knew that this was the opinion of one of the best jurists in this country. The latest editions of May showed that this Act was still in force in England, and conse-into the cabin; some 5 or 6 of the Indians quently here. He thought it would be a tollowed me down, one of them demanded to

DOWNING STREET, July 11, 1864. SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the singular position that the lawmakers of the see the pistol that I had on board; I told receipt of your despatch, No. 10, of the 14th of March, enclosing among others Acts. An Act entitled "An Act to grant the right have and he would ask the House would ask the House of the more or he would see the pistol that I had on board; I told him it was now night, that if he would ask the House to have the back the house or he would see the pistol that I had on board; I told him it was now night, that if he would shew it to him; he told me to hand it out at onee or he would see the pistol that I had on board; I told him it was now night, that if he would shew it to him; he told me to hand it out at onee or he would see the pistol that I had on board; I told him it was now night, that if he would shew it to him; he told me to hand it out at onee or he would see the pistol that I had not be told me to hand it out at one or he would here would see the pistol that I had not be told me to hand it out at one or here would here would see the pistol that I had not be here would here would see the pistol that I had not be here would here would see the pistol that I had not be here would here

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rise and report progress. They could not twenty years after the completion of a cer-tain telegraph line the exclusive right of send-act any public business till such time as the solutions affirming that they could not do so. The committee rose and reported progress, ing and receiving messages between any place with the time of notice and the House adjourned till to-day (Wednesday), at 3 p. m.

> INDIAN OUTRAGES ON THE WEST COAST.

The following interesting particulars in eference to the conduct of the West Coast Indians towards the traders who visit them, has been furnished to us by Capt. Francis of the schooner Surprise, who has just returned

to our knowledge, and which call for some

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the Napoleonic Congress. In the meantime Russia slays the Pole, and Germany divides the Dane. Peace is maintained ; because the footpad's victims are too weak resent successfully the brutal onslaughts. The acquisition of the Duchies will give to Germany a seaboard on the Baltic Sea and German Ocean of probably eight hundred miles. The grand aspiration, therefore, of the German Federation has been granted -the facility to become a great naval power. So long as the German Confederacy was confined to military strength, Europe found in it a strong conserver of the peace ; but now, with the opportunity of launching its navies on the deep-and with its recent easy aggressive conquests fixed indelibly in its mind, there will be no more ambitious power on the European continent, and no greater disturber of the peace. It has won Schleswig and Holstein too easily to be satisfied with the conquest. Jutland is bound to come next, and Sweden, with all her assumed indifference, is almost in as great danger as Denmark. The " balance of power" is indeed upset; and the dread on the part of England of planging Europe into war by interfering with Germany has made the probabilities of a general trouble more than ever apparent. The force of example in these European outrages is strongly illus-trated. France is allowed to annex Savoy and Nice without any further interposition than that presented by an impotent diplo macy; Russia seeing this sets to work and destroys or banishes the Poles, the rest of Europe pitiably but powerlessly protesting. This is too much for Germany, and perceiving her neighbors getting along so vigorously with impunity, she must have a finger in ly with impunity, she must have a inger in the fillibustering pie, and so fastens on to the Duchies. The mania is an infectious one, and is bound to bring about general hostilities some of these days when probably least expected. THE TELEGRAPH STOPPED. - The Home

Government, not content with refusing any

aid to a British Overland Telegraph Line.

appear determined to prevent us from obtain-

ing telegraphic facilities from our more en-

terprising neighbors. The Imperial de-

spatches laid before the House yesterday

state that Her Majesty's Government are un-

able to allow any exclusive privileges to the

times and on important matters with H. M. naval forces on the Pacific! What this can

possibly have to do with sending messages between these colonies and the Pacific States

among civilized communities to possess these modern and much needed advantages.

VANCOUVER ISLAND, Victoria, 22d August, 1864.

ence to the granting exclusive rights and privileges to the California State Telegraph Company. I have already communicated the purport of this despatch to the President of the California State Telegraph Company.

I have the honor to be Gentlemen, Your very obedieut servant,

A. E. KENNEDY, Governor. (COPT.)

Downing street, 1st June, 1864. STR.

It has been brought to my notice that a bill is now passing through the House of Assembly of Vancouver Island by which certain exclusive rights are granted to an American Telegraph Company who are about to construct a line from San Fran-

I enclose for your information a copy of a Parliamentary paper from which you will learn that the policy of the Imperial Government is directly opposed to the grant of any monopoly of telegraphic communication, and I have therefore to instruct you to withhold your assent from any bill granting such a monopoly unless it contains a clause suspending its operation until Her Majesty's

pleasure be made known. I am of opinion that it is most improbable that such law would receive Her Majesty's approval, or if passed without a suspending ause be allowed to remain in operation. I have, &c.,

(Signed) EDWARD CARDWELL. Governor Kennedy, &c., &c.

DOWNING STREET, July 1, 1864. SIR .- With reference to my other despatch of this day's date, I have to inform you that have received within the last few days an ordinance from British Columbia, similar in its objectionable provisions to the law which I understand is being passed by the Legisla-ture of Vancouver Island, I therefore deem

it right to forward for your information a copy of a despatch which I have addressed by this mail to Governor Seymour, explaining the objections entertained by Her Majesty's line between these colonies and the United States west of the Recky Mountains, because Government to the grant of exclusive privithe Government may have to communicate through British Columbia in very critical leges to telegraphic companies.) .

I have &c. EDWARD CARDWELL. (Signed)

(COPY) to reputus Downing street, 1st June, 1864.

it is not very easy to conjecture; one thing appears tolerably certain, however; if we wait for our ocean line of steamers, or over-SIR. land telegraph, or any other national requirement till the Home Government sees fit to grant it, we will in all probability be the last

I have, &co.

I have, &c.,

of the Legislative Assembly :

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(Signed) EDWARD CARDWELL.

VANCOUVER ISLAND, Victoria, 23d August, 1864.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

A. E. KENNEDY,

Governor.

Your very obedient servant,

EDWARD CARDWELL. (Signed)

REPLY TO THE ADDRESS. Mr. DeCosmos, as Chairman of the Com-

mittee appointed to draw up a reply to the Governor's Speech, reported a dratt of a reply:

The report was referred to Committee of the Whole. SMALL DEBTS BILL. Mr. Dennes gave notice of a bill to render

more easy the recovery of small debts and demands. THE ILLEGAL MEETING OF THE HOUSE.

the House a fact which had not yet been ment, which was lost, the mover and seconder brought up. This House had been called voting for it. together on only four days'notice. This was a circumstance without parallel in any col-ony, and he believed had no precedent in of the amendment voting against their own of the amendment voting against their own the most serious injury might result to the nation, and the same thing might be done here, were this House to recognize this as a precedent. He believed the House was

bound to mark its opinion of this act. At voted for them. present at least four seats were vacant in solutions.

the House. Df. Trimble-Three.

Mr. DeCosmos-Well, putting it down at three, that would be a similar proportion to 150 in the House of Commons, and no ministry would attempt to carry on business in the House of Commons in the absence of so many members, and on so short notice. He thought the Governor was not justified in calling the amining into the subject he found by the Eng-lish statute of Geo. 117, cap. 127, that the pre-rogative of the Crown in calling together the House was limited, so that the House could

not be summoned under 14 days' notice. This law was binding here, and the House was

bound to mark its opinion in regard to this statute, and the act of calling together the House. Suppose some one should dispute the validity of acts passed by the House this present session, there were grave reasons for (4.)

believing that the Supreme Court would sus-This result was received with laughter, thin the objection. He thought this House would be justified in representing to the Ex-

days' notice. The bon. gentleman instanced were binding all the same, and the House, by other cases of difficulty which might arise in passing them, had declared that they could

the present state of things. He had drawn up the following resolution in regard to this matter which he hoped would meet with the approbation of the House: Whereas the statute Geo. III, cap. 127, in force in this colony requires that not less than 14 days notice be given of the assemba nave received your predecessor's des-patch No. 14 of the 4th ultimo, accompanied by three ordinances of the Legislature of than 14 days notice be given of the assemb-Mr. Franklin moved that the words "in

to construct a telegraph line connecting Vie- whether they would sanction such a pro- break open the lock ; I then took it out and bers of the Legislative Assembly : GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to transmit for the information of the Legislative Assembly, two de-spatches with enclosures from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, in refer-ence to the graphing exclusive rights and abuse of the prerogative of the Crown, even steal the pistol, he said yes, and if I said another although it was, as he believed, ignorantly and word, he would take my head along with it.

unintentionally done. Mr. Carswell fully concurred with the hon. mover of the motion. It was highly advisable to avoid litigation. He seconded the resola-as the Indians were far enough away not to hear us, as they intended to return that night Mr. Franklin moved that the question be and murder us. The village was distant two

miles, and so soon as the Indians were out of referred to a select committee. sight, I got underweigh and left the Sound. Dr. Trimble seconded. Mr. Dennes moved that the question be re Every outrage committed with impanity by one tribe, will be exceeded by others along ferred te a committee of the whole. Mr. Street seconded. Mr. DeCosmos said, with the consent of the House, he would withdraw his resolution

Indians between Bonilla Point and Cape in favor of the last amendment. The Speaker put Mr. Franklin's amend-Scott, that it will eventually end in one or

ony, and he believed had no precedent in or the amendment, and the original resolutions (three white men having been murdered

Dr. Trimble said that the sense of the House had not been taken in passing the re-

Mr. Street said he had voted understand-

ingly on these resolutions. He had supported Mr. Dennes' amendment in preference to Mr. Franklin's, but he preferred Mr. DeCosmos' resolutions to both. Mr. Duncan said the sense of the House

had not been taken on the resolutions. The Speaker said the resolutions had been passed distinctly and finally. Mr. DeCesmos moved, and Mr. Carswell

Mr. Franklin moved, and Mr. Duncan

The six months amendment was passed. Ayes-Franklin, Duncan, Trimble, Dennes

Noes-DeCosmos, Street, Carswell (3.)

patch No. 14 of the 4th uttimo, accompanied force in this county requires the lassemb-by three ordinances of the Legislature of than 14 days notice be given of the assemb-British Columbia including No. 9 of 1864 ling of Parliament, and whereas the Parlia-intituled An Ordinance to encourage the ment of this Colony has been assembled after ried, and the clause passed as amended.

more murders, unless something is done by the government to check their high-handed since 1856-'57, without retribution) that causes them to act as they have done lately,

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