

—No. 4.—

Copy of a LETTER from Sir John Pelly, Bart., to Earl Grey.

My Lord,

Hudson's Bay House, 13 September 1848.

IN the letter which I had the honour to address to your Lordship under the date of the 9th instant, I confined myself to answering your communication of the 4th; I now beg leave to draw your Lordship's attention to your letter of* 31st July, in which you state that you would direct the draft of a commission and instructions for the Governor of the proposed settlement in Vancouver's Island to be prepared without delay and communicated to me; intimating, at the same time, that you would be glad to receive from me an expression of my opinion as to the person who may most properly be recommended to Her Majesty for the office of Governor.

In accordance with your Lordship's wish, I take the liberty of recommending Mr. James Douglas, the gentleman whose report on Vancouver's Island appears among the Papers relating to that Island laid before Parliament.

Mr. Douglas is a man of property, a chief factor of the Hudson's Bay Company, and a member of the Board at Fort Vancouver, for managing the Company's affairs in the country westward of the Rocky Mountains.

I do not propose this as a permanent appointment, but merely as a temporary expedient, until the colony can afford to pay a Governor unconnected with the Hudson's Bay Company.

I also beg leave to submit for your Lordship's consideration the names of the following gentlemen whom I think well qualified to hold commissions of the peace under the Act of 1 & 2 Geo. 4, c. 66:

The Rev. Robert John Staines.	Alexander Caulfield Anderson.
Peter Skene Ogden.	Richard Grant
James Douglas	John Tod.
John Work.	Donald Manson.
Archibald McKimlay.	George Trade Allan.
William Fraser Tolmie.	John Kennedy.
James Murray Yale.	Dugald McTavish.

I have, &c.

The Right hon. the Earl Grey,
&c. &c. &c.

(signed) J. H. Pelly.

—No. 5.—

Copy of a LETTER from B. Hawes, Esq., M.P., to Sir John Pelly, Bart.

Sir,

Downing-street, 27 September 1848.

I AM directed by Earl Grey to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, in which you recommend, as a temporary arrangement, that Mr. James Douglas, the chief factor of the Hudson's Bay Company, resident at Vancouver's Island, should be appointed Governor of the proposed settlement there, and also submit the names of 14 other gentlemen for commissions of the peace in the said settlement.

I am to acquaint you, in reply, that Lord Grey sees no objection to the appointment of the chief factor of the Company as a temporary arrangement, although his Lordship apprehends that the issuing of a temporary commission for that purpose will be attended with some additional expense.

With regard to the list of gentlemen whom you recommend for commissions of the peace, I am to acquaint you that the necessary steps will be taken for their appointment as soon as the instruments can be prepared for that purpose.

I have, &c.

Sir John Pelly, Bart., &c. &c. &c.
Hudson's Bay House.

(signed) B. Hawes.

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* See page 16 of Parl. Papers, Vancouver's Island, No. 619, 1848.