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COPY of a LETTER from H. H. BERENS Esq. to the Right Honourable Sir EDWARD
BULWER LYTTON Bart.

SIR,

Hudson's Bay House, August 12, 1858.

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I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Merivale's letter of the 4th instant,* in which he informs me, that although you do not think it would be expedient or consistent with the usual proceedings of Her Majesty Government, in consulting their own legal advisers, that a copy or draft of the letter to be laid before those gentlemen as to the steps to be taken to try the validity of the claims of the Hudson's Bay Company in North America should be communicated to me for the purpose of being laid before the Company, yet that you are willing that the letter, when prepared, should be shown to me before being sent.

In venturing to request that the document in question should be communicated to me, my sole object was that the Government and the Committee should act in concert, and should understand each other as to the precise nature of the question upon which Counsels' opinion was to be taken. The idea of laying the case "before the Company" never once occurred to me, and the utmost I wished was that my colleagues in the direction, as well as myself, should have an opportunity of seeing so important a document before a legal opinion was taken upon it.

I do not know if your objections extend so far as not to permit my co-directors, as well as myself, to see the letter; if it does, I shall not press the matter any further; but in that case I shall gladly avail myself of the opportunity which Mr. Merivale informs me you are ready to afford me, to see the letter before it is submitted to the law advisers of the Crown.

I shall feel obliged if you will give directions so that notice may be sent to me at what time I may have an opportunity of perusing the document.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

H. H. BERENS,

Deputy-Governor.

The Right Hon. Sir E. B. Lytton, Bart.
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SIR,

Hudson's Bay House, September 7, 1858.

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I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Merivale's letter of the 3d instant,† transmitting, for the information of the Hudson's Bay Company, and for any observations they may have to offer, the copy of a joint Address sent to the Queen by the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada on the subject of the Company's territorial and other rights.

In thanking you for this communication, I have to state that the Committee of the Company having temporarily adjourned, several of my colleagues in the direction have availed themselves of the opportunity of leaving London; but I shall take the earliest occasion, on their re-assembling, of submitting the document in question to the consideration of the Board, and we shall thereafter lose no time in communicating any observations upon the subject which we may think it desirable to submit to you.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

H. H. BERENS,

Deputy-Governor.

The Right Hon. Sir E. B. Lytton, Bart.
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