

# RETURN

To an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 10th March, 1864; praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House, "Copies of all Despatches, Correspondence, and other official Documents in possession of the Government, in relation to the claims of Canada within, or the establishment of Postal or Commercial intercourse with, the North-West Territory, since the date of the last Return on the said subject laid before this House."

By command.

JOHN SIMPSON,  
Secretary.

Secretary's Office,  
Quebec, 31st May, 1864.

(Copy.)

DOWNING STREET,  
9th February, 1864.

MY LORD,—With reference to my despatch, No. 49, of the 1st of May last, I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship that I have received, through the Governor of Vancouver Island, a copy of a resolution arrived at by the House of Assembly of that Colony on the 25th of November last, to the effect that whilst regarding the designs of the Atlantic and Pacific Transit and Telegraph Company with warm interest, the House forbear to proceed to active measures in furtherance of them until the intentions of the Canadian Government are made known.

I have, therefore, to request that you will take an early opportunity of acquainting me with the views of your Government on the subject.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

J. FORTESCUE,

In the absence, and by the authority, of the Duke of Newcastle.

Governor, The Viscount Monck,  
&c., &c., &c.

(Copy.)

QUEBEC, 19th February, 1864.

MY LORD DUKE,—I have the honor to enclose a Report of the Executive Council on the proposals\* of the Atlantic and Pacific Transit and Telegraph Company, transmitted to me with Your Grace's despatch, No. 49, of the 1st of May, 1863.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

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His Grace the Duke of Newcastle,  
&c., &c., &c.

\* A copy of the "proposals" alluded to in this Despatch was sent with the Return to the Address of the Legislative Assembly of the 3rd September, 1863.