

OTTAWA, 25th April, ¹⁸⁷⁸~~1880~~.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, enclosing a list forwarded by W. P. Pamphlett, of Victoria, B.C., showing the disasters which have occurred to various vessels in British Columbia waters, from Race Rocks to Nanaimo, since the year 1858.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

F. BRAUN, *Secretary*.

F. I. ROSCOE, Esq., M.P., House of Commons, Ottawa.

COPY of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 23rd May, 1878.

The Committee of Council have the honor to recommend that the Order in Council of the 7th June, 1873, fixing Esquimalt in Vancouver's Island, as the terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and requiring the conveyance to the Canadian Government of a strip of land 20 miles in width, along the eastern coast of Vancouver's Island, between Seymour's Narrows and the harbor of Esquimalt be rescinded.

Certified, W. A. HIMSWORTH, C.P.C.

To the Honorable the Minister of Public Works.

OTTAWA, 29th May, ¹⁸⁷⁸~~1880~~.

SIR,—I am directed by the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, to inform you that an Order in Council was passed on the 23rd instant, cancelling that of the 7th June, 1873, which designated Esquimalt, in Vancouver's Island, as the terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and required the conveyance to the Canadian Government of a strip of land 20 miles in width, along the eastern coast of that Island, between Seymour's Narrows and the harbor of Esquimalt.

I am further directed to state that as Burrard Inlet will in all probability be adopted as the western terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway, it is deemed advisable that a strip of land should be reserved for the conveyance to the Dominion Government in accordance with the 11th paragraph of the terms of the Union, along said line of railway beginning at English Bay, or Burrard Inlet, and following the River Frazer to Lytton, thence by the valley of the River Thompson to Kamloops, thence up the valley of the North Thompson, passing near to Lakes Albreda and Cranberry to Tête Jaune Cache, thence up the valley of the Fraser River to the summit of Yellow Head, or boundary between British Columbia and the North-West Territories.

The Honorable the Minister of Public Works desires me to request you to convey the foregoing information to the Government of British Columbia, in order that they may take the necessary steps to reserve the land in question.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

F. BRAUN, *Secretary*.

E. D. LANGEVIN, Esq., Under-Secretary of State, Ottawa.

VICTORIA, 6th January, 1879.

SIR,—The Victoria and Esquimalt Railway Company, incorporated by an Act of the Legislature of British Columbia, passed in 1873, desire to construct the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway, on Vancouver Island, provided the Dominion Government