

DEPARTMENT OF SECRETARY OF STATE, 2nd June, 1879.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 42, of the 19th, enclosing a copy of a Minute of your Executive Council having reference to the cancellation of the railway reservation on the mainland of British Columbia, under the Order of His Excellency the Governor General of the 23rd May, 1878.

I have, &c.,

E. J. LANGEVIN.

To His Honor the Lieut.-Governor of British Columbia, Victoria.

DEPARTMENT OF SECRETARY OF STATE, 18th June, 1879.

SIR,—With reference to your despatch, No. 42, of the 19th ultimo, and its accompanying Minute of your Executive Council, I have the honor to transmit to you, herewith, for the information of your Government, a copy of an Order of His Excellency the Governor General in Council, relative to the reservation of certain lands on the mainland of British Columbia for the purposes of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

I have, &c.,

J. C. AIKINS.

To His Honor the Lieut.-Governor of British Columbia, Victoria.

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 12th June, 1879.

On a memorandum dated 10th June, 1879, from the Hon. the Minister of Railways and Canals, stating that he has had under consideration a communication dated 19th May, 1879, from the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, enclosing a Minute of his Executive Council of the 14th May, 1879, in reference to the reservation of land on the mainland of British Columbia, between Barrard Inlet and Yellow Head Pass,

The Minister recommends that the Government of British Columbia be informed that the object of the Order in Council of the 22nd April, 1879, was simply to rescind the Order in Council of the 23rd May, 1878, so as to leave the Government free to adopt whichever route might appear in the public interest the most eligible.

That it is not proposed to release the reservation of land on either route, and it is felt that this will result in no serious inconvenience for the short period which will now elapse before the location of the railway will be finally established.

The Committee submit the above recommendation for Your Excellency's approval.

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

Hon. Secretary of State.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, VICTORIA, B.C., 8th July, 1879.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 1693 on 303, of the 18th ultimo, enclosing a copy of an Order of His Excellency the Governor General in Council relative to the reservation of certain land on the mainland of British Columbia for the purpose of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and to inform you that I have referred your despatch and enclosure to my Executive Council for their consideration.

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

A. N. RICHARDS, Lieut.-Governor of British Columbia.

Hon. J. C. AIKINS, Secretary of State, Ottawa.