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**Monday, the 27th day of July, 1868**

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Present: His Excellency the Governor, The Colonial Secretary, The Attorney General, The Chief Commissioner Lands & Works, The Collector of Customs.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed.

The Governor stated, with reference to the consultation at the last Meeting of the Council relative to a Ship of War visiting the North West Coast in consequence of Indian Murders and disturbances, that although the "Sparrowhawk" had gone North with his consent and approval, yet he had made no formal application to the Admiral for her services, and had given no instructions for the guidance of her Commander.

Certain Resolutions passed by the Legislative Council in Committee of Supply were then considered.

The following were agreed to and allowed.

Increase of Salary to \$2000 to Postmaster at Victoria.

Clerk to Attorney General at \$1000 per Annum.

\$250 for rent of Magistrates Residence at Nanaimo.

The appropriation of a sufficient sum to construct a Trail between Williams and Mosquito Creeks.

The other recommendations were left open for further consideration as circumstances might require.

A letter from Mr. O'Reilly dated Yale the 19th June 1868 was then read, wherein he recommends that the Indian Reserves in the neighbourhood of Nicola Lake should be surveyed and defined at an early day in order to avoid trouble hereafter. The Chief Commissioner Lands and Works, concurred in this recommendation, and further suggested that the Reserves at the Buonaparte River, and on the lower Fraser, should also be surveyed. The matter was discussed, and it was agreed that these recommendations should be adopted, and should be carried out by the Surveyor General at the least possible cost.

A Letter from Mr. High Sheriff Elliott dated the 8th July 1868, in reply to inquiries addressed to him relative to the amount of his Fees & Emoluments, was then taken up and considered. It appeared that during the year 1867, the rate of Mr. Elliotts emoluments of office had been less than \$2425, the estimated value of the office. After discussion it was the opinion of the Council that the value of Mr. Elliotts office from 1868, should be made up to \$2425.

A letter from Mr. Pemberton, dated 6th July 1868 was then read & considered, in which he recommends the passing of some law under which Desertion from Her Majesty's Ships of War might be somewhat restrained. The Council were of opinion that the existing law, if carried out, was sufficiently comprehensive and stringent.

A further letter of Mr. Pemberton dated 23rd July 1868, forwarding a remonstrance from Jurors employed on a Fire Inquest against wholly gratuitous service, was then taken up & considered. The Council were of opinion that

no action should be taken in the matter by the Executive Government. The point was not overlooked when the Act was passed by the Legislative Council, but that body were then averse to any such remuneration.

Repairs of Wardens quarters in Gaol at New Westminster. The Governor brought this matter before the Council, and it was considered that a small sum should be expended, in doing what was really necessary to make the quarters wind tight and water tight.

An application dated the 25th June 1868, from the Lilloett Flour Mill Co., for remission of tolls on Flour passing through Clinton was then considered. The Council were of opinion that the application could not be granted without an alteration in the law.

An application dated the 26th June 1868, from certain Merchants praying for a drawback on certain Goods sold after duty had been paid, was then laid before the Council. The Council had doubts of the practicability of the scheme, but it was determined that it should be well considered before the next Session, and the Applicants were to be so informed.

An application dated 7th July 1868, from Mr. T. L. Stahlschmidt, for a drawback upon Biscuit exported was then considered. The Council were of opinion that no such Drawback could be granted without an alteration in the existing law.

Mr. Calders application dated 30th June 1868, for some personal allowance consequent upon extra expenses in moving from New Westminster to Victoria was then taken into consideration. The Council were of opinion that personal allowance at the usual rates for 10 days should be granted in this and similar cases.

Mr. Brew's request dated the 8th June 1868 for authority to expend \$2000 in getting a good trail constructed between Williams and Mosquito Creeks was considered and discussed. The Council were of the opinion that such a sum should be appropriated to the purpose.

The Council then adjourned.

Signed William A. G. Young  
4 August 1868.

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## Tuesday, the 4th day of August, 1868

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Present: His Excellency the Governor, The Colonial Secretary, The Attorney General, The Chief Commissioner Lands and Works, The Collector of Customs, The Police Magistrate, New Westminster.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Governor laid before the Council a communication dated 23 July 1868, from Messrs. Barnard and Nelson, a Deputation appointed by the Directors of the Cherry Creek Silver Mining Company, representing that under the existing

Lease the Company cannot obtain Capital from abroad to work the mine as they anticipated, and requesting modification of certain of its conditions.

The subject was discussed at length, but no decision was arrived at, it being agreed that the matter should be again brought up when the Report of the Board of Officers appointed to suggest the conditions of a general Mineral Law should be received.

The Governor then laid before the Council two Minutes of the Chief Commr. Lands and Works, dated respectively the 26th May and 24th July 1868, making various suggestions for the purpose of providing the requisite Office room for the Lands and Works Department. The suggestions were considered, and the Council were of opinion that the recommendation contained in the minute of the 26th May, for an addition being made to the present Land Office should be carried out.

The Council then adjourned.

Signed William A. G. Young  
8th August 1868

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### Saturday, the 8th day of August, 1868

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Present: His Excellency the Governor, The Colonial Secretary, The Attorney General, The Chief Commissioner Lands and Works, The Collector of Customs.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Governor laid before the Council a Circular Despatch from the Secretary of State dated the 15th June 1868, requesting an opinion upon the expediency of adopting within the Colony the principles of a Bill recently introduced at home for the carrying out of Capital punishments within prison Walls. The Council were of opinion that the circumstances of the Colony were such as would not admit of the adoption of the principles of the Bill.

The Governor then laid before the Council, an Extract from a letter from the Registrar-General to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 31st March 1868, upon the subject of the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages. The Council discussed the subject, and alluded to the fact that although Bills for this purpose had upon many occasions been introduced into the Legislature, yet they had never been carried through all their stages, it being generally considered that Legislation on the subject was premature, and the Council were of opinion that the circumstances of the Colony were still such that it would be more desirable to defer legislation.

The Governor brought before the Council the subject of the disputes concerning the Timber cutting in the Burrard Inlet Reserves. A long discussion ensued, but no determination was arrived at.

The Council then adjourned.

Signed William A. G. Young  
18th August 1868.

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## Tuesday, the 18th day of August, 1868

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Present: His Excellency the Governor, The Colonial Secretary, The Attorney General, The Chief Commr. Lands & Works, The Collector of Customs.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Governor laid before the Council and caused to be read a letter from Captain Stamp, dated the 5th August 1868, forwarding a Memorial to the Governor from Mr. C. W. Fitzwilliam, Chairman of the British Columbia and Vancouver Island Spar, Lumber, and Saw Mill Company (Limited) asking for a drawback of Half a Dollar per 1000 Feet upon all Lumber exported from the Colony. The Council after deliberation came to the conclusion that there was no reason to depart from their original decision against the drawback being granted.

The Council then adjourned.

Signed William A. G. Young  
16 November 1868.

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## Monday, the 16th day of November, 1868

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Present: His Excellency the Governor, The Colonial Secretary, The Chief Commissioner Lands & Works, The Collector of Customs.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Governor laid before the Council for their consideration and advice the following papers and Documents.

1. Letter from Mr. Brew, Magistrate at Cariboo, with a petition from Residents at Richfield, and also a petition from residents at Barkerville, praying that the Assaying Office may be established at Williams Creek, Cariboo.

After consideration it was decided that information as to expense of removal &c. should be obtained from the Superintendent of the Assay Department.

2. A Memorial dated the 13th Novr. 1868, from various Creditors of the Royal Columbia Hospital at New Westminster, praying for further grants from Government in aid of the Hospital. It was decided that Returns exhibiting the expenses of, and number of patients treated in each of the Hospitals in the Colony should be called for.

3. A Letter from Mr. Cox, late Magistrate in the Columbia District, dated Oct. 6th 1868, and other correspondence, relative to the payment of his Salary for the Months of June and July. The Council were of opinion that as Mr. Cox's Office was abolished on the 31st May 1868, and as he had been offered and had accepted 6 months Salary in compensation for its loss, that Salary for June and July should not be paid, and that therefore the decision already conveyed by the Governor should be adhered to.

4. A letter from Mr. W. H. Franklyn, late Magistrate at Nanaimo, dated the 12th November 1868, representing his present distress through the loss of his

office, and asking for some present means of support until another appointment was conferred upon him. It was decided that a grant equal to three months Salary of his late office should be made to him.

5. A Letter dated the 6th November 1868 from the Chief Commissioner Lands & Works, reporting that the Bridges over Rock Bay and Victoria Arm were extremely unsafe, and urgently required thorough repair or entire reconstruction. It was decided that such repairs should be effected as appeared to the Chief Commissioner indispensable to secure the safety of the Bridges.

6. The Minutes of a Meeting held at Barkerville on the 21st October 1868, and other papers, relative to the establishment of a Fire Brigade at that place, and to pecuniary assistance being sought from Government. It was decided that Mr. Brew, the Magistrate of the District, should be authorized to grant such aid as might seem to him expedient, not exceeding one thousand Dollars.

7. A letter from Dr. Powell, chairman of the Board of Education at Victoria, dated the 9th November 1868, applying for funds to meet the liabilities of the Board. It was decided that \$1000 should be paid; and that if it were possible in the future the grants in aid should be paid periodically.

The Council then adjourned.

Signed William A. G. Young  
30 Novr. 1868

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### Monday, the 30th day of November, 1868

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Present: His Excellency the Governor, The Colonial Secretary, The Attorney General, The Chief Commissioner Lands and Works, The Collector of Customs.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Governor then laid before the Council for their consideration and advice the following papers.

1. A memorial from John Vesey & Co., asking for funds from the Government to enable them to carry out a scheme for irrigating certain land situate about 4 miles above Ashcroft. It was decided that the application could not be granted.

2. A Report dated the 23rd October 1868 from Mr. Pearse, and a minute dated the 6th November 1868, from the Surveyor General, upon the removal of the "Sisters Rocks" in Fraser River. The Council were of opinion that the question should be brought before the Legislative Council.

3. An application dated the 21st November 1868, from Mr. Henry Holbrook, asking for a Reduction of rent, and an extension of his period of lease of a water frontage at New Westminster. It was decided that if existing arrears of rent be promptly paid, the rental from the 1st January 1869 should be reduced one half. An extension of lease could not now be granted.

4. A letter dated the 20th November 1868, from Dr. Powell, the Chairman of the Board of Education, Vancouver Island, with an account exhibiting amount of existing liabilities for the current year. It was decided that the amount should be paid.

5. Two letters dated respectively the 24 June and 30 October 1868, from Mr. B. W. Pearse, Assistant Surveyor General, applying for increase of Salary. The consideration of this matter was postponed.

6. An application dated the 20th November 1868, from the President of the Municipal Council at New Westminster, for payment of the sum of \$1500 on account of keeping Front Street in repair. This matter to be referred to Mr. Ball, Magistrate at New Westminster for report and remarks.

7. An application on behalf of the Tiger Engine Company of Victoria for a grant from the Government to assist them in liquidating the debt due on a Steam Fire Engine recently purchased. It was decided that a grant of the sum of \$750 should be made.

The Council then adjourned.

Signed William A. G. Young  
2 Decr. 1868

### Wednesday, the 2nd day of December, 1868

Present: His Excellency the Governor, The Colonial Secretary, The Attorney General, The Chief Commissioner Lands & Works, The Collector of Customs.

The minutes of last meeting were read amended and confirmed.

The Governor consulted the Council in regard to convening the Legislative Council forthwith. The Council were of opinion that it should be so convened.

The Governor then laid before the Council a letter from Mr. James Cooper Chairman of the pilot Board, dated the 16th November A.D. 1868, conveying a resolution of the Board proposing an alteration in the pilotage Rules and Regulations to the effect that pilots speaking Vessels on the inward passage should be entitled to receive Half pilotage from the same Vessel on the outward passage. The Council were of opinion that the Rule suggested could not be made, although the latter portion would be unobjectionable, viz. that Vessels not spoken by pilots on the inward passage should not be liable to half pilotage on the outward passage when declining the services of pilots.

The Council then adjourned.

Signed William A. G. Young  
11 December 1868.

### Friday, the 11th day of December, 1868

Present: His Excellency the Governor, The Colonial Secretary, The Attorney General, The Chief Commissioner Lands & Works, The Collector of Customs.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter dated the 26th November 1868 from Mr. Claudet, Superintendent of the Government Assay Office, was read, reporting upon the probable cost of establishing a Branch Office at Cariboo. The matter was favorably considered.

The Governor laid before the Council and caused to be read a Despatch dated the 26th October 1868 No. 94, from the Secretary of State, acquainting the Governor that an Ordinance passed last Session to establish a Supreme Court of Civil Justice in British Columbia could not be submitted for Her Majesty's approval, because the Colony, unfortunately, had two Chief Justices.

A somewhat desultory conversation then ensued upon the character of certain measures to be considered during the approaching Session of the Legislature.

The Council then adjourned.

Signed William A. G. Young  
9 Jany. 1869.

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### Saturday, the 9th day of January, 1869

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Present: His Excellency The Governor, The Colonial Secretary, The Attorney General, The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, The Collector of Customs, The Police Magistrate New Westminster.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

An application dated 7th December 1868 from George Pearkes attorney at law, on behalf of Rollo Elijah Brewster and Theodore Augustus Mudge for a grant of letters Patent for a certain submerged water pump was then considered.

The Council viewed the application favourably and the following order was therefore made.

Whereas application has been made by Rollo Elijah Brewster and Theodore Augustus Mudge for a grant of Letters Patent under the Patent ordinance 1867 for an invention made by the said applicants of a "submerged pump."

And Whereas The Attorney General and The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works and Surveyor General by an Instrument in writing under their hands and seals, and bearing date the 28th October 1868, have certified that the invention for which the privileges are sought is new and useful and fit to receive protection and exclusive privilege and Whereas it is expedient to encourage the production of all arts and Inventions which may be for the public good.

It is therefore Ordered by His Excellency The Governor by and with the advice of the Executive Council of British Columbia, that Letters Patent should issue under the great seal of the Colony granting to Rollo Elijah Brewster and Theodore Augustus Mudge exclusive privileges and Patent Rights for the said invention for the terms of Seven years conditional upon the novelty and public utility of the invention.

The Governor then laid before the Council for their consideration and advice the following papers.

1. The Tenders received for supplies to Light Houses during the year 1869. The Tender of Mr. Thos. Harris as being the lowest was accepted.

2. The Tenders received for supplies to the Gaol at Victoria during 1869. The Tender of Thomas Harris for meat and vegetables of William Hodges for Bread, and of Fell and Finlayson for Groceries were accepted.

3. An application from Mr. Welcker agent of the California and Oregon Steam Ship Company dated 1st December 1868, for permission to land coal at Victoria for the use of the Company's Steamers.

The request was granted.

4. An application dated 26th December 1868 from Mr. C. S. Wylde Revenue officer—for increase of Salary.

The Council were of opinion that the salary was commensurate to the office.

5. An application dated 4th January 1869 from Mr. C. S. Wylde, Revenue officer, for an advance of \$300 payable by monthly instalments to relieve him from pecuniary difficulties incurred through change of residence and increased expenses owing to Union. The Council were of opinion that the application could not be granted.

6. A memorial from the Fire Department at Victoria asking for some relief and assistance Legislative or otherwise whereby the cost of maintenance of the Department may be lessened to the members.

The matter was discussed and it was resolved that the Department be informed that there was every disposition to aid them and that the matter was under consideration.

7. A memorandum of the Surveyor General dated the 16 December 1868, and one from Mr. Pearse assistant Surveyor General dated the 26th November 1868 upon the present condition of the Burrard Inlet Road. The matter was discussed and further consideration thereof deferred.

8. A letter dated 4th December 1868 from Julius Voight [Voigt] offering to keep the False Creek Road in Repair for \$150.

It was decided that the matter should be referred to the Magistrate at New Westminster with instructions to do what may be necessary at an expense not exceeding Two hundred dollars.

9. An application from James Van Bramer dated 21 December 1868 for a Ferry Privilege for a steam boat on Burrard's Inlet.

The Council were of opinion that further information should be obtained.

10. A letter dated the 21 December 1868 from Mr. G. A. Walkem Barrister at Law recommending that Mr. John Copland Solicitor should be paid the sum of Fifty dollars for his services in the Humphreys administration Suit. The Attorney General supported the recommendation and the Council concurred.

11. An application dated 28 December 1868, from various parties for a Lease of a tract of land known as the "Meadows" on Williams Creek Cariboo.

The request was considered and it was resolved that the matter should be referred to the Gold Commissioner at Cariboo for report and opinion.

12. A letter dated the 29th December 1868 from the Municipal Council at Victoria asking for information from the Government, concerning the altitude &c. of Elk, Prospect and Mount Douglas Lakes.

The matter to be referred to the Surveyor General to take steps to obtain the information required when convenient.



13. A letter dated 4 Jany. 1869 from the Municipal Council at Victoria asking for favorable consideration of the question of increased powers of raising Revenue being conferred upon them.

It was resolved that the question should receive favorable consideration when brought up.

14. A letter dated 23rd September 1868 from the President of the Municipal Council of New Westminster, relative to the purchase by the Government of the outstanding Municipal Debentures amounting to \$12,901.

After some discussion it was decided that an offer should be made to the present holder, who it appeared had obtained them at a large Discount of \$3000 cash for the entire amount.

15. A letter dated 5th January 1869 from Mr. James Cooper Harbour Master proposing to resign his office upon compensation being granted equal to 2 years salary and the amount of the passage money of himself and Family to England.

Mr. Cooper to be informed that no decision could be arrived at until the matter had been referred home.

16. A letter dated 4 January 1869 from Rear Admiral Hastings suggesting a reduction in the pilotage rates when Government Pilots are employed on board Her Majesty's Ships.

It was Resolved that half rates of Pilotage only, be paid by Vessels of War when Government Pilots are employed.

17. Tenders for supplies to Gaol at New Westminster for the year 1868 were then considered.

It was decided that the Stipendiary Magistrate should carry out the proposals in the best manner for the public interests.

The Governor then brought before the Council the question of the existing condition of the Judiciary with two separate Courts and two Chief Justices.

The matter was discussed at some length.

The Council then adjourned.

(sd.) William A. G. Young

### Thursday, the 14th day of January, 1869

Present: His Excellency The Governor, The Colonial Secretary, The Attorney General, The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, The Collector of Customs, The Police Magistrate New Westminster.

The minutes of last meeting were read amended and confirmed.

The Governor laid before The Council the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year 1869.

The same were considered discussed and agreed to.

The Council then adjourned.

(sd.) William A. G. Young.

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### Monday, the 25th day of January, 1869

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Present: His Excellency The Governor, The Colonial Secretary, The Attorney General, The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, The Police Magistrate New Westminster.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Governor laid before The Council for consideration and opinion the following papers.

1. An application dated 27th Novr. 1868 from Mr. Charles Evans requesting authority to purchase 800 acres of Lands in addition to 800 acres already held by him in the New Westminster District.

The Council were of opinion that the application should not be granted.

2. An application from Mr. A. C. Campbell dated 29th December 1868, for a Timber cutting Licence on the Reserve at the head of Oyster Bay.

The Council did not think the information before them sufficient to justify a compliance with the request.

3. A letter dated 16 January 1869, from the Municipal Council of Victoria, recommending provision being made for the removal of the Indians from the City of Victoria.

The Council were of opinion that the end might be attained by somewhat extending the powers proposed to be created by the Board of Health Bill.

4. A letter dated 22 January 69 from Mr. B. W. Pearse assistant Surveyor General applying for 12 months leave of absence.

The letter was referred for the Report of the Surveyor General.

The Council Then adjourned.

(sd.) William A. G. Young.

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### Monday, the 1st day of February, 1869

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Present: His Excellency The Governor, The Colonial Secretary, The Attorney General, The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, The Collector of of Customs, The Police Magistrate New Westminster.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Governor laid before The Council for their consideration and opinion the following papers.

1. An application dated the 22nd January, 1869 from Mr. F. H. Lamb agent of the Western Union Telegraph Co. representing the loss The Company had sustained in maintaining the line of Telegraph in British Columbia, and asking for a subsidy of \$6000 for the current year to enable the Company to continue the line in working condition.

Petitions from the Inhabitants of Cariboo, Yale, Lytton, Hope, and Victoria in favor of the line being maintained, were also laid on the Table.

The matter was discussed, but a decision thereon deferred.

2. A letter dated 27th Jany. 1869 from Mr. W. H. Franklyn, appointed Civil Commissioner of the Seychelles Islands asking for an advance of \$1500 to defray the cost of his passage.

It was decided that the request could not be granted.

3. A Petition from certain of the inhabitants of British Columbia praying that the Government would take immediate steps to open the "Eagle" pass.

The matter was considered but decision thereon was deferred to allow of certain enquiries being made as to the intentions of the owners of the Steamer "Marten".

4. A letter dated 26 January 1869 from Mr. B. W. Pearse applying for 1 years leave of absence on private affairs, after more than six years continuous service.

The Council were of opinion the leave should be granted.

The Council then adjourned.

(sd.) William A. G. Young

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### Saturday, the 6th day of February, 1869

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Present: His Excellency The Governor, The Colonial Secretary, The Attorney General, The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, The Police Magistrate New Westminster.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Governor again brought before the Council the question of granting aid to the Telegraph Co. to enable them to keep open the line between New Westminster and Cariboo.

The matter was discussed at some length and it was finally arranged that the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works should confer with the Agent of the Company and should, if he saw fit, offer the sum of \$3000 for one year for the privilege of sending all Government messages over the line free of charge.

2. The papers relating to the Eagle Pass were again laid before The Council. The Colonial Secretary reported that he had conferred with the owners of the Steamer "Marten" and had ascertained that if the pass were opened they would require a subsidy of at least \$400 a month to enable them to run her.

The question of the expediency of opening the pass was very fully considered and the opinion of the Council was that the work should not be undertaken until further explanation had been made and further information obtained.

3. An application dated 28th January from the Chief Engineer of the Victoria Fire Department asking for aid from Government to the extent of \$1000 was then considered. It was decided that the grant should be made but the Fire Department was to be informed that for the future it must not look to the general Government for aid, as provision was being made to enable it to be supported by local rates.

4. An application dated the 28 Jany. 1869 from Mr. John White for 12 months leave of absence on private business was then considered.

The Council were of opinion that leave should be granted but that the Colony should not be put to extra expense owing to Mr. White's absence.

5. The Governor then laid before The Council a Petition he had received from certain of the Residents in North and South Saanich praying for aid to improve the condition of the public Roads leading to Victoria.

Action thereon was deferred.

6. A letter from the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works dated 5 Feb. 1869 complaining of certain irregularities in the conduct of Mr. Saunders Draughtsman in the Department was then taken into consideration.

The Council were of opinion that Mr. Saunders should be warned that any repetition of his mis-conduct would be followed by dismissal.

7. The Governor then laid before The Council a Resolution of the Legislative Council dated 18 January 1869 recommending that Rewards should be offered for the destruction of Wolves and Panthers.

The Council advised that action thereupon should only be taken when proof was given of its necessity.

The Council then adjourned.

(sd.) William A. G. Young

### Saturday, the 27th day of February, 1869

Present: His Excellency The Governor, The Colonial Secretary, The Attorney General, The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, The Collector of Customs, The Police Magistrate New Westminster.

The minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The Governor laid before the Council the Calendar of Prisoners tried at the Assize held at Victoria on the 16th February 1869 with reference to two Prisoners sentenced to death, one Peter Kakan a Kanaka, and the other an Indian named Harry, both for the crime of wilful murder.

Mr. Chief Justice Needham was then introduced to the Council and handed in his notes of the trials which were read to the Council.

In reply to a question put by the Governor, Mr. Needham stated that he was sorry to say he saw no reason why the sentence of death should be commuted in either case.

Mr. Needham then retired.

The Council deliberated on both cases and were of opinion that the extreme sentence should be carried out in both cases.

The Governor then laid before the Council a declaration made by Thomas Brannan and Andrew Phillips respecting the loss of the Schooner "Alpha" on the West Coast of Vancouver Island and presenting their claim for some relief in consequence of the losses they had sustained.

The matter was discussed and it was decided that the case did not appear sufficiently serious to call for the immediate visit of a ship of war to the scene of the disaster and that pecuniary relief could not be afforded to the applicants. The repayment of the sum of \$50 guaranteed to the Indians by Mr. Spring was favorably considered.

The question of the branch assay office at Cariboo was again considered and various papers read.

It was decided that the office should be at Richfield under the charge of Mr. Hitchcock, who was to be granted during the time of his residence at Richfield, a personal allowance of \$500 a year in addition to his present salary. The details of arrangement as suggested by Mr. Claudet in his letter of the 4th February were approved and left to him to carry out.

An application dated 10 February 1869 for pecuniary aid to the Schools attached to the order of the Sisters of St. Anne, and the Brothers of St. Louis was then considered.

It was decided that aid could not be extended.

A Petition for the improvement of the Trail between Hope and Chilwayhook [Chilliwack] was then laid before the Council.

The Council were of opinion that the financial condition of the Colony would not admit of any outlay for this purpose at present.

A letter from the Bishop of Columbia, dated the 18 February 1869 was then considered. The Council were of opinion that his request for repayment of the sum of \$109 expended on the Mission House at Victoria could not be granted, but that \$60 expended for drugs might be repaid from the Indian Reserve Fund.

A letter dated the 10 February 1869 (with enclosures) from the Pilot Board was then read.

The Council were of opinion that the proposed alterations in the pilotage Rules and Regulations should be deferred for the present.

The report of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works upon his negotiation with the Telegraph Company in respect of keeping up the line from New Westminster to Cariboo was then discussed, and the Council were of opinion that the Government should grant the sum of \$4,500 in aid to the Company and for the privilege of sending all Government Messages free over the line, it appearing that without this aid the line would be undoubtedly closed.

The Council then adjourned.

(sd.) William A. G. Young

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### Wednesday, the 10th day of March, 1869

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Present: His Excellency The Governor, The Colonial Secretary, The Attorney General, The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, The Collector of Customs, The Police Magistrate New Westminster.

The Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed.

The Governor laid before the Council the following papers for their consideration and advice.

1. Report dated 13 February 1869 from Mr. Commissioner Brew upon the application from certain persons for a lease of the tract of land on William Creek Meadows.

The report was discussed and it was agreed that details of the scheme proposed to be carried out under the lease should be asked for.

2. Resolution dated 5th February 1869 of the Legislative Council upon the Petition of Robert Homfray.

The Council after consideration recommended that the amount of Mr. Homfray's claim should be paid.

3. A Resolution of the Legislative Council dated 15th January 1869.

The Council were of opinion that this Resolution recommending that Road Tolls be remitted on Colonial Flour, Bran &c. should not be acceded to.

4. The following Resolutions dated 21st January passed in Committee of Supply were considered and disposed of as noted against each.

The recommendation to appropriate the sum of \$200 for the carriage of mails between New Westminster and Burrards Inlet was agreed to and it was decided that Tenders for the service should be called for.

The Council were of opinion that it was at present unnecessary to make provision for a Mail communication once a week to Metchosin.

That enquiries should be made from Mr. Barnard the Contractor for the Mail Service to Cariboo relative to the change proposed in Sending the Mail to Lillooet and that the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works should report upon the Resolution relative to the Saanitch Roads and Road to Metchosin.

The recommendation that a drawback should be granted upon manufactured biscuit shipped for exportation was discussed, but no decision was arrived at.

5. Resolutions of the Legislative Council passed in Committee of Supply on the 22 January 1869 were then considered.

The Council concurred in the importance of possessing a trunk Road from New Westminster to Yale, but were of opinion that the finances of the Colony would not permit the work of survey or construction to be undertaken at present.

Grants in aid to the Fire Companies at Victoria and Barkerville were agreed to.

The Recommendation for the construction of a Court House at Yale would be further considered after enquiries as to its actual necessity had been made.

6. The Governor asked the opinion of the Council upon the Game Bill which had been passed by the Legislative Council. After discussion the Governor was advised to recommend the insertion of a clause exempting from the operation of the ordinance Settlers who might kill game solely for their own use.

7. The Governor laid before the Council certain Resolutions presented to him by the Mayor and Council of Victoria, complaining of the action of the Legislative Council in excluding Beacon Hill Park from the city limits.

It was agreed that Beacon Hill park should remain so excluded.

8. A letter dated 6 January 1869 from Mr. Spalding the Magistrate at Nanaimo was read in which he stated that the inhabitants of the District would supply about \$500 towards the construction of a Bridge across Nanaimo Harbour.

Also a minute of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works recommending the execution of the work at a cost of about \$1000 so soon as the \$500 was handed over to his Department.

The Council concurred in this recommendation.

9. A letter was then read dated 3 March 1869 from Mr. R. Carrall recommending the exploration of the head waters of the Fraser and Peace Rivers by a party to be aided by Government to the extent of a moiety of their expenses; the matter was discussed and the Council advised that the Government should grant a sum in aid of this enterprise not exceeding \$500.

10. The question of increasing the staff of constables in the Kootenay District was then considered and the letter dated 13 January 69 from Mr. Commissioner O'Reilly read.

The Council were of opinion that Mr. O'Reilly should be authorized to make the increase if circumstances rendered it really necessary.

11. The Governor laid before the Council a Resolution of the Legislative Council dated 15 February 1869 requesting that voyages to foreign ports should be considered of not less than 40 days duration, so that foreign going ships should obtain their stores out of Bond.

The matter was discussed but was deferred for consideration in connection with the Drawbacks Bill.

12. A letter dated 6 February 1869 was then read from Mr. Pemberton recommending the award of a gratuity of \$100 to Police Sergeant Bowden for his special exertions during the prevalence of small pox. The Council advised the grant of £50.

13. The question of the appointment of some officer to attend the duties of Harbour Master was then brought up.

Some discussion ensued but action was deferred.

14. The applications of Messrs. Sanders and Bushby for allowances during the absence from fixed residence in attendance at the Legislative Council was again considered.

The Council were of opinion that no allowance could be granted, but that actual travelling allowance should be paid.

The Council then adjourned.

(sd.) William A. G. Young

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### Monday, the 15th day of March, 1869

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Present: His Excellency The Governor, The Colonial Secretary, The Attorney General, The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, The Police Magistrate New Westminster.

The minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The Governor laid before the Council a letter dated 10 March 1869 from one Thomas Spring a trader on the North West Coast of Vancouver Island, reporting that a Barque had been wrecked on the West Coast and forwarding part of a cash Book of the English Barque "John Bright" which had been obtained from the Natives and was supposed to have belonged to the wrecked vessel.

After some discussion the Governor stated that he would forward the papers to the Admiral with the observation that the ship did not belong to the Colony nor was she bound to any port in it and that His Excellency saw no evidence of any murder having been committed by the Natives.

The Council then adjourned.

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### Saturday, the 20th day of March, 1869

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Present: His Excellency The Governor, The Colonial Secretary, The Attorney General, The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, The Collector of Customs.

The Minutes of last meeting were read amended and confirmed.

The Governor laid before the Council various papers relative to the grant of a charter for a Bridge at Quesnelle mouth to Charles Danielson. After some discussion the Council recommended that the Charter should be granted upon the conditions proposed by The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works in his minute of 9th March 1869.

An application dated 13th March 1869 from Mr. Reynolds and F. Lakin for assistance to organize an exploration party, was then considered and it was decided that assistance could not be extended.

An application dated 25 March 1869, from Messrs. Fellows and Teideman for a Reserve of mineral land in Baynes Sound, was next considered and was granted to the extent of 2000 acres for one year.

A letter was then read dated 5 March 1869 from Mr. N. J. Armstrong earnestly requesting a grant of funds in aid of the Hospital at New Westminster.

It was decided that Mr. Ball should be directed to enquire into the system of management carried on at this Hospital and to report with a view to determining the question of maintaining but one Hospital in the lower portion of the Colony.



The Governor then laid before The Council a Memorial from W. F. Tolmie Chief Factor of the Hudson Bay Co. praying for a refund of the sum of \$400 penalty inflicted by Mr. Duncan Magistrate at Methlakatla upon Mr. Cunningham an employé of the Hudson Bay Co. for selling spirits to Indians and for a reversal of the Magistrates finding.

As it appeared the matter had been already appealed to the Supreme Court and dealt with there, The Council advised the Governor not to interfere.

The Council then adjourned.

(sd.) F. Seymour.

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### Friday, the 30th day of April, 1869

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The Council met at one o'clock.

Present: His Excellency The Governor and The Honbles. The Attorney General, The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, The Collector of Customs, The Police Magistrate New Westminster.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed The Colonial Secretary Mr. Hankin was sworn in as a member of the Council and took his seat.

A letter from Mr. Jesse dated April 10th was then read requesting some compensation might be allowed him on resigning his office, when it was decided that under the circumstances no compensation could be allowed.

A letter from Messrs. Fell and Finlayson dated 8th April tendering for supplies to the Light Ship was then laid before the Council when it was decided on the recommendation of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, that the necessary supplies should be obtained from them.

A letter was next read from the mayor of Victoria dated 8th April calling attention to the provisions of the Health Bill, when it was determined that the two cities of Victoria and New Westminster should be proclaimed to be Health Districts under the Health ordinance 1869, and the Colonial Secretary was instructed to write to the Mayors of the respective cities, requesting them to suggest such By-Laws to be laid before The Governor in Council as may appear most expedient for carrying out the provisions of the Health ordinance.

The Council then adjourned.

(sd.) P. J. Hankin

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### Saturday, the 8th day of May, 1869

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Council met at noon.

Present: His Excellency The Governor and the Honbles. The Colonial Secretary, The Cf. Commr. of Lands & Works, The Collector of Customs.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter was then read from Mr. Young dated 4th May applying for leave of absence for 12 months on the half salary of the Colonial Secretary of Vancouver's Island and asking that the passage of himself and family should be paid to England when the Governor was recommended to allow Mr. Young the passage money of himself and family to England as compensation in full as against British Columbia, should he persist in asking for it.

Leave of absence refused, Mr. Young not being in office.

The question of removing the Songish Indians from the Reserve at Victoria was then discussed by the Council when the Governor was advised to see the Police Magistrate at Victoria, for information as to the best method of moving them.

A letter of 27 April from Mr. Claudet was next read requesting to know what arrangements should be made with regard to the travelling expenses, and extra allowance for the staff of the Branch Assay office in Cariboo, when it was decided that the suggestions made in Mr. Claudet's letter be carried out.

The Council then adjourned.

(sd.) P. J. Hankin.

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### Wednesday, the 12th day of May, 1869

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Council met at 2.30 p.m.

Present: His Excellency The Governor and the Honbles. The Colonial Secretary, The Attorney General, The Cf. Commr. of Lands & Works, The Collector of Customs, The Police Magistrate from N.W.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter dated 6th February from Mr. Berkeley Secretary of the Pilot Board was read Enclosing a letter from Captain Raymur resigning membership of the Pilot Board.

Resignation accepted.

A letter was next read from the Commissioners of Savings Banks requesting a sum of money to be placed at their disposal to enable them to establish an office in Victoria in conformity with the Savings Bank ordinance by the appointment of a Cashier the providing of office accommodation Books &c. when it was decided that the Public Treasury be the most fit and proper place for a Savings Bank and the Colonial Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Graham (The

officer in charge of the Treasury) authorizing him to receive all moneys from persons who may wish to make deposits with him, in accordance with the Savings Bank ordinance and to provide himself with the necessary Books &c. at the public expense for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the Act.

Letters were then read from Mr. Morley the Magistrate at Cowichan and Mr. Mohun stating that the Indians at that place would not allow Mr. Mohun to proceed with the survey of the Indian Reserve which had been ordered by the Government, when The Governor was advised that the Police Magistrate at Victoria be instructed to visit Cowichan with two or three constables and endeavour to arrange the matter.

A letter from The Revd. Mr. Jamieson Presbyterian Minister dated May 5th was next read asking on what terms the Government would dispose of the Church at Derby near Langley, when the Colonial Secretary was instructed to write and acquaint Mr. Jamieson that the Government had no intention of disposing of the Building applied for.

The Council then adjourned.

(sd.) P. J. Hankin

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### **Monday, the 17th day of May, 1869**

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Council met at 2.30 p.m.

Present: His Excellency The Governor and the Honbles. The Colonial Secretary, The Attorney General, The Cf. Commissr. of Lands & Works, The Collector of Customs.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter from Mr. Hugh Nelson dated May 12th was read making an offer of \$15000 for the Government Steamer "Sir James Douglas."

Decision deferred till next meeting.

A telegraphic message from the Gold Commissioner at Cariboo was then laid before The Council, requesting permission for the Assay office to be established at Barkerville instead of Richfield which arrangement was approved, and it was decided therefore that the office should be established at Barkerville.

A letter dated the 29th April from the Gold Commissioner at Cariboo was next read enclosing the report of the Committee which was appointed by the Williams Creek miners to take into consideration the application of certain persons for a grant of about 5 miles of the Williams Creek "Meadows" with the view to the formation of a Company for prospecting and mining the same.

Deferred till next meeting.

A letter from the Postmaster General dated 14th May was next laid before The Council enclosing a report from Mr. Semler [Semlen] relative to the probable

cost of sending a monthly summer mail from Cache Creek viâ Kamloops and tendering to perform the work at \$100 a month.

Tender not accepted.

A letter from Dr. Ash dated April 3rd was next read requesting to know on what terms The Government would sell a square mile of land at Comox over which a prospecting Licence had already been granted him, when the Council were of opinion that the Lands in question should not be sold.

Dr. Ashs application to purchase was refused accordingly.

A letter dated 8th May from the Light House keeper at the Race Rocks was next read making application for a smaller Boat than the one at present in use, when the Council were of opinion a small boat was necessary, and his application was granted accordingly.

The Council then adjourned.

(sd.) P. J. Hankin.

### Monday, the 14th day of June, 1869

Council met at 12 oclock noon.

Present: His Honor The Officer Administering The Government and The Hons. The Attorney General, The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, The Collector of Customs.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Officer Administering the Government then acquainted the Council that in consequence of the death of His Excellency Governor Seymour he had as Senior member of the Executive Council, assumed the administration of the Government.

His Honor then took and subscribed before the Senior member of the Executive Council then present, the customary oath of allegiance and office.

His Honor next acquainted the Council that he had appointed Mr. Charles Good The Assistant Colonial Secretary to Act as Colonial Secretary. Mr. Good having then taken and subscribed the Customary oaths took his seat.

It was then agreed that the funeral of the late Governor should take place at Esquimalt and that all the necessary arrangements should be left to the discretion of His Honor The Officer Administering The Government.

The Council then adjourned.

(sd.) Charles Good

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**Saturday, the 19th day of June, 1869**

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Council met at 11a.m.

Present: His Honor The Officer administering the Government and The Hons. The Acting Colonial Secretary, The Attorney General, The Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works, The Collector of Customs, The Magistrate from New Westminster.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter dated 2nd June from the Magistrate at Lilloet was read enclosing an application from Mr. Hughes Toll Collector at Clinton for 5 months leave of absence.

Agreed that Mr. Hughes be informed that the leave will be granted if his substitute be approved of, but without Salary while absent on leave.

A letter dated 18th May from Mr. Armstrong of New Westminster applying for a drawback on home manufactured flour and making enquiry as to the intentions of the Government as regards altering the tariff on wheat, was next read, when it was decided that Mr. Armstrong should be acquainted that the Government could give him no information in regard to The Tariff and that the drawback to which reference was made had already been disallowed.

A letter from Mr. Hugh Nelson dated May 12th offering to purchase the steamer "Sir James Douglas" at Fifteen thousand dollars was then read, when it was agreed that Mr. Nelson be acquainted that the Government were unable to accept the offer of \$15000.

A letter dated 5th June from the Police Magistrate at Victoria was next read, having relation to a reported Fenian Invasion when it was agreed that Mr. Pemberton be thanked for his suggestions.

A letter from the mayor of Victoria dated 21st May requesting that an alteration in the Health By Law be made was next read when it was ordered

That in lieu of the words "Stipendiary Magistrate" in Clause 9 of the Health By Law passed by order in Council of the 8th May 1869, the words "any Justice of the Peace" be inserted and that such By Law be read and construed accordingly.

That all fees and fines received under the said By Law or the Health Ordinance 1869 shall be deemed paid and accounted for as part of the Public Revenue.

A letter dated 12 June from the Magistrate at Nanaimo was next read enclosing a Petition from the Inhabitants of Comox praying to be created a Fence District under the Fence ordinance 1869, when His Honor was advised that the Petitioners be acquainted that under that ordinance the District of Comox is already included within the provisions thereof.

A letter from the Magistrate of New Westminster dated May 31st and endorsing the application of one John Thomas a miner for aid in an exploration of the Squamish Country, he having lost \$600 worth of property in endeavouring to prospect it by his private means was next read, when it was decided That the

Magistrate of New Westminster be authorized to advance the applicant the sum of \$100 for the purpose of prospecting, provided the people of New Westminster will furnish a like Sum.

A Petition from Mr. Steinburger of Yale, complaining of the action of the magistrate there, in refusing to grant him a liquor licence was next read, when it was decided not to interfere with the magistrates decision.

A letter dated 16th June from Mr. [J.] C. Nicholson requesting that no further licences should be granted to sell liquor near the saw mill [at] Burrards Inlet was then read, and it was agreed that the opinion of the Attorney General be obtained, as to whether the land in question be unincumbered Crown land.

A letter from The Gold Commissioner at Cariboo was next read dated 29th April and enclosing the Report of a Committee appointed to enquire into the propriety of conceding the right to mine the whole of that part of Cariboo known as the "Meadows" to a Victorian Company.

Ordered to be deferred till next meeting.

The Council then adjourned till Monday the 21st at 12. p.m.

(sd.) Charles Good

### Monday, the 21st day of June, 1869

Council met at 12 o'clock at noon.

Present: His Honor The Officer Administering The Government and The Hons. The Acting Colonial Secretary, The Attorney General, The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, The Collector of Customs, The Magistrate of New Westminster.

Minutes of previous meeting confirmed.

A letter from Mr. Walker was next read dated 29th May making application for a settlement of the claim of Messrs. Brown and Gillis for compensation for land at Quesnel sold by the Government.

Ordered to be deferred till next meeting of Council.

A letter from the Esquimalt Road Commissioners dated May 19th was next read when it was decided that the Resignation tendered could not be accepted nor their liability assumed by the Government.

A letter from Mr. Sanders J.P. of Lilloet[t] was next read, dated 25 May enclosing Petition from certain settlers praying that Pastoral Leases might be granted when it was decided that if the Petitioners would apply separately through the Stipendiary Magistrates the same would be considered by the officer administering the Government.

A letter from Mr. Rees Rees was then read dated 19 June offering to accept \$3000 for the New Westminster Municipal Debentures, with interest to date.

Ordered to be deferred till next meeting.

The Council then adjourned.

(sd.) Charles Good

## Friday, the 25th day of June, 1869

Council met at 2 o'clock p.m.

Present: His Honor The officer administering The Government and the Hons. The Acting Colonial Secretary, The Attorney General, The Cf. Commissr. of Lands and Works, The Collector of Customs, The Police Magistrate New Westminster.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The question of leasing the "Meadows" at Cariboo was again brought up when it was decided that the attorney General prepare and submit to the next meeting of Council a Lease embodying the suggestions made by the Committee of Miners at Cariboo.

A letter from Captain Lewis of the Steamer "Otter" dated 26 May was next read in reference to some supposed disturbances on the North Coast at Bella Coola when it was decided that no action need be taken in the matter as it had already been settled when The late Governor visited that part of the Country in the "Sparrowhawk."

The application of Mr. Rees Rees was again considered when it was decided that Mr. Rees be acquainted that the letter to which he alludes as having offered to accept \$3000 and interest for the New Westminster Municipal Bonds had never been received.

The question of arranging the common Schools of the Colony and of putting in force the Common Schools ordinance 1869 was next brought up, when it was decided that the following should be School Districts.

Victoria	comprising	Victoria district and city schools
Esquimalt	,,	Craigflower and Esquimalt
Saanitch		
Cedar Hill	,,	Lake and Cedar Hill
New Westminster	,,	New Westr. Sapperton
		Langley Burrards Inlet

Nanaimo

Yale

Clinton

Lytton

and that sums not exceeding the annexed amounts be given for each School.

Victoria	\$1000
Esquimalt	1000
Saanitch	500
Nanaimo	500
Lake and Cedar Hill	1000
Yale	500
New Westminster	1000
Clinton	500
Lytton	500

and that full information be conveyed to all parties concerned.

A Letter from Mr. Garesché dated 29 June enclosing a Bill drawn by Mr. Waddington on account of salary as Superintendent of Schools and requesting payment was next read when it was decided that Mr. Garesché be acquainted that the Government do not recognize any legal claim on the part of Mr. Waddington.

The Council then adjourned.

(sd) Charles Good

[Marginal Note] Certified a correct copy of the minutes of the Executive Council of British Columbia from the 1st January to the 30th June 1869. Charles Good, Acting Colonial Secretary.

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### Friday, the 2nd day of July, 1869

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Council met at 2 o'clock P.M.

Present: His Honor The Officer Administering and The Honbles. The Acting Colonial Secretary, The Attorney General, The Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works, The Collector of Customs.

The minutes of previous Meeting read and confirmed.

His Honor brought before the Council the subject of sending an Officer to Kootenay and requested the opinion of the Council on the subject.

The Council were of opinion that an Officer should be at once despatched, and it was agreed that Mr. Ball the Magistrate of New Westminster should be instructed to proceed to Kootenay without delay in accordance with the intentions of the late Governor.

The Calendar of the late Assize was then read in which it was found that three Indians were condemned to death.

One "Tom" for the murder of a colored man at Salt Spring Island.

"John" alias "Anaits-che-sist" and "Katkeena" for the Murder of a White Woman and man respectively who came ashore at "Ilushquiet" from the Wreck of the "John Bright".

Mr. Chief Justice Needham was then introduced into the Council and handed in his notes of the Trials which were read to the Council.

In reply to a question put by His Honor, Mr. Needham stated he saw no reason why the sentence of death should be commuted in either case.

Mr. Needham then retired. The Council deliberated on all three cases and were of opinion that the extreme sentence should be carried out in all.

The Calendar of the Assizes held at Clinton on the 19th May last was next read, when it was found that a Chinaman named "Sed Gee" was condemned to death for the wilful murder of "Ah Chun".



The Judges notes were read aloud to the Council, who were of opinion that in this case also the extreme sentence should be carried out.

It was ordered that the Indians should all be executed in the locality where the Murders were committed.

The Council then adjourned till Monday the 5th July at 2 o'clock.

(Signed) Charles Good  
Actg. Colonial Secretary

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### Monday, the 5th day of July, 1869

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Council met at 2 o'clock P.M.

Present: His Honor The Officer Administering and The Honbles. The Acting Colonial Secretary, The Attorney General, The Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works, The Collector of Customs.

The Minutes of previous Meeting read and confirmed.

A letter dated 1st July making certain suggestions from Captain Spring as to the North West Coast of Vancouver Island.

Consideration deferred.

A letter was next read from the Agent of the Colonial Securities Company in Victoria asking for payment of \$90,000 under the "Exchequer Debenture Ordinance 1867". It was agreed that the Company be informed that the Government is not prepared to redeem the Bonds at present; but the interest would be paid regularly as it became due, and notice of redemption given under the "Exchequer Ordinance 1867."

A letter was then read from Mr. Neustadt Agent of the Steamer "G.S. Wright" asking that the half Pilotage charged at Nanaimo be remitted.

It was agreed that the applicant be acquainted that His Honor had no power to interfere.

The case of the claim of Messrs. Brown & Gillis of Quesnelle was again brought up when it was determined that Mr. Walker their legal adviser be made acquainted with the opinion of the Attorney General lately given on the matter.

The application of Rees Rees for the Government to purchase the New Westminster Municipal Bonds was again considered, and it was decided that Mr. Rees be finally informed that \$3000 will be given, and that the offer will not be repeated, if not accepted by the 1st August.

The Council were further of opinion that if this offer be accepted that the sum of \$750 per annum agreed to be paid by the Government to the Municipal Council New Westminster be retained till the amount of \$3000 be

covered; the liability now taken over being entirely one incurred by The Council and not by the Government.

A letter was read dated 16th April from Mr. Buie asking for a subsidy for the Telegraph from Quesnelle to Cariboo.

Agreed that it was not in the power of His Honor to accede to this request.

The Council then adjourned.

(Signed) Charles Good  
Actg. Colonial Secretary

## Tuesday, the 13th day of July, 1869

Council met at 2 o'clock P.M.

Present: His Honor The Officer Administering and The Honbles. The Actg. Colonial Secretary, The Attorney General, The Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works, The Collector of Customs.

The Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed.

The Officer Administering the Government laid before the Council copy of a confession made by "Anaits-che-sist" alias "John" an Indian convicted of the murder of one of the crew of the "John Bright" and now under sentence of death. His Honor stated that as this confession implicated the Chiefs of the Tribe to which "John" belonged he had forwarded it to the Chief Justice, and he read the reply he had received, viz.: that the Chief Justice saw no reason why such confession should interfere with the sentence.

The Council agreed with this decision.

A letter was read from Mr. Bates agent of the Vancouver Island Coal Company at Nanaimo, dated 7th July offering to compound a claim of some \$700. against the Government for a payment of \$280.

It was agreed that the deliberate decision (authorizing the payment of \$200 in full of all claims) come to in this matter by the late Governor should be adhered to.

The proposed boundaries of the Victoria, Esquimalt, and Cedar Hill School Districts were then agreed to.

A letter from Mr. A. T. Bushby dated 8th July on the subject of redemption of an Exchequer Debenture Bond for \$2000 was then read.

It was decided that Mr. Bushby be acquainted that the Government is not prepared to redeem the said Bond at present, but that the interest thereon will be regularly paid as it becomes due, and notice of redemption under the "Exchequer Debenture Ordinance 1867."

The Council then adjourned.

(Signed) Charles Good  
Actg. Colonial Secretary

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**Thursday, the 15th day of July, 1869**

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Council met at 1 o'clock P.M.

Present: His Honor The Officer Administering and The Honbles. The Actg. Colonial Secretary, The Attorney General, The Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works, The Collector of Customs.

The minutes of previous Meeting read and confirmed.

The subject of the application to work the "Meadows" at Cariboo was again taken up. It was agreed that the Company be offered the lease prepared by the Attorney General, the offer to hold good for two Months and the lease to be granted when the Company is duly formed to the satisfaction of the Government with a subscribed Capital of \$100,000 of which \$25,000 must be paid up.

A letter from the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works and Captain Mist R.N. Justices of the Peace was then read dated 5th July reporting the seizure on the North Coast of the Schooner "Nanaimo Packet" for an infraction of the Indian Liquor Law and the steps taken for her safe custody.

Agreed that all proper charges on this account be paid and the ship sold by public Auction.

A letter from two of the School Teachers was next read dated 14th July asking to be paid their Salaries for June. Agreed that the proportion of the Government grant of \$500 for each Teacher be paid to them.

A Petition from T. L. Wood Esquire Barrister-at-Law was next read, praying that the sentence of death on "Anait-che-sist" alias "John" might be stayed until an appeal could be made to the several Judges of the Supreme Courts of the Colony.

It was agreed that the opinion of the Attorney General on this subject be obtained.

A letter from Peter Fraser asking for a refund of Road Tolls charged on Saw Mill Machinery carried from Lillooet to Cariboo be refunded was next read.

Agreed that the application be granted.

The Council then adjourned.

(Signed) Charles Good  
Actg. Colonial Secretary

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**Friday, the 16th day of July, 1869**

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Council met at 1 o'clock P.M.

Present: His Honor The Officer Administering and The Honbles. The Attorney General, The Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works, The Collector of Customs.

Minutes of previous Meeting read and confirmed.

The opinion of the Attorney General on the Petition of T. L. Wood Esquire Barrister-at-Law for the sentence of death on "Anait-che-Sist" alias "John" to be postponed until an appeal could be made to the several Judges of the Supreme Courts of the Colony was read aloud to the Council.

It was agreed that Mr. Wood be acquainted that His Honor sees no reason for interfering with the sentence of the Court.

The Council then adjourned.

(Signed) Charles Good  
Actg. Colonial Secretary

### Saturday, the 24th day of July, 1869

Council met at 11 o'clock a.m.

Present: His Honor The Officer Administering and The Honbles. The Actg. Colonial Secretary, The Attorney General, The Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works, The Collector of Customs.

The Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

A letter from Mr. Brew, J.P. dated 12th July suggesting that aid be afforded the Cariboo Library.

Consideration deferred.

The subject of a claim made by the Revd. Mr. Owen for \$109 in repayment of expenditure incurred by him to aid the Indians suffering from Small Pox was again considered.

The report from the Indian Reserve Commissioners which had been called for as having relation to the application was read aloud.

It was decided that Mr. Owen be paid the sum of \$109 out of the Indian Reserve Fund.

The question of the condition of the Songish Indian Reserve was next considered.

It was decided that the present Commissioners be relieved of the charge of the Reserve and that the whole matter be handed over to the management of the Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works.

An application dated 22nd July from the Revd. E. Cridge was then read, asking for \$250 in aid of the Female Infirmary, that sum being the unpaid balance of a grant made by the Legislature in 1865.

Agreed that Mr. Cridge be acquainted that the sum of \$250 will be granted on evidence being afforded that the Committee are in a position to liquidate the whole debt on the Building.

A minute from the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works on the subject of certain unauthorized occupation of Public land by Cameron Nias and Trimble was read.

Ordered to be referred for the opinion of the Attorney General.

A letter dated 13th July from Jas. E. McMillan making certain charges against F. G. Barnard the Mail Contractor was next read.

Ordered to be referred to the Post Master General for report.

A Petition from the Saanich School Local Board was next read.

It was decided that the pecuniary grant should be made in aid of the School.

The Council then adjourned.

(Signed) Charles Good  
Actg. Colonial Secretary

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### Wednesday, the 28th day of July, 1869

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Council met at 2 o'clock P.M.

Present: His Honor The Officer Administering and The Honbles. The Actg. Colonial Secretary, The Attorney General, The Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works, The Collector of Customs.

The Minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

A letter from the Mayor of Victoria dated [6 July] making application for a grant of Salary for 3 Teachers and for \$500 to be expended by the Government in repair by the School House, was read.

Agreed that the sum of \$375 be granted for each of the Schools now in operation in the District dating from the 1st April 1869 and \$250 for a Female Teacher for the half year commencing 1st July 1869 and that a sum not exceeding \$500 be expended by the Chief Commissioner in repair of the School House.

A letter from the President of the Municipal Council of New Westminster stating that steps had been taken in that District in reference to carrying out the provisions of the Common School Ordinance 1869, and asking a Grant of \$2000 in aid of the Schools of the District was read.

Agreed that the sum of \$1800 be granted.

The opinion of the Attorney General as to whether the Land in Burrards Inlet known as the old Town Reserve was unincumbered Crown Land was read aloud to the Council.

Also a letter from Mr. Ball J.P. of New Westminster in reference to Leases granted by him on that Reserve, a letter from Mr. Nicholson of the British Columbia and Vancouver Island Spar and Mill Company requesting that no more Licenses to sell liquor might be granted on such Reserve, also a letter from Mr. G. Brew enquiring upon what terms the Government would dispose of a portion of such Reserve.

Agreed that the Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works be instructed to direct the Magistrate at New Westminster not to grant any more Leases on the said Land and eject all intruders on the same.

Also that Mr. Brew be informed that the Government do not desire to dispose of any such land.

Also that Mr. Nicholson be acquainted that the Government will not for the present grant any further Leases or Licenses on the said Land.

A letter from the Secretary of the Royal Victoria Hospital was read, making application for pecuniary aid.

Agreed that this Hospital be placed on a similar footing to the other Hospitals in the Colony and receive a regular monthly aid in this case to be \$320 per month and that the Board be acquainted that the allowance for 7 months at this rate is at the disposal of the Board.

The Council then adjourned.

Confirmed after amendment.

(Signed) Charles Good  
Actg. Colonial Secretary

### Friday, the 13th day of August, 1869

Council met at 2 P.M.

Present: His Honor The Officer Administering and The Honbles. The Actg. Colonial Secretary, The Attorney General, The Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works, The Collector of Customs.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read, amended and confirmed.

A letter was read from the Honble. Mr. O'Reilly dated 21st July, enclosing an application from Messrs. Cornwall for a lease of 6000 acres of Pastoral Land under the Land Act 1865.

Agreed that the Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works be authorized to grant the Lease in question at a yearly rental of \$200, provided not less than 300 head of Cattle are kept on the land in question.

An application from the Esquimalt and Craigflower Common School Board for pecuniary aid was next read.

Agreed that the Statutory aid be granted.

A letter was then read from the Honble. A. T. Bushby, forwarding a Petition from the inhabitants of the North Arm of Fraser River, to be constituted a Fence District.

Agreed that the prayer of the Petition be granted.

A letter from Mr. Spring of the Schooner "Surprise" dated 4th August was read, claiming \$64 for supplies given to the Ahousat Indians for rescuing the Crew of the wrecked Schooner "Alpha".

Agreed that Mr. Spring be paid the sum in question.

The Council then adjourned.

(Signed) Philip J. Hankin  
Colonial Secretary