

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

CLAIMS OF JAMES MORRISON.

*To the Honourable the Speaker and Members
of the Legislative Assembly.*

Your Committee appointed to inquire into the claims of James Morrison beg leave to report as follows:—

Your Committee find that Mr. James Morrison bought at a tax sale of lands, held in the city of New Westminster on the 30th day of April, 1879, under authority of an Act passed in the year 1876 to assess, levy, and collect taxes on property in British Columbia, Lots 29, 30, and 32, Block I North, Range I East, in the District of New Westminster, and that, in accordance with the provisions of said Act, after the expiration of two years, applied for his deed. A deed of said lots was granted by the officer of the Government to the said James Morrison, bearing date 16th January, 1882. Afterwards, on the 27th February, 1882, actions were brought by James E. Murne and Frederick Heim (the owners of said land during the time the taxes accrued) against Mr. Morrison in the Supreme Court of British Columbia to recover possession of the lands, on the ground of the invalidity of the sale. Mr. Morrison having done all that was required of him in connection with the sale, as above mentioned, and believing the deed issued to him by the Government to be valid, defended the actions. The Court gave judgment in both actions against Mr. Morrison with costs. That on the 15th and 29th August, 1882, Mr. Morrison applied to the Government for the amount to be refunded to him, none of which has been paid up to the present date. The amount expended by Mr. Morrison is as follows:—

Cost of land at sale.....	\$111 00
Cost of deed.....	10 00
Costs taxed against Mr. Morrison.....	427 00
Costs incurred by Mr. Morrison to his Solicitor	245 00
Total	\$793 00

JAMES ORR,
Chairman.

Victoria, April 24, 1883.