

## RETURN

To an Address of the Legislative Assembly praying that copies of correspondence between the Provincial and Dominion Governments, touching the boundary line between British Columbia and Alaska, may be laid before the House.

By Command.

JOHN ASH,

*Provincial Secretary's Office,*  
15th April, 1875.

*Provincial Secretary.*

*The Lieutenant-Governor to the Secretary of State for Canada.*

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, VICTORIA,

19th January, 1874.

No. 3.

SIR,—With reference to my despatch, No. 69, of the 11th July, 1872, to the Honorable the Secretary of State for the Provinces, and his replies, No. 97, of 27th July, and No. 106, of September 28th of the same year, I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of an Address to me from the Legislative Assembly of this Province, requesting me to urge further on the Federal Government the necessity for taking immediate steps for having the boundary line between this place and Alaska properly defined. I also enclose a Minute of my Executive Council supporting the request preferred in this Address, and, in accordance therewith, and upon the grounds stated by my Ministers, I beg you to lay this despatch and its enclosure before His Excellency the Governor-General, and to recommend the representations therein conveyed to His Excellency's favourable consideration.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

*The Under Secretary of State to the Lieutenant-Governor.*

OTTAWA, 10th February, 1874.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 3, of the 19th ultimo, transmitting with reference to previous correspondence on the subject, a copy of an Address presented to you by the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, and of a Minute of your Executive Council founded thereon, urging the necessity of taking immediate steps for having the boundary line and the territory of Alaska established and defined.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) E. J. LANGEVIN,  
*Under Secretary of State.*