

Whereas the use and consumption  
of spirituous liquors has  
caused and does still cause great  
damage and inconvenience to the  
Inhabitants of the Colony of  
Vancouver's Island, by detouring  
and corrupting the population both  
native and Immigrant.

It is enacted

1. That no spirits shall be  
imported into Vancouver's Island in  
any vessel of any kind in a less  
quantity than five gallons in each  
vessel or case.

2. That no such spirits shall be  
landed or sold from or on board any  
vessel without a permit from the  
authorities of the State, and unless  
such permit may be made, such  
permit to be signed by at least  
one Civil Magistrate.

3. That all spirits sold or landed  
in or from any vessel in any Port or  
Harbour of Vancouver's Island

in transgression of these enactments  
shall be contraband goods liable  
to seizure accordingly.

4. That any Person or  
Persons transgressing these  
enactments by the illegal sale  
or transportation of spirituous  
liquors shall upon conviction  
of the same offence before any  
Magistrate of the Colony be liable  
to a penalty not exceeding five  
pounds or five hundred dollars each  
for each offence in addition to the  
loss of such spirituous liquors  
or to see they may have sold or  
landed.

5. That on proof being  
given before a Magistrate that  
unlawful liquors have been landed  
or sold from or by any vessel, either  
in the State, or being off the coast  
of Vancouver's Island, the said  
Magistrate

Magistrate shall proceed to confiscate  
the penalty above mentioned & of  
five hundred dollars in the hands  
of such vessel in the event of the said  
offence being discovered, and  
prohibited from justice, and in  
any case it shall be lawful for  
said Magistrate in the event of  
non payment of the penalty or  
penalties to levy the same by  
execution on the said vessel.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the Colony of Vancouver's Island this 13th day of May 1850  
Richard Blanshard  
Governor

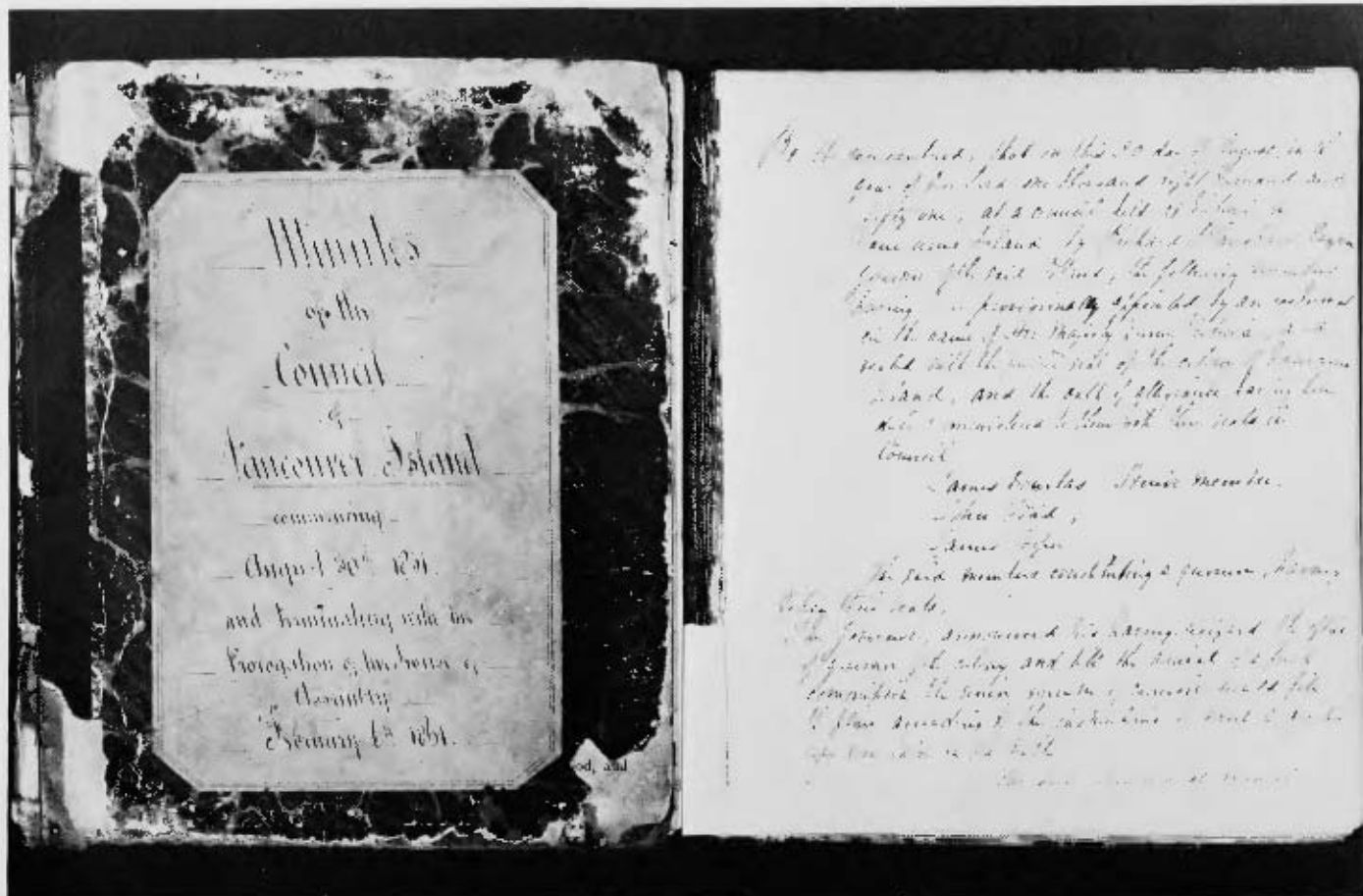
Victoria, by the Queen of Great Britain, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain, and Ireland. Trustee of the faith, to James Douglas Esquire, James Member, John Tod Esquire, James Cooper Esquire.

### Greeting.

Whereas that we have assigned you jointly and severally and every one of you Members of our Council of Government in our Island of Vancouver, and its dependencies, with the full power and authority thereto appertaining guiding yourselves by such rules and regulations as shall be given and prescribed in and by such Instructions as the with the advice of our Privy Council, shall from time to time make for your guidance. Provided nevertheless that this appointment be considered as provisional only and subject to our confirmation or our disallowance. Given at Fort Victoria, Vancouver Island under the Public Seal, this twenty seventh day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and fifty one, and the fifth year of our reign.

Witness Richard Blanshard Governor





Cover and first page of original minute book of the Council of Vancouver Island. The handwriting is that of James Douglas. GR 819, PABC.



A view of James Bay and the new government buildings, the "Birdcages." Detail of an ink sketch of Victoria by H. O. Tidemann, ca. 1859. Pdp 277, PABC.

Victoria by the Grace of God of the United  
Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen  
defender of the faith.

To,

Alfred John Langley

Greeting

Know that we have assigned you a  
Member of our Council of Government in our Island  
of Vancouver and its dependencies with the full  
power and authority thereto appertaining guiding  
yourself by such rules and regulations as  
shall be given and prescribed in and by such  
Instructions as We with the advice of our Privy Council  
shall from time to time make for your guidance.

Provided nevertheless that this appointment  
be considered as provisional only and subject to Our  
confirmation or disallowance.

Given at Victoria Vancouver Island,  
under the Public Seal of the Colony this fifth  
day of February in the year of Our Lord, one  
Thousand eight hundred and sixty one and  
the twenty fourth of Our Reign

Witness

By Command  
William A. S. Young

James Douglas  
Governor

Instrument signed by James Douglas appointing Alfred J. Langley to the Council of  
Vancouver Island, 5 February 1861. Add. MSS. 180, PABC.

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Vancouver Island

Executive Council

I solemnly and sincerely promise and swear that as a member of the Executive Council of the Colony of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies, I will advise and assist His Excellency the Governor to the best of my cunning and discretion, and without partiality through affection, love, malice, doubt, or deceit, that I will keep secret the deliberations of the Council, that I will avoid corruption, that I will help and strengthen what shall be there resolved, that I will withstand all persons who would attempt the contrary and that I will observe keep and do all that a good and true councillor ought to do. So help me God -

Henry Wakeford

Acting Colonial Secretary

George Amable Cary  
Attorney General

M. J. Peterson  
Treasurer

P. C. Pemberton  
Surveyor General

Sworn before me at the  
Executive Council Chamber  
the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 1864

A. E. M. Kennedy  
Governor

Oath sworn by members of the Executive Council of Vancouver Island, 27 June 1864.  
Vancouver Island, Executive Council, P.A.B.C.

Saturday 16 March A.D. 1874

Present

The Colonial Secretary	The Hon. General
The Treasurer	The Acting Surveyor General

The Council received His Excellency Arthur Edward Murray Esq. appointed Governor & Commander in Chief in and over the Colony of Vancouver's Island and its Dependencies.

His Excellency produced Her Majesty's Instructions and Instructions.

The Colonial Secretary then read Her Majesty's Instructions dated <sup>at St. James's Palace</sup> 11 days of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1873.

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The Colonial Secretary then administered the oath of allegiance to His Excellency as follows:

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The Council then adjourned.

A. E. Murray Esq.

W. H. Murray Esq.  
G. A. Stewart Esq.