
CORRESPONDENCE

Respecting missing letter of Honorable A. Mackenzie from the Report of Honorable Mr. Walkem's Mission.

By Command.

Attorney General's Office,
19th April, 1875.

GEO. A. WALKEM,
Attorney-General.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
22nd March, 1875.

SIR,—I have the honor to draw Your Excellency's attention to a letter dated the 21st February, 1874, from the Honorable A. Mackenzie to yourself, a copy of which is printed amongst the papers laid before the Dominion Parliament, respecting the non-fulfilment of the Terms of Union, and to request you will inform the Committee of Council if the letter in question ever reached Your Excellency.

This request is made because the Committee has always understood that Mr. Edgar never presented you with any credentials other than letters from the Governor-General of Canada, which were marked "private and confidential."

I have &c.,

(Signed) JOHN ASH.

His Excellency Lieutenant-Governor Trutch,
&c., &c., &c.

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S OFFICE,
22nd March, 1875.

SIR,—The Lieutenant-Governor directs me to state in reply to the letter of this day's date addressed by you to His Honor, that the letter dated 21st February, 1874, from the Honorable A. Mackenzie to the Lieutenant-Governor, a copy of which is printed amongst the papers laid before the Dominion Parliament respecting the non-fulfilment of the Terms of Union, has never reached His Honor, nor was he aware until he read the printed copy above referred to, that any such letter had been addressed to him.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) ARTHUR G. J. PINDER,
Private Secretary.

The Honorable the Provincial Secretary.

OTTAWA, March 24th, 1875.

SIR,—I have just received your telegram, informing me that you had not received the letter I addressed you, by Mr. Edgar, of February 21st, 1874.

I was not aware, until I received your telegram, that the letter had not been delivered to you. Mr. Edgar has, to-day, informed me that he did not hand you the letter, as your Ministers objected to any communication being made except through them. Mr. Edgar did not previously make me aware of this objection. Had I been informed of it at the time, I would have directed him to deliver the letter, notwithstanding the objection.

I can only now express my regret that the letter was not delivered; and, that seeing it was not delivered, that it was published with the correspondence. I observe, however, that there is nothing in the letter which could, apparently, affect the question to be discussed by Mr. Edgar, as similar assurances were conveyed in my letter by Mr. Edgar to Mr. Walkem.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) A. MACKENZIE.

His Honor
Lieutenant-Governor Trutch,
Victoria, B. C.