## No. 12.

## PETITION.

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To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled:

The humble petition of John Hendry, of the City of Vancouver, Lumber Merchant, and Richard Henry Alexander, of the same place, Lumber Merchant, sheweth:—

That your petitioners are desirous of having passed an Act of your Honourable House incorporating a Company with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain a standard or narrow gauge railway from some point on Johnstone Strait, Vancouver Island, a short distance west of Chatham Point, thence in a southerly direction by the most feasible route to a point on or near Upper Campbell Lake on the said island, and with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain a branch line from a convenient point on the main line by the most feasible route to a point on Johnstone Strait a short distance east of Bear River; and also a further branch line from some convenient point on the main line by the most feasible route to some point on the Salmon river, and also all other necessary branch lines; and to build and operate tramways in connection therewith, with power to construct, operate and maintain all necessary roads, bridges, ways, ferries and other works, and to build, own and maintain wharves and docks in connection therewith, and with power to build, construct, acquire, own, equip and maintain ships, steamers, barges and other boats and vessels and to operate the same on any navigable waters within the Province; and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches; and with power to build and operate all kinds of plant for the purpose of supplying light, heat, electricity and any kind of motive power; and with power to acquire water rights and construct dams and flumes for improving and increasing any water rights or water privileges acquired; and to build, own and maintain saw mills and wood pulp mills, and to expropriate lands for the purposes of the Company; and to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges or other aids from any Government, municipal corporation or other persons or bodies, and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using and on all freight passing over any of such roads, railways, tramways, ferries, wharves and vessels owned and operated by the Company, and with power to make traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies, and for all other usual, necessary or incidental powers, rights and privileges.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honourable House will be pleased to enact accordingly.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Dated at Vancouver this twentieth day of December, A.D. 1899.

John Hendry. Richard Alexander.