

No. A16.

PETITION.

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

The petition of the undersigned, Michael King, of the City of Victoria, humbly sheweth:

1. That your petitioner prays leave to present a petition for the incorporation of a Company with power to construct and operate a railway from a point on or near the Dyea River, on the International Boundary, between British Columbia and Alaska, to a point at or near Lake Bennett, thence to the 60th parallel of latitude, with power to equip, construct and operate branch lines, to build, own and maintain docks and wharves, to equip own and build boats and to operate the same, to equip, own and operate telegraph and telephone lines, and to generate electric power for lighting and heating, to expropriate land necessary for the said railway, and to levy and collect tolls and to make traffic arrangements incidental to the said line of railway.

2. That through a misunderstanding a petition for the said Bill, which did not conform to the arrangement made with other parties interested in the proposed line of railway, was sent from Vancouver to your petitioner in Victoria in time to be presented to Your Honourable Body, but owing to an error contained in said petition it had to be returned to Vancouver to be re-drawn.

3. Before the return of the said petition to Victoria I was compelled to go to the City of Tacoma, State of Washington, U. S. A., on business, and was unavoidably detained there longer than I expected to be when I left Victoria.

4. During my absence from Victoria the time for presenting petitions for Private Bills expired, but immediately on my return I caused the necessary proceedings to be taken to have the petition presented.

Your petitioner therefore prays that Your Honourable Body may be pleased to permit the petition for the said Private Bill to be presented to Your Honourable Body.

And your petitioner will, in duty bound, ever pray.

Dated the 18th day of January, 1900.

MICHAEL KING.

VICTORIA, B. C. :

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