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OF  
BRITISH COLUMBIA

FROM THE 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, TO THE 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 1866,

IN THE  
29<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HER MAJESTY  
QUEEN VICTORIA

BEING THE THIRD SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF  
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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HONOURABLE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS

OF

*British Columbia,*

FOR THE THIRD SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,  
BEING THE YEAR 1866. 29° VICTORIÆ.

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HENRY MAYNARD BALL, ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY AND PRESIDING MEMBER.

HENRY P. PELLEW CREASE, ATTORNEY GENERAL.

CHARLES WILLIAM FRANKS, TREASURER.

JOSEPH WILLIAM TRUTCH, CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF LANDS AND WORKS AND  
SURVEYOR GENERAL.

WYMOND OGILVY HAMLEY, COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS.

CHARTRES BREW, MAGISTRATE, NEW WESTMINSTER.

PETER O'REILLY, DO. KOOTENAY.

ANDREW CHARLES ELLIOTT, MAGISTRATE, LILLOOET.

JOHN CARMICHAEL HAYNES, DO. OSOYOOS AND KOOTENAY.

JOSHUA A. REYNOLDS HOMER, NEW WESTMINSTER DISTRICT.

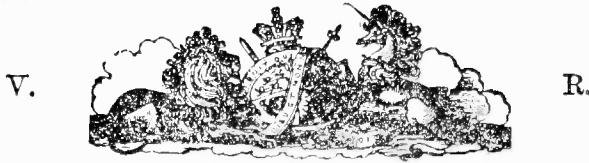
HENRY HOLBROOK, DOUGLAS AND LILLOOET DISTRICT.

CLEMENT FRANCIS CORNWALL, HOPE, YALE, AND LYTTON DISTRICT.

GEORGE ANTHONY WALKEM, CARIBOO EAST AND QUESNEL FORKS DISTRICT.

ROBERT SMITH, CARIBOO WEST AND QUESNELMOUTH DISTRICT.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.



ARTHUR N. BIRCH

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PROCLAMATION

By His Honor ARTHUR N. BIRCH, Esquire, the Officer Administering the Government of the Colony of British Columbia and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

*To the Honourable the Legislative Councillors of the said Colony, and every of them, and whom else it may concern;*

*Greeting.*

**W**HEREAS, the Legislative Council of the said Colony stands prorogued without any time fixed for re-assembling, and it is expedient to convene the same; NOW KNOW YE that I, ARTHUR N. BIRCH, under and by virtue of all powers and authorities in me in that behalf vested, as the Officer Administering the Government of the Colony of British Columbia, do hereby command and, by the tenor of these presents, enjoin you, and each of you, that on Thursday, the eighteenth day of January, One thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, at the Council Chamber, New Westminster, personally you be and appear **FOR THE DISPATCH OF BUSINESS**, to treat and conclude upon those things which in the said Legislative Council may be ordained.

GIVEN under my hand and the Public Seal of the Colony, at Government House, New Westminster, in the Colony of British Columbia, this ninth day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, in the twenty-ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By Command.

CHARLES GOOD,  
*for the Colonial Secretary.*

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**Thursday, the 18th day of January, 1866.**

Pursuant to the above Proclamation, the Legislative Council met this day, the following Members being present:—The Honourables The Acting Colonial Secretary; the Attorney General; the Treasurer; the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works; the Collector of Customs; Chartres Brew, J.P.; P. O'Reilly, J.P.; J. A. R. Homer; Henry Holbrook; G. A. Walkem; Robert Smith.

At 2, P.M., His Honor Arthur N. Birch, Esquire, the Officer Administering the Government in the absence of His Excellency Frederick Seymour, entered the Council Chamber, accompanied by the Private Secretary, and, being seated in the President's Chair, administered the customary oaths of allegiance and office to the new Members, the Hon. J. W. Trutch, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and the Hon. Robert Smith, Member for Quesnel.

His Honor then delivered the following gracious Speech:—

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:*

It is with feelings of no ordinary interest and satisfaction that I meet you to-day, and have recourse to your advice and assistance in promoting the welfare of this Colony.

Of the twenty-eight Ordinances passed by this Council during the late Session, twenty-three have received Her Majesty's approval. Her Majesty has been pleased to disallow the Ordinance to declare the limitation of Foreign Suits and Actions. The Secretary of State has suggested certain alterations in the Ordinance in aid of the Trustees' Relief Act before it can receive the Royal assent. This Ordinance, in the amended shape, will be laid before you. A decision on the Ordinance respecting Marriages in British Columbia, and on the Supply Ordinance is deferred. I have received no intimation of the Secretary of State's views on the Ordinance to amend the Duties of Customs.

I shall take an early opportunity of laying before you, copies of Despatches from the Secretary of State, in reply to the Resolutions adopted by this Council on subjects relating to Naval Protection, the Expenditure incurred by the Colony on account of the Expedition against the Chilicoten Indians, and the claim made by the Imperial Government for repayment of the cost of erecting the Buildings at the Camp, lately occupied by the Detachment of the Royal Engineers.

Unforeseen obstacles have retarded the Government in carrying out the Resolution, adopted by this Council, as regards the Survey of Pre-empted Lands throughout the Colony. Arrangements are, however, in progress which will, I trust, enable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to undertake this work without further delay. Measures will, at the same time, be taken to alter the present unsatisfactory system of Indian Reserves. I am in no way convinced of the necessity of any Legislative enactment for this purpose. In all matters connected with the Native Race a large discretionary power must necessarily, in my opinion, be left in the hands of the Executive.

A Statement of the Votes required to cover Expenditure incurred during the past year, for which a previous Vote has not been taken, will be laid before you in a Supplementary Estimate, together with a detailed account of the actual Revenue and Expenditure. The Votes taken for the Public Service of the year 1865, amounted to £225,946, and as nearly as can be ascertained at this early period of the year, the total Expenditure, embracing the Supplementary Estimates, to £185,000.

You will be prepared for the announcement I have to make to you that the Revenue falls short of the Estimate by a considerable amount. That Estimate, as you are aware, was based on the supposition that a large immigration would take place to the newly discovered mines in the Kootenay District. The counter attractions offered by fresh discoveries in the neighbouring Territory left this District comparatively deserted. The main items, however, under which the Estimate has proved in excess of the actual Revenue, are the Gold Export Tax and the Road Toll Receipts. The Estimate for the amount to be derived from Road Tolls was based on the Revenue obtained from the same source in the two previous years. The cause of the great falling off must be attributed partly to the extreme severity of the winter, which prevented communication with our Northern Mines, and retarded the general traffic of the country until the month of May, and partly in consequence of the Ordinance passed by this Council, late in the last Session, allowing farm produce to be exempt from Road Tolls. The loss to the Revenue by this exemption is a subject for congratulation rather than otherwise, as it is an evidence of the increasing amount of produce now raised by the Settlers in the Upper Country.

With much satisfaction, I refer you to the Public Works undertaken during the past year. The main waggon road is now completed to the very centre of the Cariboo District. Communication between the towns of Richfield and Cameron-town is facilitated by the formation of a road. A substantial pack trail has been constructed, by way of the Southern Boundary, to the Kootenay District—or rather, I might say, to the Rocky Mountains—a distance estimated at three hundred and eighty miles from the town of Hope. The country lying between the Fraser and

the Columbia has been carefully surveyed, and a trail is already opened to connect the Columbia River with the navigable waters of the Shuswap Lake. Several Exploration parties have been fitted out by Government, and large tracts of country explored, with what varied success you are already aware, from the Reports which have from time to time appeared in the *Government Gazette*. A Light Ship has been built, and is stationed at the entrance to the Fraser River. Substantial Iron Buoys having arrived from England, will shortly be placed in position clearly to define the channel. The construction of a waggon road between New Westminster and Yale is nearly completed, having been undertaken in conjunction with the Western Union Telegraph Company, whose line of Telegraph following this route has already penetrated upwards of four hundred miles into the Interior, and will, I trust, should the same energy be displayed as heretofore, place us in Telegraphic communication with the whole civilized world before the close of another season.

The Estimates of expected Revenue, and proposed Expenditure for the present year, will be laid before you without delay. Fully impressed with the necessity of retrenchment, you will find that considerable reductions have been made in the Establishments to the extent of nearly \$30,000, without I trust, unduly weakening the efficiency of the Public Service. A portion of this reduction will, however, be absorbed in new Offices, which it has been necessary to create, such as those connected with the Light Ship.

You will find the Estimates contemplate a large outlay in the construction of roads and trails to facilitate access to the new mining district of the Columbia. Fully persuaded that you will agree with me, in the importance of opening communication with the Upper Columbia, for the early spring traffic, I have already sanctioned the construction of a waggon road from the main trunk line at Cache Creek to Savana's Ferry, and arrangements have been entered into for a Steamer to be in readiness for the navigation of the Kamloops and Shuswap Lakes, at once placing the new Gold Fields of the Upper Columbia within easy and cheap access of the Fraser River. The expenses connected with these undertakings will be found in the Estimates. An appropriation will also be asked for opening a route to the newly discovered Gold Diggings on the upper branches of the Bridge River.

It is with great reluctance that I propose to you the abolition of the Duty on the Export of Gold. Of the justice and equity of the Tax, I am as fully convinced as when in this Council I strongly advocated the measure, and I should now hesitate to take this step, did I not consider it to be the paramount duty of the Executive to carry out as far as possible the well understood wishes of the community. I cannot but observe that from various causes a large majority of the people of British Columbia formerly in favour are now opposed to this mode of taxation. Admitting this, I am confident I only carry out the wishes of the Governor in taking this course; to use His Excellency's own words—"The last thing the Government of this Colony would desire to do, is to discourage the miners from developing its resources, or allow any portion of our population to lapse into a state of political discontent."

The public works which I think you will agree with me as absolutely necessary to be undertaken in promotion of the progress and welfare of the Colony, oblige me to propose to you additional taxation to meet the loss which will accrue to the Revenue by the abolition of the Gold Tax. Following out the recommendation of the Mining Board, I advise that the Mining Licence be made compulsory on all employed in mining pursuits. Her Majesty's "Instructions" forbid any restrictions being placed on "persons of African, Asiatic, or Indian birth, to which persons of European birth or descent are not subjected or made liable." It is therefore, only by this measure that our large Chinese population can be made to contribute to the Revenue in equal proportion to the white race. Few Chinamen now take out a Mining Licence, whereas on the other hand few white miners are to be found without one.

I further suggest for your consideration the propriety of increasing the Trade and Liquor Licences throughout the Colony.

Should you agree with me in the expediency of abolishing the Duty on the Export of Gold, there will be no means left to the Executive to obtain any statistical information of the annual yield of Gold, a matter I consider of much importance. I therefore invite you to consider whether some system of Registration might not be

adopted for this object, not liable to the same objections as those brought forward against the Gold Export Tax.

The Postal Service requires your attentive consideration. Tenders for the conveyance of the Mails during the present year have been called for by Public Notice, and when received will be laid before you. It will be for you to consider whether the Revenue justifies a bi-weekly service to our Northern Mines, especially at a time when I believe you are unanimous in the opinion that it is incumbent upon the Government to provide direct Steam communication with San Francisco. The establishment of direct Steam communication is a matter of the utmost importance. I am now in correspondence on this subject, and trust to be able to make satisfactory arrangements before the commencement of the spring traffic.

The material interests, and the permanent stability of the Colony are dependent on a fixed population. I would invite your earnest attention to the best means to adopt for introducing and fostering the immigration of a class of Settlers likely to make this country their home. The opening of new and extensive mining and agricultural districts during the past season, and also of different lines of access to them, offer many and favourable inducements for settlement hitherto unknown. The experience of the last year has clearly shown that the agricultural lands of this Colony are well adapted for the cultivation of cereals and vegetables of all descriptions, and large tracts of the best lands are fortunately most favourably situated for the supply of the principal Mining districts.

I am aware that a numerous signed Petition will shortly be presented to you, emanating from Miners and Traders in the Cariboo District, praying that some alteration may be made in the Mining Laws "to provide for the speedy hearing and "determining of all disputes concerning Mining interests." I fully agree with the Petitioners that the present expensive system of litigation is "productive of great "injury to the general welfare, progress, and development of the whole Mining "interests of the Colony." A considerable portion of our last Session was occupied in consolidating and amending the Mining Laws, more especially with a view to remedy the evil of which the Petitioners complain, the Draft Ordinance introduced with this object having been framed under the immediate superintendence of the Mining Board of Cariboo. Although I still believe the Laws at present in force are capable of meeting every requirement, I shall be anxious to give my most attentive consideration to any suggestions you may wish to offer on this important subject, when the Petition is before you.

The Law relating to the Pilotage of Vessels within the waters of British Columbia requires immediate alteration. A Bill with this object will be laid before you.

I shall take the opportunity as the Session progresses of bringing other measures of importance before you by Message.

The absence of crime in the past year is worthy of more than a passing notice. During the extended circuit of the Supreme Court, only two white men were convicted on criminal charges, and the Indian population throughout the Colony has been, I rejoice to say, peaceable and orderly.

Reflecting on the extent and number of our resources, so largely added to by the discoveries of the past year, and day by day being developed, I recognize on every side subjects for congratulation and thankfulness, and confidently hope that the year which has just dawned upon us will be one of unusual success. I earnestly invite your cordial co-operation in the passage of those measures best calculated to promote the prosperity of the country, and I fervently trust that He who holds the destiny of nations in the hollow of His Hand will guide our deliberations to a happy issue.

His Honor then left the Council Chamber.

The Hon. H. M. Ball, Acting Colonial Secretary, took the Chair as Presiding Member.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Ball, the Hon. Mr. Trutch seconding,

Ordered, That His Honor's Speech be printed for the use of Members.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General, the Hon. Mr. Homer seconding,  
 Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed, to be named by the Presiding Member, to draw up and submit to the Council a reply to His Honor's gracious Speech.

The Presiding Member named the following Honourable gentlemen accordingly:—The Honourables the Attorney General, the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, J. A. R. Homer, P. O'Reilly, G. A. Walkem.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. O'Reilly, the Council adjourned till 3 o'clock on Monday, the 22nd instant.

## Monday, the 22nd day of January, 1866.

### PUBLIC NOTICE.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
*January 18th, 1866.*

WHEREAS, by a Proclamation issued under the hand of the Officer Administering the Government of British Columbia, and dated the 9th of December, 1865, the Legislative Council of the said Colony, was convened to meet on the 18th instant;

AND, WHEREAS, Her Majesty, by Instructions issued under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet, and dated the 31st day of July, 1863, appointed and declared that the following Public Officers shall be, during Her Majesty's pleasure, Members of the said Legislative Council, that is to say the respective Officers lawfully acting for the time being

As Colonial Secretary for the said Colony,  
 As Attorney General for the said Colony,  
 As Treasurer for the said Colony,  
 As Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the said Colony,  
 As Collector of Customs for the said Colony.

THESE ARE FURTHER TO NOTIFY and declare that, in pursuance of the power and authority given under the Order in Council of the 11th June, A. D. 1863, and Her Majesty's instruction as aforesaid, already published in the *Government Gazette* of the 9th January, 1864, the Officer Administering the Government has nominated and appointed the undermentioned Public Officers and Non-Official Members to be, during Her Majesty's pleasure, Members of the said Legislative Council:—

The Honourables

Chartres Brew, Magistrate, New Westminster,  
 Peter O'Reilly, Magistrate, Kootenay,  
 Andrew Charles Elliott, Magistrate, Lillooet,  
 John Carmichael Haynes, Magistrate, Osoyoos,  
 Joshua Attwood Reynolds Homer, for New Westminster,  
 Henry Holbrook, for Douglas-Lillooet,  
 Clement Francis Cornwall, for Yale-Lytton,  
 George Anthony Walkem, for Cariboo East and Quesnel Forks,  
 Robert Smith, for Cariboo West and Quesnelmouth.

Provided always that such appointments as last mentioned shall be provisional only as aforesaid, and provided also that they shall continue in force, unless previously determined, until the first day of June, A. D. 1866. AND THESE ARE FURTHER TO NOTIFY, SUMMON, AND CONVENE the various Officers and persons as aforesaid, to meet at New Westminster, on MONDAY, the 22nd JANUARY, 1866, to which day the Council stands adjourned.

By Command.  
 H. M. BALL,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Pursuant to the above notice and to special notification from His Honor, the Council met at 2 o'clock, the following Members being present:—The Honourables Messrs. Ball, Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Brew, O'Reilly, Elliott, Homer, Holbrook, Cornwall, Walkem, Smith.

His Honor then entered the Council Chamber, and administered the oath of allegiance and office to all the Members present.

His Honor then retired.

The Hon. Mr. Ball took the Chair as Presiding Member.

The minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

The Hon. the Attorney General, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to prepare an address in reply to His Honor's opening Speech, brought up a report, and the same was read as followeth:—

*To His Honor Arthur N. Birch, Esquire, the Officer Administering the Government of British Columbia, &c., &c., &c.*

The humble Address of the Legislative Council.

*May it please Your Honor:*

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of British Columbia, have received the opening Speech with which Your Honor has inaugurated the proceedings of the Legislative Council for 1866, with the greatest satisfaction.

2. The result of the labours of this Council during the past year having so generally met with confirmation, encourages us to hope that measures of such extreme importance as those still awaiting adoption may also, ere this, have obtained Her Majesty's assent.

3. The promised Despatches relative to Naval Protection, the expenses of the Chilicoten Expedition, and the Military Expenditure of the Royal Engineers stationed in this Colony, will be perused with much interest.

4. We hail with much pleasure the determination expressed by Your Honor to carry out an early and definitive survey and settlement of our agricultural lands, and to adjust the Indian Reserves.

5. The Supplementary Estimates, when laid before us, shall receive our best attention.

6. We join with Your Honor in regretting that the Revenue of the past year has not fulfilled the expectations of the Council, in common with the rest of the community with respect to it, and we regret the unexpected causes which led to this result.

7. The judicious promptitude with which Your Honor has initiated a system of retrenchment is accepted as a proof of the care and economy with which the Government is conducted.

8. Whilst on the one hand the proposed Estimates will be scanned on this account with unusual interest, every assurance on the other hand is given that no reasonable sacrifice will be spared to aid the Government in procuring direct steam communication with San Francisco, in extending the main lines of inland communication, in developing its Gold Mines of Big Bend, Cariboo, Bridge River, Kootenay, and other Districts, and in fostering all interests on which the wellbeing of the Colony depends.

9. The Postal Service is, in our opinion, a matter of great importance, and shall receive our careful consideration when the respective tenders shall be laid before the Council.

10. We are rejoiced to find that the Explorations of last year have resulted in the discovery of an easy and natural pass for rail or waggon between the valleys of the Fraser and Columbia Rivers, so that the construction of a continuous line of road from our Gold Fields through the Rocky Mountains, to connect with the various Emigrant Routes to Canada by the Saskatchewan, is now proved to be feasible. The importance of this discovery can scarcely be overrated.



11. The proposed Laws, and all other measures that will advance the moral and material interests of the Colony, shall have our constant attention.

12. The absence of crime among our white population, and the peaceful condition of the Indian Tribes throughout our extended Territory, are subjects of heartfelt congratulation, and are mainly to be attributed, in our estimation, to the firm and conciliatory policy of His Excellency the Governor, whose unwearied assiduity in promoting the best interests of this Colony command our heartfelt acknowledgments and thanks.

13. We have the utmost confidence in the natural wealth and capabilities of the Country, and in the steps now in progress to attract capital and population for its development.

14. We recognize in the skill and good faith with which the Government has been administered during the absence of His Excellency, an earnest of the vigour with which all these advantages will be turned to profitable account; and, relying on the Great Disposer of Events, look forward with hopeful confidence to a period of more than average prosperity.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. R. Smith, the Hon. Mr. Cornwall seconding,  
Ordered, That the report be received and the Committee discharged.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Holbrook, Hon. Mr. Elliott seconding,  
Ordered, That the report as submitted by the Select Committee be adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Cornwall, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Elliott,  
Ordered, That the reply to His Honor's Speech be engrossed and signed by the Presiding Member.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Walkem, Hon. Mr. Holbrook seconding,  
Ordered, That the reply be presented to His Honor by the whole House.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Elliott, Hon. Mr. O'Reilly seconding,  
Ordered, That the Presiding Member be requested to ascertain at what hour His Honor would be pleased to receive the address.

The Hon. the Presiding Member stated that His Honor would be pleased to receive the Council at 2 o'clock to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of 4 motions.

The Hon. the Attorney General gave notice of 3 motions.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Elliott, the Council adjourned till half-past 1 o'clock p.m. to-morrow, the 23rd instant.

## Tuesday, the 23rd day of January, 1866.

The Council met at half-past 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

All the Members present on the names being called over, except the Hon. Mr. Brew, absent on leave.

His Honor the Officer Administering the Government, having entered the Council Chamber, administered the oath of allegiance and office to the Hon. C. W. Franks, Treasurer.

His Honor then left the Council Chamber.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read over and confirmed.

Then on the motion of the Hon. Mr. O'Reilly, the Council adjourned during pleasure.

On the Council resuming its sitting, the Presiding Member informed the Council, that, in pursuance of the order of the Council, he, in company with several Members of the Council, had attended upon the Officer Administering the Government, to deliver the address in reply to His Honor's speech at the opening of the Session, and that His Honor had been pleased to make thereto the following answer.

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:*

I thank you sincerely for the address which has just been read, and for the assurance you give me that the business of the Session shall receive your careful consideration.

It is a source of much gratification to me to find that you are prepared so generally to approve the actions of the Government.

During my temporary administration of the affairs of the Colony, my earnest endeavours shall be directed to support as far as circumstances will permit the policy inaugurated by His Excellency the Governor.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Holbrook, the Hon. Mr. Walkem seconding,

Resolved, That His Honor be respectfully requested to lay before this Council a Return of the amounts received during the past year for Roads' Tolls, as far as is now ascertained, and a Return of the amounts expended in repairs and clearing away snow on the Waggon Roads, particularizing the several districts from which the money has been received and in which the expenditure has been made.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Holbrook, the Hon. Mr. Homer seconding,

Resolved, That His Honor be respectfully requested to lay before this Council a Return of the amount received for Tonnage Dues at the Port of New Westminster during the past year.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Holbrook, the Hon. Mr. Cornwall seconding,

Resolved, That His Honor be respectfully requested to lay before this Council a Return of the amount received for the Export Duty on Gold during the past year at the Port of New Westminster, as far as has been ascertained; also the amount received for the same tax at the Southern Boundary.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Holbrook, the Hon. Mr. Smith seconding,

Resolved, That His Honor be respectfully requested to lay before this Council a Return of the amount of Customs Duties received at the Southern Boundary during the past year, as far as has been ascertained, and at the same time to inform the Council if the Customs duties are charged on the price of goods at the place they cross the Boundary from the American Territory as being the last place of shipment, or on the price of goods at Portland.

The Hon. the Attorney General brought in the Trustees' Relief Bill.

Ordered that the said Bill be now read the first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Thursday next.

also the Union Telegraph Bill.

Ordered that the said Bill be now read first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Thursday next.

also the Confirmatory Bill.

Ordered that the said Bill be now read the first time.

Read the first time accordingly.

On the motion of the Attorney General,

The Standing Orders were suspended to allow of the said Bill being read first and second time, committed, and passed in one day.

Bill read the second time accordingly.

The Council then went into Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Walkem in Chair of Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with some slight alterations.

Ordered that the said Bill be now read the third time.

Read the third time accordingly, and Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be the "Confirmatory Ordinance, 1866."

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Franks, the Council adjourned till Thursday, the 25th instant, at 2 o'clock p.m.

### Thursday, the 25th day of January, 1866.

The Council met at 2 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

All Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

Minutes of the previous Meeting read over and confirmed.

A Message from His Honor the Officer Administering the Government, which being read is as follows:

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

*Message No. 1.*

The Officer Administering the Government transmits for the information of the Honourable the Legislative Council a copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reply to the Resolution passed by the Council on the subject of the expense incurred by the Colony in the Expedition against the Chilcoten Indians.<sup>1</sup>

*Government House,  
25th January, 1866.*

<sup>1</sup> Attached as Sessional Paper, *Journals of the Legislative Council of British Columbia*, 18 January to 5 April 1866 (New Westminster, Government Printing Office, 1866), p. i.

A further Message from His Honor read as follows:

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

*Message No. 2.*

The Officer Administering the Government informs the Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to the Ordinance entitled  
No. 1. An Ordinance in confirmation of certain Ordinances.

*Government House,  
25th January, 1866.*

The Hon Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.

On the same Hon. Member giving further notice of motion, a debate arose on the question of the same motion being placed on the Order Book.

On the question being put a division took place.

*Ayes 11, Noes 2,*

So it was Resolved in the affirmative and Ordered accordingly.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Holbrook, the Hon. Mr. Homer seconding,

Resolved, That His Honor be respectfully requested to lay before this Council, at as early a date as possible, Returns of the amount of money paid by Government to the Hospital at Cariboo during the past year, 12 months, also the number of patients received in that Hospital or who have had relief from the institution during that time; also a Return of the amount paid to the Hospital at New Westminster during the same period, and the number of patients that have been received in or have had relief from the institute.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Trustees' Relief Act,

Bill read second time accordingly.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill accordingly.

The Presiding Member left Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with certain amendments.

Ordered to be read third time to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Union Telegraph Bill.

Read second time accordingly.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. O'Reilly in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with one slight amendment.

Ordered to be read third time to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Homer, the Council adjourned till to-morrow, Friday, the 26th instant, at 2 o'clock.

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**Friday, the 26th day of January, 1866.**

The Council met at 2 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

At a quarter past 2 o'clock, there being no quorum, the Presiding Member adjourned the Council till 3 o'clock on Monday, the 29th instant, without a question first put.

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**Monday, the 29th day of January, 1866.**

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

All Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Minutes of the two previous Meetings were read over and confirmed.

A Message from the Officer Administering the Government, which being read is as follows:

*Message No. 3.*

ARTHUR N. BIRCH,

The Officer Administering the Government lays before the Legislative Council the only Tender which has been received for the Conveyance of Mails within the Colony.

The Officer Administering the Government is of opinion that, in view of the improved means of communication with Cariboo and the large reduction in the price of grain throughout the Colony, the terms offered by Messrs. Dietz and Nelson are excessive.

The Officer Administering the Government would suggest that the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the subject of the Postal Service, with a view to remodel the present system.

*Government House,  
29th January, 1866.*

The Hon. Mr. Walkem moved that the Council do go into Committee of the whole to consider this Message.

The Hon. Mr. Ball moved in amendment that the words "with closed doors" be added.

On the amendment being put it was carried *nem. con.*, and Ordered accordingly.

The Council resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Elliott in the Chair of the Committee.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted on next session of the Council.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved, the Hon. Mr. Homer seconding,

That His Honor be respectfully requested to inform this Council whether it is true that the Government of Vancouver Island have sent in an account asking the Government of this Colony to pay the sum of \$9,360 towards the support of their Light Houses, and the sum of \$15,125 for carrying their Mails between San Francisco and Victoria, and whether this Government entertains the payment of such a demand.

The Hon. Mr. Brew moved in amendment that the words "His Honor be respectfully" be altered to "The Hon. the Acting Colonial Secretary."

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

*Ayes 5, Noes 7,*

So it passed in the negative.

On the original question being put the Council again divided.

*Ayes 3, Noes 9,*

So it passed in the negative and the Resolution was lost.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved, the Hon. Mr. Smith seconding,

That this Council do now go into a Committee of the whole to consider His Honor's Message in reference to the Chilicoten Expedition.

On the question being put the Council divided.

*Ayes 4, Noes 9,*

So it passed in the negative and the Resolution was lost.

On the Order of the day being read therefor,

The Trustees' Relief Bill was read the third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Trustees' Relief Ordinance, 1866."

On the Order of the day being read therefor,

The Telegraph Extension Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be the "International Telegraph Ordinance, 1866."

The Hon. Mr. Walkem moved that this Council do now adjourn till 3 o'clock p.m. on Thursday next.

The Hon. Mr. Cornwall moved in amendment that the Council do adjourn till 3 to-morrow.

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

*Ayes 8, Noes 4.*

So it passed in the affirmative, and it was Ordered that the Council do adjourn till 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, the 30th January.

## Tuesday, the 30th day of January, 1866.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

All Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

Minutes of the previous Meeting read over and confirmed.

A Message from the Officer Administering the Government, which being read is as follows:

*Message No. 4.*

ARTHUR N. BIRCH,

In compliance with the Resolution of the Legislative Council, the Officer Administering the Government transmits a Return shewing the Revenue derived from Road Tolls during the past year; also a Return of the amount expended, in the same period, in repairs and clearing away snow on the Roads upon which Tolls are levied.<sup>2</sup>

*Government House,*  
29th January, 1866.

A further Message from His Honor, which was read as follows:

*Message No. 5.*

ARTHUR N. BIRCH,

In compliance with a Resolution of the Legislative Council, the Officer Administering the Government transmits a Return of the amount received for Tonnage Dues at the Port of New Westminster, during the past year.<sup>3</sup>

*Government House,*  
29th January, 1866.

A further Message from His Honor, read as follows:

*Message No. 6.*

ARTHUR N. BIRCH,

In compliance with the Resolution of the Legislative Council, the Officer Administering the Government transmits a Return of the amount received for the Duty on the Export of Gold during the past year, at the Port of New Westminster and at the Southern Boundary.<sup>4</sup>

*Government House,*  
29th January, 1866.

A further Message from His Honor, read as followeth:

*Message No. 7.*

ARTHUR N. BIRCH,

In compliance with a Resolution of the Legislative Council, the Officer Administering the Government transmits a Return of the amount of Customs Duties received at the Southern Boundary, during the past year.<sup>5</sup>

*Government House,*  
29th January, 1866.

According to Order, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of His Honor's Message on Postal matters.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Elliott in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman handed in a Resolution, which the Committee suggested should be adopted.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, p. i.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, p. ii.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, p. ii.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, p. ii.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Trutch, the Hon. Mr. Crease seconding,

Resolved, That this Council is of opinion that a Mail Service from New Westminster to Cariboo and Savana's Ferry twice a week during the summer months is of advantage to the Colony, but that the sum of £7,000 asked for it by the tender of Messrs. Dietz and Nelson is excessive.

If the price be reduced to £6,000 the Council would recommend this tender to be adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Holbrook, the Hon. Mr. Cornwall seconding,

Resolved, That His Honor be respectfully requested to lay before this Council a Return of the amount received for Mining Licences during the past year.

The Hon. Mr. Elliott moved the adjournment.

The Hon. the Attorney General moved that the Standing Orders be suspended to allow him to place on the Order Book notice of certain Bills.

Standing Orders suspended accordingly.

The Hon. the Attorney General gave notice that on Thursday next he would introduce the following Bills:

A Bill to consolidate and amend the Trades Licences;

A Bill to make the payment of Mining Licences compulsory.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Elliott, the Council adjourned till 3 p.m. Thursday.

### Thursday, the 1st day of February, 1866.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. Mr. Brew absent on leave; all other Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

A Message from the Officer Administering the Government, which being read is as follows:

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

*Message No. 8.*

The Officer Administering the Government acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to a Bill entitled An Ordinance in relief of the Trustees' Relief Act.

*Government House,  
31st January, 1866.*

A further Message from His Honor read as follows:

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

*Message No. 9.*

The Officer Administering the Government acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to a Bill entitled An Ordinance to incorporate the Western Union Telegraph Company, in lieu of the Western Union Telegraph Extension Company.

*Government House,  
31st January, 1866.*



The Hon. the Attorney General brought in, according to Order, the Mining Licences Bill.

Ordered to be read first time forthwith.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Thursday next, the 8th instant, and the Trades Licence Bill.

Ordered that the same be read first time forthwith.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Thursday next, the 8th instant.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. the Treasurer, the Council adjourned till 3 o'clock on Tuesday, the 6th instant.

### Tuesday, the 6th day of February, 1866.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

At a quarter past 3 o'clock p.m., there not being a quorum present, the Hon. H. M. Ball took the Chair as Presiding Member, and adjourned the Council till 3 o'clock on Thursday, the 8th instant, without a question first put.

### Thursday, the 8th day of February, 1866.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

All Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read over and confirmed.

A Message from the Officer Administering the Government, which being read is as follows:

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

*Message No. 10.*

In compliance with a Resolution of the Legislative Council, the Officer Administering the Government transmits a Return of the number of Mining Certificates issued during the year 1865.<sup>6</sup>

*Government House,  
8th February, 1866.*

A further Message from His Honour, as follows:

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

*Message No. 11.*

With reference to the Resolution adopted by the Legislative Council on the 14th March last, the Officer Administering the Government lays before the Council copies of Despatches from the Secretary of State, on the subject of the Imperial claim on account of Military Expenditure during the years 1859-60.<sup>7</sup>

*Government House,  
8th February, 1866.*

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, p. ii.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, p. iii.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Walkem moved for leave to bring in the Joint Stock Companies Amendment Bill.

Ordered that leave be granted.

The Hon. Member, accordingly, presented the said Bill.

Ordered that the same be read first time forthwith.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Monday next.

The Hon. Mr. Walkem moved that the Standing Orders be suspended in order to allow him to lay a Petition just received by him before the Council.

Standing Orders suspended accordingly.

The Hon. Member presented and read the Petition of certain workmen on Munroe's [Munro's] Road.

The Hon. Mr. Walkem moved that the Council do go into Committee of the whole on this Petition on some day to be named.

The Hon. the Attorney General moved in amendment that the said Petition be referred to a Select Committee to be named by the Presiding Member.

Ordered accordingly.

The Hon. Presiding Member named the following:—The Honourables Messrs. Crease, Brew, Elliott, Holbrook, Walkem.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Trades Licence Bill, a debate arose.

On the question being put the Council divided.

*Ayes 11, Noes 1.*

So it was Resolved in the affirmative, and Ordered accordingly.

Bill read the second time, and Ordered to be committed forthwith.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Franks in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported some progress made with the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Walkem that another Chairman should be appointed, the Hon. the Presiding Member stated that it was not in his power to remove the present Chairman, but that he was at liberty to resign.

The Hon. Mr. Franks resigned the Chairmanship of the Committee on the the Trades Licence Bill accordingly.

Ordered that the Council do go into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read therefor, the Compulsory Mining Licence Bill was read the second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. the Acting Colonial Secretary laid the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the present year before the Council.

Ordered that the Council do resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Walkem, the Council adjourned till 3 o'clock to-morrow, the 9th instant.

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### Friday, the 9th day of February, 1866.

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The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

All Members present.

The Minutes having been read and the question being put if they should be passed as read, the Council divided.

*Ayes 10, Noes 1,*

So it was Resolved in the affirmative and Ordered accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. Cornwall gave notice of 2 motions.

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Holbrook asked the Hon. the Acting Colonial Secretary to inform the Council what steps the Government propose to take in regard to opening the communication from Lillooet to the Bridge River Mines in the ensuing spring.

The Acting Colonial Secretary replied.

On the Order of the day being read for the adjourned consideration in Committee of the Trades Licences Bill,

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Brew in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman said he was instructed to hand in the accompanying Resolution, embodying a question on which it was the desire of the Committee to obtain the decision of the Hon. the Presiding Member, and to ask leave to sit again immediately.

The Resolution was as follows:

Moved by the Hon. the Attorney General, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Trutch,

That the Committee do rise and report progress, and refer to the President the decision of the question as to whether or not the decision of the Chairman of this Committee that the amendment to the 3rd clause of this Bill was negatived was correct or not, and ask leave to sit again immediately.

The Presiding Member decided that the motion to which reference was made in the Resolution was duly carried, according to the Standing Orders of the Council, and it was Ordered accordingly.

Leave having been granted for the Committee to sit again immediately,

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Brew in Chair of Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported considerable progress made with the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for Monday next.

The Hon. Mr. Cornwall asked that the Standing Orders may be suspended in order to allow him to make a notice of motion.

Ordered accordingly, and notice of motion given.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Walkem, the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock on Monday, the 12th instant.

### Monday, the 12th day of February, 1866.

The Council met at 2 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

All Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Cornwall asked the Acting Colonial Secretary to inform this Council what steps have been or are to be taken with reference to the extensive Indian Reserves on the Okanagan Lake and Thompson River.

The Hon. Mr. Ball replied.

The Hon. Mr. Cornwall moved, the Hon. Mr. Walkem seconding,

That it is the opinion of this House that, for the due protection of life and property, it is requisite that some strong handrail be erected on the outside of the more dangerous parts of the road between Yale and Lytton, or that other means be taken to answer the same purpose.

The Hon. Mr. Crease moved in amendment, the Hon. Mr. Trutch seconding,

That the words "what the Government shall consider" be inserted between "of" and "the."

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

*Ayes 5, Noes 7,*

So it passed in the negative.

On the original question being put the Council again divided.

*Ayes 7, Noes 5,*

So it was Resolved in the affirmative and Ordered accordingly.

On the Order of the day being read therefor,

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Trades Licences Bill,

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Brew in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for Thursday next.

According to Order, the Council went into Committee of Supply.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. O'Reilly in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman handed in the subjoined Resolution for the approval of the Council, and asked leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this Council recommend that the following supplies be voted for the several Establishments named:

His Excellency the Governor .....	\$21,929 50
Legislative Council .....	2,220 00
The Colonial Secretary .....	16,195 50
The Treasurer .....	9,427 00
Assay and Refinery Office .....	4,790 00
Auditor General .....	4,080 00
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works ...	13,595 00
Collector of Customs .....	13,848 65
Registrar General .....	2,925 00
Harbour Master .....	5,400 00
Postmaster General .....	4,310 00

Ordered that the report be adopted, and that leave be granted to the Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Elliott, the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock p.m. to-morrow, the 13th instant.

**Tuesday, the 13th day of February, 1866.**

The Council met at 2 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

All Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

Minutes of the previous Meeting read over and confirmed.

According to Order, the Council went into Committee of Supply.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. O'Reilly in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman handed in the subjoined Resolution for the approval of the Council:

Resolved, That this Council recommend that the following supplies be voted for the several Establishments and services named:

Judicial Establishment .....	\$13,047 50
Police and Gaols .....	11,118 80
Gold Commissioners & Stipendiary Magistrates .....	55,471 10

## EXCLUSIVE OF ESTABLISHMENTS.

Pensions .....	970 00
Revenue Services .....	2,000 00
Administration of Justice .....	7,150 00
Charitable Allowances .....	8,000 00
Education .....	5,000 00
Police and Gaols .....	11,950 00
Rent .....	1,650 00
Transport .....	12,750 00
Conveyance of Mails .....	31,281 00
Works and Buildings .....	26,000 00
Roads, Streets, and Bridges .....	125,500 00
Miscellaneous Services .....	8,225 00
Interest .....	66,630 00
Drawbacks and Refunds .....	600 00
Redemption of Bonds .....	20,612 50
Sinking Fund .....	42,437 50
Temporary Loans .....	170,000 00
Government Vessels .....	3,000 00

Ordered that the Report be adopted, and the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Walkem, the Council adjourned till to-morrow, Wednesday, the 14th instant, at 3 o'clock p.m.

**Wednesday, the 14th day of February, 1866.**

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

All Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read over and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Cornwall rose to speak to a question of privilege, in reference to the reports of the proceedings of the Council as they appeared in the newspaper entitled the *British Columbian*, which he alleged were intentionally incorrect, and moved the following Resolution censuring the Reporter of that newspaper, the Hon. the Treasurer seconding:

That the Reporter of the *British Columbian* newspaper receive the censure of this House for a report of certain proceedings made *mala fide* and incorrectly.

On the question being put the Council divided after a debate.

*Ayes* 8, *Noes* 4.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved that the names be taken down by the Clerk.  
Names taken down as follows:

<i>Ayes.</i>	<i>Noes.</i>
The Hon. Messrs. Crease, Franks, Trutch, Hamley, Brew, O'Reilly, Elliott, Cornwall.	The Hon. Messrs. Holbrook, Homer, Walkem, Smith.

So it was Resolved in the affirmative and Ordered accordingly.

According to Order, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. O'Reilly in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman handed in the following Resolution for the adoption of the Council, and reported the discussion and passing of the Estimates terminated.

Resolved, That this Council recommend the following additions and increase to be made to the Estimates:

- \$1,000 for a Gaol at Lillooet (increase),
- 500 for destitute poor and sick (increase),
- 1,000 for Court House at Yale (addition),
- 5,000 for Clinton-Yale Road (increase),
- 2,500 for handrail on Yale-Lytton Road (addition).

Ordered that the report be adopted.

On the Order of the day being read for the committal of the Compulsory Mining Licence Bill,

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General,

Ordered that the committal of the said Bill be deferred till to-morrow.

According to Order, the Joint Stock Companies Amendment Bill was read the second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Elliott, the Council adjourned till Thursday, the 15th instant, at 3 o'clock p.m.

### Thursday, the 15th day of February, 1866.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. Mr. Elliott absent on leave; all other Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the chair as Presiding Member.

On the Minutes being read and the question of their being confirmed being put, a debate arose.

The Council divided.

*Ayes 7, Noes 4.*

So it was Resolved in the affirmative and Ordered accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.

On the Order of the day being read for the committal of the Compulsory Mining Licence Bill,

The Hon. the Attorney General moved that the said Order do stand as the last Order of the day.

According to Order, the Council went into Committee of the whole on the Joint Stock Companies Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Homer in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported certain amendments made to the said Bill, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow.

According to Order, the Council went into Committee of the whole on the Trades Licences Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Brew in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported some further progress made with the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read for the committal of the Compulsory Mining Licence Bill,

Ordered that the said Bill do lapse.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Trutch, the Council adjourned till 3 o'clock, p.m., to-morrow, Friday the 16th instant.

### Friday, the 16th day of February, 1866.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. Mr. Elliott absent on leave; all other Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read over and confirmed.

The Hon. the Attorney General gave notice of the following Bills:

Ferry Regulation Bill,

Intestate Estates Sales Bill.



According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved the following Resolution, the Hon. Mr. Homer seconding:

That the vote of censure on the Editor of the *British Columbian* be reconsidered for the purpose of its expulsion from the Minutes, and the Editor of the *British Columbian* be brought before the Bar of the House for explanation.

On the question being put a debate arose and the Council divided.

*Ayes 4, Noes 7,*

So it passed in the negative.

According to Order, the Council resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the Joint Stock Companies Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Homer in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with certain amendments.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Walkem,

Ordered that the said Bill be re-committed.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Homer in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill passed with certain additions.

Ordered to be read the third time on Monday next.

On the Order of the day being read for the committal of the Trades Licences Bill,

Ordered that the committal thereof be deferred till Thursday, the 22nd inst.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Franks, the Council adjourned till 3 o'clock on Monday, the 19th instant.

### Monday, the 19th day of February, 1866.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Hon. Messrs. Franks, Elliott, Walkem, Smith, absent on leave; all other Members present.

The minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

A Message from the Officer Administering the Government, which being read is as follows:

*Message No. 12.*

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

The Officer Administering the Government lays before the Council an Extract of a letter lately received from the Gold Commissioner of the Cariboo District, recommending that a premium be offered for the first Quartz Mill erected on Williams Creek, in the Cariboo District.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, pp. iii-iv.

The Officer Administering the Government highly approves of this suggestion, and would urge upon the Legislative Council the propriety of empowering the Government to offer a liberal premium in furtherance of this desirable object.

*Government House,  
19th February, 1866.*

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Ball,

The Council went into a Committee of the whole on the above message.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Cornwall in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for Thursday next.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Crease gave notice of motion.

According to Order, the Attorney General brought in the Ferry Regulations Bill.

Ordered that the said Bill be now read the first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Thursday next.

Also the Intestate Estate Sales Bill.

Ordered that the said Bill be now read first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Thursday next.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Holbrook, the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock on Thursday, the 22nd instant.

### **Thursday, the 22nd day of February, 1866.**

The Council met at 2 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

All Members present.

Minutes of the previous Meeting read over and confirmed.

A Message from the Officer Administering the Government, which being read is as follows:

*Message No. 13.*

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

The Officer Administering the Government lays before the Legislative Council a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to apply the sum of Seven hundred and twenty-two thousand one hundred and fourteen dollars and five cents, out of the General Revenue of the Colony of British Columbia and its Dependencies, to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and sixty-six."

*Government House,  
22nd February, 1866.*

Ordered that the said Bill be now read the first time.

Read the first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time to-morrow.

A further Message from His Honor, as follows:

*Message No. 14.*

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

The Officer Administering the Government lays before the Council a Petition signed by 312 Miners, Merchants, and Traders, in the District of Cariboo, complaining of the delay in litigation between Miners concerning Mining Interests.<sup>9</sup>

The Officer Administering the Government has already had occasion to refer to this subject.

He would suggest that a Select Committee be appointed to report to the Council whether it is expedient to make any changes in the existing laws.

*Government House,  
22nd February, 1866.*

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Crease,

Ordered that a Select Committee, to be named by the Presiding Member, be appointed for the purpose of preparing a Report on the Petition for the amendment of the laws relating to delay in Mining litigation.

The Presiding Member nominated the following Honourable Members to constitute the said Committee:—The Hon. Messrs. Crease, O'Reilly, Elliot, Cornwall, Walkem.

The Hon. Walkem presented a Petition from Merchants and Traders for the abolition of the Road Tolls.

Ordered that the same be received and read.

Read accordingly.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Walkem,

Ordered that the said Petition be considered in a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

The Hon. Mr. Walkem gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Crease, from the Select Committee appointed to draw up a Report on the Petition from Munroe's workmen, handed in the following Report according to Order:

The Select Committee appointed to consider the Petition of sub-contractors and labourers who have worked for Mr. Malcolm Munroe [Malcom Munro], under his road contract, beg to report that they consider the subject matter of the Petition should be left to the discretion of the Executive.

At the same time they recommend that if sufficient work has been done on the road to warrant it, and sufficient money should remain unapplied in the hands of the Government, the question of the payment of the men should be taken into favourable consideration.

Ordered that the Report be received and the Committee discharged.

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, p. iv.

According to Order, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole to consider His Honor's Message in regard to offering a premium for the erection of a Quartz Mill at Williams Creek.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Cornwall in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman handed in the following Resolution for the adoption of the Council:

Resolved, That His Honor the Administrator be requested to appropriate a sum of not more than \$5,000, unless under special circumstances when the grant may be increased by His Honor, for offering a premium for the erection of a Steam Quartz Crushing Mill in Cariboo, and that the amount of the premium to be given should be proportionate to the capability of the Mill.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Ball, the Hon. Mr. Crease seconding,

Ordered that the said Resolution be adopted.

According to Order, the Council went into Committee of the whole on the Trades Licences Bill.

The Presiding Member left Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Brew in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill completed with certain amendments.

The Hon. Mr. Brew moved that the Standing Orders be suspended in order that the Bill might be re-committed for alteration.

Motion negatived.

On the motion of the Hon. the Treasurer,

Ordered that the Bill be re-committed for the addition of supplemental matter.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Brew in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported that a slight addition having been made the Bill was now complete.

Ordered to be read the third time to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Walkem,

Ordered that the third reading of the Joint Stock Companies Bill be taken as the next Order of the day.

Bill read third time accordingly,

And Resolved, That the said Bill do pass, and its title be the "Companies' Ordinance, 1866."

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Ferry Regulation Bill,

Ordered that the second reading of the said Bill be postponed till to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read therefor, the Intestate Estate Sales Bill was read the second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Hamley in Chair of Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with slight amendments.

Ordered to be read the third time to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Brew, the Council adjourned till 3 o'clock to-morrow, the 23rd instant.

### **Friday, the 23rd day of February, 1866.**

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

All Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read over and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook, according to Order, asked the Acting Colonial Secretary when the Iron Buoys lately arrived at Victoria, from England, will be laid down at the mouth of the River.

The Hon. Mr. Ball replied.

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Walkem moved for leave to bring in Williams Creek Bed Rock Flume Company's Bill.

Ordered that leave be granted.

The Hon. Member presented the said Bill accordingly.

Ordered to be read first time forthwith.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Wednesday next.

According to Order, the Bill of Supply was read second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill accordingly.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. O'Reilly in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through without amendment.

Ordered to be read the third time on Monday next.

According to Order, the Trades Licences Bill was read a third time,

And it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and that its title be the "Trades Licences Ordinance, 1866."

According to Order, the Ferry Regulations Bill was read the second time.

Ordered that the said Bill be committed forthwith.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill accordingly.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Smith in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with certain amendments.

Ordered to be read third time on Monday next.

On the Order of the day being read therefor,

The Intestate Estate Sales Bill was read the third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Intestate Estate Sales Ordinance, 1866."

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Elliott, the Council adjourned till Monday, the 26th instant, at 3 p.m.

### **Monday, the 26th day of February, 1866.**

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

All Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read over and confirmed.

The Hon. the Attorney General gave notice of the Sinking Fund Bill and Pilotage Bill.

According to Order, the Bill of Supply was read the third time,

And it was Resolved, That this Bill do pass and that its title be "An Ordinance to apply the sum of Seven hundred and twenty-two thousand one hundred and fourteen dollars and five cents, out of the General Revenue of the Colony of British Columbia and its Dependencies, to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and sixty-six."

According to Order, the Ferry Regulations Bill was read third time,

And it was Resolved, That this Bill do pass and that its title be the "Ferry Ordinance, 1866."

According to Order, the Council resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the Petition for the abolition of the Road Tolls.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Brew in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for Thursday next.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Walkem,

Ordered, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order that he might be enabled to place a motion on the Order Book.

The Hon. Member gave notice of motion accordingly.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. O'Reilly, the Council adjourned till 3 o'clock p.m., on Thursday the 1st March.

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### **Thursday, the 1st day of March, 1866.**

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The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

At a quarter past 3, the Hon. Mr. Trutch took the Chair as Presiding Member, being the senior Member present in order of precedence, and there not being a quorum present, adjourned the Council till 2 o'clock, p.m., to-morrow, the 2nd instant, without a question first put.

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### **Friday, the 2nd day of March, 1866.**

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The Council met at 2 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

All Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read over and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Smith presented the Petition of Messrs. Brown and Gillis for compensation for land resumed by Government at Quesnelmouth.

Ordered that the same be read.

Read accordingly.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Walkem,

Ordered, That the Council do go into Committee of the whole on the said Petition on Monday next.

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Walkem asked the Acting Colonial Secretary to furnish an approximate calculation of the number of pounds avoirdupois of Merchandize which have entered this port during the past year.

The Hon. Mr. Ball replied.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Bed Rock Flume Bill,

The Hon. Mr. Walkem moved that the said Bill be read second time on Tuesday next.

Ordered accordingly.

According to Order, the Hon. the Attorney General brought in the Pilotage Bill.

Ordered to be read first time forthwith.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Tuesday next.

and the Sinking Fund Bill.

Ordered that the said Bill be now read the first time.

Read the first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Tuesday next.

According to Order, the Council went into Committee of the whole to consider the Petition for the abolition of the Road Tolls.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Brew in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for Tuesday next.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Walkem, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock on Tuesday, the 6th instant.

## Tuesday, the 6th day of March, 1866.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

All Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

Minutes of the previous Meeting read over and confirmed.

A Message from the Officer Administering the Government, which being read is as follows:

*Message No. 15.*

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

The Officer Administering the Government lays before the Legislative Council a Petition against the present system of Road Tolls and Tonnage Dues imposed on supplies for the Upper Country.<sup>10</sup>

The Officer Administering the Government is led to believe that under the existing circumstances of the Colony this Petition would not have been presented at the present time but for the great uncertainty which prevails in regard to facility of access to the Upper Columbia Mines by other routes. If, as the Petitioners state, Merchandize taking the route by way of Fraser River is unduly burdened, it becomes the duty of the Government to consider the prayer of the Petition.

There can be no doubt that constant alterations in our fiscal arrangements must tend to weaken confidence in the Colony, and interfere with trade. The Officer Administering the Government is therefore most unwilling to make any important alterations until he is in possession of further information as to the extent and resources of the new District.

Representations have been made that goods passing over one hundred and ten miles of the main waggon road should not, in justice, pay Tolls equal to the goods passing over the entire length of road. Should the Council be of opinion that it is

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*, p. iv.



absolutely necessary for some alteration to be made to enable Merchants of these Colonies to enter fairly into competition for the trade of the Columbia Mines, the Officer Administering the Government would suggest for the consideration of the Council, whether as a temporary expedient it may not be advisable to remove the Toll Gates from Lillooet and Lytton and establish one Gate at Clinton instead, thus relieving the Columbia trade and reducing the cost of collection. He would further suggest that the present rate of Tonnage Dues be imposed on all supplies arriving at the Ports of Entry.

*Government House,  
3rd March, 1866.*

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Ball,

Ordered that the Message be considered presently in Committee of the whole.

A further Message from His Honor, as follows:

*Message No. 16.*

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

The Officer Administering the Government acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to apply the sum of Seven hundred and twenty-two thousand one hundred and fourteen Dollars and five Cents, out of the General Revenue of the Colony of British Columbia and its Dependencies, to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and sixty-six."

*Government House,  
5th March, 1866.*

A further Message from His Honor, read as follows:

*Message No. 17.*

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the following amendments to be made in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Law relating to Joint Stock Companies:"

In clause 6, line 4, the word "and" be omitted.

In line 5, of the same clause, the word "him" be omitted, and the following words be inserted in its place: "the said Supreme Court of Civil Justice."

*Government House,  
5th March, 1866.*

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Ball,

Ordered that the Council do go into Committee of the whole presently on the said Bill.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Bed Rock Flume Bill, a debate arose.

On the question being put the Council divided.

*Ayes 13, Noes 1.*

So it was Resolved in the affirmative, and Ordered accordingly.

Bill read second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

According to Order, the Pilotage Bill was read second time,

And it was Ordered that the Bill be committed forthwith.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Cornwall in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with certain amendments.

Ordered to be read the third time to-morrow.

According to Order, the Sinking Fund Bill was read the second time.

Ordered that the said Bill be committed to-morrow.

The Council adjourned during pleasure.

On the Council resuming its sitting, the Council, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of His Honor's Message and the Petitions in reference to the abolition of the Road Tolls.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Brew in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Ball,

Ordered that the consideration of the alterations to the Companies' Ordinance suggested in His Honor's Message No. 17, be placed on the Order of the day for to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Smith, the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock p.m. to-morrow, the 7th instant.

### Wednesday, the 7th day of March, 1866.

The Council met at 2 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

All Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read over and confirmed.

A Message from the Officer Administering the Government, which being read is as follows:

*Message No. 18.*

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends to the Legislative Council, that a clause suspending the operation of the Ordinance authorizing the sale of the Real Estate of Intestates be added to the Bill.

The Officer Administering the Government considers that in a matter effecting the descent of Real Property, it is advisable to consult the Imperial Government before so important a change comes into operation.

*Government House,  
7th March, 1866.*

On the motion of the Hon Mr. Ball,

Ordered that the consideration of the above Message do form the first Order of the Day.

The Hon. Mr. Walkem rose to apologize for certain expressions which fell from him yesterday in the debate on the abolition of the Road Tolls.

The Hon. Mr. Smith gave notice of motion.

According to Order, the Council went into Committee of the whole to consider the amendments proposed by His Honor to the Intestate Estate Sales Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Hamley in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman handed in the following Resolution for the adoption of the Council:

Resolved, That the Officer Administering the Government be acquainted that the Council has agreed to the amendments made by His Honor to the Bill entitled "An Ordinance authorizing the Sale of the Real Estate of Intestates."

Ordered that the Report be adopted.

According to Order, the Council went into a Committee of the whole on the Bed Rock Flume Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Haynes in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with certain amendments.

Ordered to be read third time on Friday next.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Ball,

Ordered, That the consideration of the amendment proposed by His Honor to the Companies Ordinance be taken as the next Order of the day.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly

The Presiding Member left Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Homer in Chair of Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman handed in the following Resolution for the adoption of the Council:

Resolved, That the Officer Administering the Government be acquainted that the Council has agreed to the amendment made by His Honor to the Bill entitled "The Companies Ordinance, 1866."

Ordered that the Report of the Committee be adopted.

According to Order, the Pilot Bill was read the third time,

And it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be the "Pilotage Ordinance, 1866."

According to Order, the Council went into Committee of the whole on the Sinking Fund Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Elliott in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with certain amendments.

Ordered to be read the third time on Friday next.

According to Order, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Petition for the abolition of the Road Tolls.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Brew in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the following Resolution for the adoption of the Council.

On the question being put the Council divided.

*Ayes 7, Noes 6,*

The names having been taken down by the Clerk as follows:

<i>Ayes.</i>	<i>Noes.</i>
The Hon. Messrs. Franks, Trutch, O'Reilly, Elliott, Haynes, Cornwall, Walkem.	The Hon. Messrs. Crease, Hamley, Homer, Holbrook, Smith, Brew.

So it was Resolved as follows:

That the Road Tolls now collected at Lytton and Lillooet be abolished, and also the existing Tonnage Dues, and that the difference caused thereby be made good by an equivalent in the form of Tonnage Dues on Imports at the Ports of Entry, and at the Southern Boundary.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Trutch, the Council adjourned till 3 o'clock p.m. on Friday next, the 9th instant.

### Friday, the 9th day of March, 1866.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

All Members present.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

A Message from the Officer Administering the Government, which being read is as follows:

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

*Message No. 19.*

The Officer Administering the Government acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Law relating to Joint Stock Companies."

*Government House,  
8th March, 1866.*

A further Message from His Honor read as follows:

*Message No. 20.*

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Council that the following amendments be made in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to consolidate the laws relating to Licences:"

That Clause III. be altered to allow fractional portions of any month, quarter, half-year, or year, to be paid for proportionately.

In Clause VI., line 1, the word "Trades" be omitted.

In Clause (c) of Schedule, line 3, after the word "wholesale," add "that is to say in quantities of not less than two gallons."

In Clause (d) of Schedule, line 2, after the word "profit" the figures "35" be struck out, and "30" substituted.

In line 4 of the same Clause, after the word "additional," the figures "20" be struck out, and "10" be substituted.

In Clause (e) of Schedule, in line 3, after the word "Trader," "\$15" be substituted for "\$20."

In line 4 of the same Clause, the word "and" be omitted; also, after the word "Trader," "\$5" be substituted for "\$7.50."

In Clause (e), to add the words "Under the last mentioned licence, the word 'Trader' shall include Master Mechanics, Manufacturers, and Artizans employing one or more Journeymen, and not already paying a licence under this Ordinance."

To omit Clause (f) in Schedule.

Clause (l) in Schedule to read "By every person following any of the occupations of Conveyancer, Surveyor, Land Agent, or Scrivener."

*Government House,  
9th March, 1866.*

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Ball,

Ordered, That the amendments proposed by His Honor to the above Bill be considered in Committee of the whole presently.

A further Message from His Honor, read as follows:

*Message No. 21.*

ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

In reference to the Resolution of the 8th March, the Officer Administering the Government requests a conference with the Honourable the Legislative Council.

*Government House,  
9th March, 1866.*

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Ball,

That the Council do adjourn during pleasure, in order to enable the Council to confer with his Honor as requested,

A division took place.

*Ayes 11, Noes 2.*

So it was Resolved in the affirmative, and Ordered accordingly.

The Council then adjourned during pleasure.

On the Council resuming its sitting, there not being a quorum present, the Presiding Member adjourned the Council till Monday, the 12th instant, at 3 p.m., without a question first put.