BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency, JAMES DOUGLAS, Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of British Columbia, Vice-Admiral of the same.

WHEREAS, under and by virtue of an Act of Parliament made and passed in the session of Parliament held in the 21st and 22nd years of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, entitled "An Act to provide for the Government of British Columbia," and by a commission under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, I, JAMES DOUGLAS, have been appointed Governor of the said Colony, and have been authorized by Proclamation under the Public Seal of the said Colony, to make Laws, Institutions and Ordinances for the peace, order and good government of the same; and

WHEREAS, it is of great importance to proceed with all possible expedition with the construction of the Roads now in progress from Fort Yale, Fort Hope, and Douglas through the several passes of the Cascade Range of Mountains, viz., from Fort Yale, along the course of the Fraser River; and from Fort Hope, along the course of the Quequealla River, and from Douglas along the course of the Lillooet River;

And whereas as well for the maintenance of the said several Roads considerable sums of money are required;

And whereas in the course of the past year, the cost of carriage to points beyond the said Mountains has been lessened by fully the moiety thereof (viz.,) by sums varying from sixpence to one shilling on the carriage of each pound weight avoirdupois.

And whereas petitions have been presented from Fort Hope and Fort Yale praying that such a Toll as hereafter mentioned may be established and levied, and that the money so raised may be applied in forming, maintaining and improving the means of land communication from the points at which such Tolls may respectively be levied:

Now, therefore I, JAMES DOUGLAS, do hereby declare, problaim and enact as follows:

I. There shall be levied and paid as, and from the Tenth day of November next, unto and to the use of Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, the sum of one shilling for every fifty pounds weight avoirdupois of all goods (and so in proportion for a greater or less quantity than 50 pounds weight of goods) taken or carried beyond Douglas in the direction of Lake Lillooet, whether on the Lillooet River on the Trail or Road. And upon every fifty pounds weight avoirdupois of all goods taken or carried beyond Fort Yale by land or water in the direction of Spuzzem, and of all goods taken or carried beyond Fort Hope by land in the direction of Boston Bar or the Shimilkomeen.

II. The duties hereby imposed shall be deemed to be Custom Duties and shall be under the care and management of the Collector of Customs for the time being for the Colony, who by himself, and his officers shall have all the powers and authorities for the collection, recovery and management thereof, as are under or by virtue of the Customs Consolidation Act, 1853, and the Supplemental Customs Consolidation Act, 1855, or either of them, or any other Act or Proclamation, vested in the said Collector for the collection, recovery, and management of Duties of Customs, and all other powers and authorities requisite for levying the said Duties.

III. Every infraction or attempted infraction of this Proclamation shall be deemed an act of smuggling, or attempted smuggling, as the case may be, and every Justice of the Peace in the Colony shall have all such powers to deal with every person charged with an offence against this Proclamation as a Stipendiary Magistrate for a Metropolitan District in England has to deal with a person charged with smuggling in such District.

IV. Upon payment of any Duties leviable under this Proclamation, a receipt shall be given by the person receiving the duty, in which shall be given the nature of the goods, the date of payment, the name and address of the person from whom payment has been received, and of the person to whom the goods are consigned, or (where there shall be no consignee) of the person to whom the same shall have been given in charge; and such receipt may be in the form in the schedule hereto, and shall be signed by the person appointed to receive the said Duties; and it shall be lawful for any Constable, or for any person thereto authorized by the said Collector of Customs to demand the production of such receipt by any person found in charge of goods upon any of the Trails, Roads, or Rivers herein before mentioned; and wherever any goods shall be found without such receipt, or not fully covered and described in such receipt, or without any person being in charge, all the goods so found shall, until the contrary be proved, be deemed to be smuggled goods, and they and all persons connected with the same, and the vehicles and animals on which the same may be laden shall be dealt with accordingly.

V. Such portion as shall be thought fit, not exceeding one moiety of any fine which may be imposed under this Proclamation may by the convicting Justice in any case be directed to be paid to, or distributed in such manner as he shall think fit, amongst the person or persons giving evidence or information leading to the conviction in such case.

VI. All mouies received under this Proclamation at each of the said three Towns shall be carried to separate accounts, entitled respectively the "Yale Fund," the "Douglas Fund," and the "Fort Hope Fund," and shall be applicable to the several purposes aforesaid.

VII. In the construction of this Proclamation the Town of Douglas shall be held to include all places within a radius of one mile from the Court House there. The Town of Fort Yale shall be taken to extend to the commencement of the blasting on the River shore, and for the space of 800 yards from the Bridge up the present mule Trail towards Spuzzem. The Town of Fort Hope shall include all the space between Fraser River, the Quequealla and the Millrace at Fort Hope. The expression "goods" shall include every description of inanimate personal property, except such as shall be actually employed for the purposes of carriage of other goods: as Waggons, Drays, Packsaddles in actual use, and the like.

VIII. There shall be exempt from all duty payable under this Act:

1st. The food, necessaries, tools and materials *bona fide* taken and supplied to persons working on said Roads.

2nd. Miners' packs carried by the owners and not exceeding 30lbs avoirdupois in weight for each man's load. Provided always that it shall be lawful for the Executive to direct that the duties imposed by this Proclamation shall not be levied on goods actually belonging to and borne by Indians, or *bona fide* belonging to and taken by the occupiers of any lands within two miles of Fort Yale, Fort Hope, and Douglas for *bona fide* use upon such lands.

IX. This Proclamation may on all occasions be cited as the "Roads Tolls Act, 1860."

Issued under the Public Seal of the said Colony, at Victoria, Vancouver Island, this fifteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty, and the twenty-fourth year of Her Majesty's Reign, by me,

JAMES DOUGLAS, [L.S.]

By His Excellency's Command.

WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO.

Date of payment.	Description of goods.	Weight in lbs.	Name & address of person paying duties.	Name & address of Consignee.	Name and address of party in charge.
1860. Aug. 20.	Flour.	1750.	A. B., F. Yale, Front street.	None.	C. D. of Fort Yale & Lytton

20th August. 1860. Received £1 15 0.
(Signed.) E. F——,
Deputy Collector.