BRITISH COLUMBIA.

PROCLAMATION.

No. 6, A. D. 1861.

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

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, to make laws, institutions, and ordinances, for the peace, order, and good government of the same, and

Whereas by the Country Land Act, 1861, the price of all unsurveyed Country Land in British Columbia whether acquired by Pre-emption or Purchase under the Proclamation dated the 4th day of January, 1860, was fixed at four shillings and two pence per acre, and

Whereas it is inexpedient that any person other than a bonâ fide settler should take up land under the said Proclamation, and without the occupation and improvement necessary under the said Proclamation to complete his Title as a Pre-emptor.

Now therefore I do hereby declare, proclaim, and enact as follows:—

That all persons who may after the date hereof purchase land under the provisions of the Proclamation of the 4th day of January, 1860, or the Country Land Act, 1861, shall hold the same under precisely the same terms and conditions of occupation and improvement as are mentioned in the said Proclamation of the 4th day of January, 1860, with regard to lands pre-empted without purchase.

No person shall be entitled to hold by Pre-emption more than 160 acres under the said Proclamation, or any of them, at one time.

If any person, being already registered as a Pre-emptor, pre-empt any other land under the provisions of the said proclamation, the land so previously pre-empted shall *ipso facto* be forfeited and shall with all improvements made thereon be open to settlement by any other person.

This Proclamation may on all occasions be cited as the "Pre-emption Purchase Act, 1861."

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Issued under the Public Seal of the said Colony at Yale, this 28th day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty one, and in the twenty-fourth year of Her Majesty's Reign, by me,

JAMES DOUGLAS.

By His Excellency's Command,
WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.