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PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency, JAMES DOUGLAS, Governor of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies, Commander-in-Chief, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c.

WHEREAS, it has been represented to me that Spirituous and other Intoxicating Liquors, have been sold to the Native Indians of Fraser River, and elsewhere, to the great injury and demoralization of the said Indians; and also thereby endangering the Public peace, and the lives and property of Her Majesty's subjects and others in the said Districts.

Now be it known unto all men, that the Sale or Gift of Spirituous or other Intoxicating drinks to the said Native Indians is contrary to Law, and is hereby strictly prohibited, and that persons charged with such offences will be proceeded against accordingly, and on conviction thereof before a Magistrate, will be mulcted in the penal sum of not more than Twenty Pounds, nor less than Five Pounds, for each and every offence, and in default of payment of such penalty shall be committed to jail, with or without hard labour, for a period of not more than six nor less than two months.

{ L. S. } Given under my hand and Seal, at Fort Hope, this sixth day of September, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, and in the twenty-second year of Her Majesty's reign,

JAMES DOUGLAS.
Governor.

By His Excellency's Command,
WILLIAM MANSON, Acting Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.