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PROCLAMATION

By His Excelleney, JAMES DOUGLAS, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Colony of Vancouver's Island and its Dependencies.

WHEREAS, Her Majesty has been pleased, by an Instrument made under Her Sign Manual, to revoke the Crown Grant dated the 30th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, 1838, to the Hudson's Bay Company, for exclusive trading with the Indians, in so far as the said Grant embraces or extends to the Territories comprised within the Colony of British Columbia.

I, JAMES DOUGLAS, Governor of the Colony, now proclaim and publish this Instrument revoking the said Grant, for the information and guidance of all persons interested therein.

Given under my hand and seal at Victoria, Vancouver's Island, this third day of November, 1858, in the Twenty-Second year of Her Majesty's Reign.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

{L.S.} Victoria, R.

REVOCATION

Of License of 30th May, 1838, to Hudson's Bay Company, for exclusive Trading with the Indians, in so far as the same embraces the Territories comprised in British Columbia.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen Defender of the Faith. To all whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS, by an Instrument under the hand and seal of the Right Honorable Lord Glenelg, then one of Our principal Secretaries of State, and dated the Thirtieth day of May, One thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, We did, for the reasons and considerations therein recited, grant and give Our License to the Governor and Company of Adventurers trading to Hudson's Bay, and their successors, for the exclusive privilege of trading with the Indians in all such parts of North America to the northward and to the westward of the lands and territories belonging to the United States of America as should not form any part of Our Provinces in North America, or of any lands or territories belonging to the said United States of America, or to any European Government, State or Power, but subject nevertheless, as thereinafter mentioned; and did give, grant and secure to the said Governor and Company and their successors, the sole and exclusive privilege for the full period of twenty-one years from the date of Our said Grant of trading with the Indians in all such Parts of North America as aforesaid (except as thereinafter mentioned): provided, nevertheless, and We did thereby declare Our pleasure to be, that nothing therein contained should extend or be construed to prevent the establishment by Us, Our Heirs, or Successors, within the territories aforesaid, or any of them, of any Colony or Colonies, Province or Provinces, or the annexing any part of the aforesaid territories to any existing Colony or Colonies to Us in right of Our Imperial Crown belonging; or constituting any such form of Civil Government as to Us might seem meet, within any such Colony or Colonies, Province or Provinces. And We did thereby reserve to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, full power and authority to revoke Our said Grant, or any part thereof, in so far as the same might embrace or extend to any of the territories aforesaid, which might thereafter be comprised within any Colony or Colonies, Province or Provinces as aforesaid.

And Whereas, We have by Our Commission, under the Great Seal of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date at Westminster this second day of September, One thousand, eight hundred and fifty-eight, in the Twenty-second year of Our reign, and in virtue as well of the powers vested in Us by an Act entitled, "An Act to provide for the Government of British Columbia," as of all other powers and authorities belonging to Us in that behalf, established within the territories aforesaid, a Colony, under the title of "British Columbia," bounded as in the said recited Act is mentioned, to the South by the frontier of the United States of America, to the East by the main chain of the Rocky Mountains, to the North by Simpson's River and the Finlay Branch of the Peace River, and to the West by the Pacific Ocean; and including Queen Charlotte's Island, and all other Islands adjacent to the said territories, except as thereinafter excepted.

And Whereas, it has appeared to Us expedient that the right of exclusive trade with the Indians given by Us, in manner aforesaid, to the Governor and Company of Adventurers trading to Hudson's Bay, and their successors, within the territories in the said instrument described, should no longer be exercised by them within so much fo those territories as is comprised within the said Colony of British Columbia.

Now, know ye, that We do hereby revoke Our said Grant contained in the hereinbefore recited Instrument of the thirtieth day of May, One thousand, eight hundred and thirty-eight, in so far as the same embraces or extends to the territories comprised within the said Colony of British Columbia;

And We do hereby declare, that this present revocation of Our said Grant shall take effect within the said Colony as soon as it shall have been proclaimed there by the Officer administering the Government thereof.

Given at Our Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, this second day of September, 1858, in the Twenty-second year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command.