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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, &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, intituled "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, doubts have arisen whether the Joint Stock Companies' Acts 1856, 1857, and 1858, apply to British Columbia.

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

1. That the said Acts shall be taken, construed, and read together, and be taken and deemed to extend to the colony of British Columbia except as hereinafter mentioned.

2. The third section of the Joint Stock Companies' Act, 1857, shall not apply to mining companies in British Columbia.

3. The eleventh section of the said Act shall not come into operation until the imposition of a Stamp duty in British Columbia.

4. The power given to Companies to empower any person as their Attorney to execute deeds on their behalf in any place not situate in the United Kingdom, shall not apply to the execution of Deeds in British Columbia, and shall include a power to empower an Attorney as aforesaid to execute Deeds in the United Kingdom.

5. That the reports to be made to, and the powers and duties vested in and imposed upon the Board of Trade by the said Acts, shall be vested in and imposed upon the Attorney General of British Columbia until some other person or authority shall be nominated by the Governor for the time being, of British Columbia.

6. That until some other person or authority shall be nominated as aforesaid, the Attorney General of British Columbia shall be the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

That the aforesaid "The Court" in the said Acts defined shall mean the Supreme Court of Civil Justice of British Columbia.

That the "offical liquidator" in the 88th section of the said Act, particularly mentioned shall be in every case appointed by the said Supreme Court of Civil Justice of British Columbia.

That the several powers by the said Act vested in the Lord Chancellor of Great Britain, shall be vested in the Judge of the Supreme Court of Civil Justice of British Columbia, who may make all rules which the Lord Chancellor of Great Britain is by the said Acts empowered to make, such rules when made, to be approved of by the Governor for the time being of British Columbia.

That any person may be appointed by the Judge of the Supreme Court of Civil Justice of British Columbia to act as a special commissioner to take evidence.

Notices by the said Acts required to be published in the London, Edinburgh, and Dublin Gazettes, shall be published in the Official Gazette of British Columbia.

The fees to be paid under the said Acts shall be paid by the person receiving the same into the Treasury of British Columbia.

This Act may be cited for all purposes as the "British Columbia Joint Stock Companies' Act, 1859."

Issued under the Public Seal of the said Colony, at Victoria, Vancouver Island, this tenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, and the twenty-third year of Her Majesty's Reign, by me,

JAMES DOUGLAS, [L.S.]

By Command of His Excellency,

WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.