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To an Address of the Legislative Assembly for copies of all Minutes of Council and all Correspondence relating to the mission of the Hon. A. DeCosmos to London and Ottawa.

By Command.

JOHN ROBSON,
Provincial Secretary.

*Provincial Secretary's Office,
22nd March. 1888.*

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Executive Council, approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor the 30th March, 1881.

The Committee of Council advise that the Petition of the Legislative Assembly to Her Majesty the Queen respecting the breach by the Dominion of its railway engagements with the Province, be forwarded through the usual channel to the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and that copies thereof be also sent to the Dominion Government and to the Colonial Office.

The Committee further advise that the Hon. the Provincial Secretary be respectfully directed to communicate with the Hon. A. DeCosmos, and inform him of his appointment as Special Agent and Delegate to proceed to London for the purpose of supporting the prayer of the said Petition; and that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor will be pleased to inform the Dominion Government of Mr. DeCosmos' appointment, and request that His Excellency the Governor-General be respectfully moved to provide Mr. DeCosmos with a suitable introduction to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Certified.

(Signed) T. ELWYN,
Deputy Clerk Executive Council.

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Executive Council, approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor the 2nd April, 1881.

On a memorandum dated 1st April, 1881, from the Minister of Finance, submitting an application, Schedule B, of even date, for authority to advance the sum of \$2,500 to the Hon. A. DeCosmos, to defray expenses connected with his approaching visit to England with the Petition from the Legislative Assembly to Her Majesty.

The Minister reports that there is no direct appropriation made by Parliament for this service, but that the expenditure is necessary in order to carry into effect the wishes of the Legislature when approving of the Resolutions upon which the Petition to Her Majesty is based.

The Committee advise that a Special Warrant be issued for the above amount estimated to be required, under 42 Victoria, chapter 29.

Certified.

(Signed) T. ELWYN,
Deputy Clerk Executive Council.

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Executive Council, approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor the 18th October, 1881.

On a memorandum dated the 10th October, 1881, from the Minister of Finance, submitting the following Requisition:—

SCHEDULE B.

No. 12... | 8th October, 1881... | Advance to Hon. A. DeCosmos.... | No vote.. | \$1000

The Minister reports that Mr. DeCosmos has applied for a further advance of the above amount, and that no doubt the expenditure is necessary.

That although there is no direct appropriation to pay Mr. DeCosmos' expenses, still payment could properly be made out of the vote for "Miscellaneous not detailed," the authority of the Legislature to send Mr. DeCosmos to England having been obtained. The previous advance, however, having been made under authority of a Special Warrant, it would be advisable to adhere in this instance to the same course, and thus keep the expenditure under its separate account.

The Committee advise that a Special Warrant for the above be issued.

Certified.

(Signed) T. ELWYN,
Deputy Clerk Executive Council.

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Executive Council, approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor the 27th January, 1882.

On a memorandum dated the 27th January, 1882, from the Minister of Finance, enclosing a statement of expenditure from the Hon. A. DeCosmos, as Special Agent of the Province at Ottawa and London, accounting for advances made to him on 15th November, 1880, and 2nd April, 1881, amounting to \$3,500, and recommending that the Treasury Department be authorized to accept the following statement of expenditure in full repayment of cash advances so made:—

Cash paid in Ottawa and Quebec, as per vouchers, from 11th November, 1880, to 21st May, 1881	\$908 06
Cash paid in Ottawa and Quebec, as per statement enclosed, from 21st October, 1880, to 30th May, 1881 (no vouchers).....	259 40
Cash paid in England, as per vouchers, from 30th June, 1881, to 28th October, 1881	1,730 00
Cash paid in England, as per statement enclosed, from 30th May, 1881, to 28th October, 1881 (no vouchers).....	575 20
Cash paid on S.S. "Peruvian," from Liverpool to Quebec, from 28th October, 1881, to 7th November, 1881, as per statement enclosed (no voucher).....	27 34
	\$3,500 00

The Committee advise approval of the recommendation.

Certified.

(Signed) T. ELWYN,
Deputy Clerk Executive Council.

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Executive Council, approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor the 5th May, 1882.

The Committee of Council advise that the appointment of the Hon. A. DeCosmos as Agent of the Province at Ottawa, and as Delegate to the Imperial Government with respect to Railway matters, be cancelled, as the necessity for such appointments has ceased; and that the Hon. the Provincial Secretary be authorized to inform Mr. De Cosmos thereof, if this Minute be approved.

Certified.

(Signed) T. ELWYN,
Deputy Clerk Executive Council.

