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## RETURN

To an Address of the Legislative Assembly for copies of all correspondence between the Government of the Dominion of Canada and the Government of British Columbia, or any person acting in their behalf, as Agent or otherwise, respecting, or in anywise affecting, the 40-mile belt of land now held as a Railroad or Government Reserve on the Mainland of British Columbia, from the time the Dominion Government made application to have said belt of land reserved for railway purposes.

T. B. HUMPHREYS,  
*Provincial Secretary.*

*Provincial Secretary's Office,  
16th March, 1882.*

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*Lieutenant-Governor Richards to the Secretary of State, Ottawa,*

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
Victoria, 12th April, 1881.

SIR,—I have the honour to enclose herewith a copy of a Minute of my Executive Council, dated to-day, reporting a resolution passed by the House of Assembly at its late session, with respect to the prejudicial effect to the prosperity and development of the Province caused by the locking up of the Railway Lands that were conveyed to the Dominion by an Act of the former Session, and praying me to make urgent representations to the Dominion Government to have these lands opened up for settlement.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) A. N. RICHARDS,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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*Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Executive Council, approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor on the 12th day of April, 1881.*

On a memorandum from the Provincial Secretary, dated 12th April, 1881, reporting that the following Resolution passed the House of Assembly at its late session, viz.:—  
“That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause urgent representations to be made to the Dominion Government to have the Railway Lands that were conveyed by an Act of the Legislative Assembly at its last session opened up for settlement, as the locking-up of these lands is prejudicial to the prosperity and development of the Province, and more especially to those districts wherein the said lands are situated,”—and recommending that it be forwarded to the Dominion Government by His Honour in the usual course.

The Committee advise that the recommendation be approved.

Certified. T. B. HUMPHREYS.

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*The Under-Secretary of State, Ottawa, to Lieutenant-Governor Richards*

OTTAWA, 3rd May, 1881.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 12th ult., enclosing a copy of a Minute of your Executive Council reporting a Resolution passed by the House of Assembly of British Columbia at its late session with respect to the locking-up of the Railway Lands in that Province, and requesting that the said lands may be opened up for settlement.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) E. J. LANGEVIN,  
*Under-Secretary of State.*