
RETURN

To an Address of the Legislative Assembly for copies of all correspondence, including telegrams, if any, respecting the Esquimalt Dock, which may have passed between the Dominion and Provincial Governments, or between any member of or person authorized by the Provincial Government and the Dominion Government, or any person or persons whomsoever.

By Command.

*Lands and Works Office,
19th April, 1876.*

FORBES GEO. VERNON,
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

The Lieutenant-Governor to the Secretary of State for Canada.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, BRITISH COLUMBIA,
13th April, 1876.

SIR,—I have the honour to enclose herewith, for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor-General, a copy of a Minute of my Executive Council, and of the certified statement therein referred to, respecting the Graving Dock at Esquimalt now under construction; and in accordance with the advice of my Ministers expressed in this Minute, I beg to make application for the payment of the sum of fifty thousand six hundred and fifty-five dollars and fifty cents (\$50,655 50) therein specified, by the Government of the Dominion to this Government upon the said enclosed Certificate of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works of this Province, under the provisions of Cap. 17, 37 Vic., of the Statutes of Canada, and of the Statute of British Columbia No. 4, 38 Vic.

I have, etc.,
(Signed)

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Executive Council, approved by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor on the 13th day of April, 1876.

Upon a Memorandum from the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, in relation to the Graving Dock at Esquimalt, stating that by Section 1, of Cap. 17, 37 Vic., of the Statutes of Canada, it is provided that—"Advances may be made from time to time by the Governor in Council, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, for the construction of such Graving Dock, upon certificates of the progress of the work, such advances not to exceed in the whole two hundred and fifty thousand dollars."

That the sum of fifty thousand six hundred and fifty-five dollars and fifty cents (\$50,655 50) has been expended by the Lands and Works Department of British Columbia, on account of this work, of which expenditures a statement of particulars, certified by the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, is appended hereto. And recommending that application be made to the Dominion Government for the payment of that sum, under the provisions of the Statute above mentioned, as an instalment of the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars to be paid on that account.

The Committee advise that the recommendation be approved, and that should this report be adopted, a copy thereof, together with the accompanying certificate, be forwarded by Your Excellency to the Government of Canada, with a request that the sum of fifty thousand six hundred and fifty-five dollars and fifty cents (\$50,655 50) therein specified, be paid to this Government.

Certified,
(Signed) T. BASIL HUMPHREYS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

