
RETURN

To an Address of the Legislative Assembly for copies of all Orders in Council, letters, and correspondence relating to the gazetting the public road from Ladner's Landing to the townships' line dividing townships 5 and 6, New Westminster District.

By Command.

F. G. VERNON,

Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

*Lands and Works Department,
6th March, 1888.*

The Clerk of Delta Municipality to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

LADNER'S LANDING, October 8th, 1883.

SIR,—I have been instructed by the Delta Municipal Council to inform you that a building has been erected at Ladner's Landing on the public highway (as gazetted) running from Ladner's Landing to New Westminster, and that said building is an obstruction to the public use of said highway, and to request you to take the necessary steps to compel the removal of the same.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

WM. MCKEE,

C. M. C.

The Surveyor-General to the Clerk of Delta Municipality.

VICTORIA, B. C., 11th October, 1883.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 8th inst., complaining, at the instance of the Delta Municipal Council, that a building has been erected on the public highway at Ladner's Landing, forming an obstruction to the use of the same, and requesting the Government to compel the removal of the building. To enable the department to act intelligently, I must request you to kindly state the name of the person who has thus trespassed upon the public highway, and to give further particulars.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

W. S. GORE,

Surveyor-General.

Mr. Ladner to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

LADNER'S, 24th October, 1883.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to state that I am the person referred to in resolution of Delta Council of building on supposed roadway, and would beg that your department meet me on the ground at your earliest convenience, and I am in a position to show you that I am not a trespasser on said roadway. It would be better for all parties to have the matter fully explained.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

WM. H. LADNER.

P. S.—A few minutes on the ground will explain the whole matter, and, I am satisfied, to the satisfaction of all concerned.

(Initialed) W. H. L.

The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to Mr. Ladner.

VICTORIA, 26th October, 1883.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your letter of 24th inst., I beg to say that it would be quite impossible for anyone from this department to examine the roadway at your place, as you request, at present, and I am of opinion that the question is not one requiring the interference of the department. Under sub-sections 63, 70, 71, 72, and 73 of section 104 of the Municipality Act, the Council has all necessary power to determine the matter; and its members being on the spot, will be in much better position to act intelligently and fairly than anyone at a distance could do. It seems to me that, instead of seeking the interference of the Government, the Corporation should jealously maintain its authority and independence in such matters.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) WM. SMITHE,
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

The Clerk of Delta Municipality to the Surveyor-General.

LADNER'S LANDING, November 5th, 1883.

SIR,—I have been instructed by a resolution of the Delta Municipal Council to inform you, in answer to your communication of 11th October, that Mr. W. H. Ladner is the party referred to, he having erected a building within the road limits, as defined in your letter of the 13th September, 1883.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) WM. MCKEE,
C. M. C.

The Clerk of Delta Municipality to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

LADNER'S LANDING, November 27th, 1883.

DEAR SIR,—The Delta Municipal Council will meet here on Saturday first, and they instructed me to request you to send an answer to my last communication, with regard to the shed built near Ladner's Landing on the trunk road, as gazetted, by Mr. W. H. Ladner.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) WM. MCKEE,
C. M. C.

The Surveyor-General to the Clerk of Delta Municipality.

VICTORIA, B. C., 29th November, 1883.

SIR,—The Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of 27th inst., and to send you the enclosed copy of a letter addressed to W. H. Ladner, Esq., on the subject in question, dated 26th ultimo, which fully explains the position he feels to be justified in taking.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) W. S. GORE,
Surveyor-General.

Mr. Ladner to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

LADNER'S, 28th November, 1883.

SIR,—I beg to inform you that I fetched yours of 26th October before the Council here, and after having permission to read it from the Chairman *pro tem.*, they refused to act on it, for the reason that it was addressed to me in a private capacity. It seems they are afraid to tackle the question.

I wish the fullest investigation in the matter, and am satisfied that I have an undoubted right to build on the land in question, as a part of it I now use as a garden for small fruit, and never has been alienated by me, and nothing less than an Act of Parliament can convey a road through a person's orchard, garden, or land for the convenience of his buildings, and still think that if the department will send some one here on the ground the thing can be settled in a half an hour. The person can return to Victoria next morning by return steamer.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) Wm. H. LADNER.

The Surveyor-General to Mr. Ladner.

VICTORIA, 29th November, 1883.

SIR,—The Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works desires me to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 28th inst., and to inform you that he can see no reason to change his views on the subject in question, as explained to you in a letter dated 26th ultimo.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

W. S. GORE,

Surveyor-General.