
RETURN

To an Address of the Legislative Assembly, praying that a copy of all correspondence between the Provincial and Dominion Governments be sent down to the House respecting the Railway Bridge across False Creek, in the District of New Westminster.

By Command.

JNO. ROBSON,

Provincial Secretary.

Provincial Secretary's Office,

17th February, 1887.

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Executive Council, approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor on the 27th day of February, 1886.

The Committee of Council advise the approval of the following address of the Legislative Assembly to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, viz.:—

“Whereas the waters of the fiord or inlet from English Bay to the bridge known as ‘False Creek Bridge,’ in the District of New Westminster, are navigable waters, and are constantly used by vessels of light draught; and whereas it would be greatly detrimental to the public interest to permit any structure to be constructed that would in any way interfere with free navigation of said waters:

“Be it therefore Resolved, That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying that he will, without delay, urge upon the Dominion Government the necessity of at once preventing the erection of any structure across the said waters that will in any way impede navigation.”

The Committee further desire to point out to the Dominion Government, in the strongest possible manner, the great injury that would result to many holders of property on False Creek, and to the public interests, in the event of any interference with the navigation of its waters, and to respectfully request that action may be at once taken to prevent the erection of any structure across False Creek which would have that effect, as it would practically result in the placing of the water frontage in the hands of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

The Committee advise that a copy of this Minute, if approved, be forwarded to the Honourable the Secretary of State for Canada.

Certified,

(Signed) T. ELWYN,

Deputy Clerk, Executive Council.

The Under Secretary of State to the Lieutenant-Governor.

OTTAWA, 12th March, 1886.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 1st inst., enclosing a copy of a report of your Executive Council relative to the erection of any structure across False Creek calculated to interfere with navigation, and to state that the matter will receive consideration.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) G. POWELL,

Under Secretary of State.
