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## RETURN

To an Address presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House copies of all Orders in Council and all correspondence relating to or in any way affecting the dismissal of Archibald Irwin, as Recorder, Assessor and Collector at Granite City.

By Command.

JNO. ROBSON.

*Provincial Secretary.*

*Provincial Secretary's Office,  
10th March, 1890.*

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VICTORIA, 27th May, 1889.

SIR,—The Executive having, for the purpose of securing greater efficiency and economy, made other arrangements, I am to acquaint you that your services will be dispensed with from and after the 30th proximo.

I am, etc.,  
(Signed)

JNO. ROBSON,  
*Provincial Secretary.*

*Archibald Irwin, Esq.,  
Assessor, &c., Granite Creek, B. C.*

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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 5th day of July, 1889.*

The Committee of Council advise that the appointments held by Archibald Irwin, resident at Granite Creek, as Recorder under the "Mineral Act," Assessor and Collector under the "Assessment Acts" for the Similkameen District, and as a Provincial Constable, be cancelled as from the 30th instant.

Victoria, 29th June, 1889.

Certified.

(Signed)

A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,  
*Deputy Clerk Executive Council.*

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COUTLEE, Nicola, B. C., August 29th, 1889.

SIR,—I have the honour to request a list of charges and complaints made against me during my tenure of office as Constable, Assessor and Collector, &c., at Granite Creek, which have led to my dismissal, by whom made, and a copy of any correspondence relating thereto.

I have, etc.,

(Signed) ARCHD. IRWIN.

*Hon. John Robson,  
Provincial Secretary,  
Victoria.*

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VICTORIA, 2nd September, 1889.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of a communication from you, dated 29th August, 1889, requesting that you may be supplied with a list of charges and complaints made against you during your tenure of office as Constable, Assessor and Collector, &c., at Granite Creek, which have led to your dismissal, by whom made, and a copy of all correspondence relating thereto.

I have the honour to say, in reply, that the Executive deemed it in the public interest that your services should be dispensed with, and they were dispensed with accordingly; and I have only to add that the Government do not feel called upon to state the grounds upon which that conclusion was arrived at.

I am, etc.,  
(Signed) JNO. ROBSON,  
*Provincial Secretary.*

*Archibald Irwin, Esq.,  
Coutlee, Nicola, B. C.*

REVELSTOKE, B. C., October 31st, 1889.

SIR.—I have the honour to state I have been informed that A. Irwin, the late Assessor and Collector at Granite Creek, has been slandering me in a most unreasonable manner in the "Victoria Times."

The only reason I can account for his personal enmity is the fact that I remonstrated with him several times for not acting in a conscientious manner towards the Government in regard to collecting the Provincial Revenue Tax and Mining Licences. In some instances I have been compelled to collect myself from parties, when he exhibited an unwillingness to do so.

Since he was notified that his services would be no longer required by the Government he has acted in a most extraordinary manner, fomenting disturbances at Granite Creek, and abusing Mr. Clapperton, myself, and others, without stint.

The man is totally unprincipled and incapable of telling the truth. I am anxious to disprove his false accusations, and I desire to abide by any suggestion you may make, with a view of eliciting the true facts of the matter.

I am, etc.,  
(Signed) G. C. TUNSTALL,  
*Government Agent.*

VICTORIA, 11th November, 1889.

SIR,—Replying to your's of the 31st ultimo, having reference to the scurrilous attacks made upon you by the man Irwin, I beg to remind you that, as he is out of the service, he is no longer amenable to the Government in that sense which would enable us to institute an enquiry into his conduct. It, therefore, becomes a private matter, wherein you would be left to seek your own remedy.

It may be possible that you made a mistake in not formulating charges against Irwin, while he was in the service, and that you are now the victim of misplaced clemency.

It is, of course, very much to be regretted that there is no way of reaching this case by official enquiry, as I am convinced that the man's conduct has been such as to merit exposure and punishment.

I am, etc.,  
(Signed) JNO. ROBSON,  
*Provincial Secretary.*

*G. C. Tunstall, Esq.,  
Stipendiary Magistrate and Gold Commissioner,  
Revelstoke, B. C.*

VICTORIA, B. C.:

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