RETURN

To an Address to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to lay before the House copies of all correspondence between himself and the Dominion Government regarding the motion introduced by Mr. Punch on 20th March, 1893, and carried on the 27th March, 1893, which motion prayed him to move the Dominion Government to increase the per capita tax on Chinese coming into this country to $100, and also to give to this Province at least 75 per cent. of the said tax.

By Command.

JAMES BAKER,
Provincial Secretary.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
13th February, 1894.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
VICTORIA, 7th April, 1893.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a certified copy, in duplicate, of a Report of a Committee of my Executive Council, approved by me on the 29th March, embodying a Resolution of the Legislative Assembly, praying that your Government might increase the per capita tax on Chinese immigrants into this country to one hundred dollars, and also to increase the amount of the entry dues returnable to this Province under "The Chinese Immigration Act."

I have, etc.,
(Signed) E. DEWDNEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Honourable
The Secretary of State, Ottawa.

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Executive Council, approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor on the 29th day of March, 1893.

The Committee of Council beg to submit for the approval of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor the following Resolution, passed during the present Session of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, namely:—

"That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying him to move the Dominion Government to increase the per capita tax on Chinese coming into this country to one hundred dollars, and also to give to this Province at least seventy-five per cent. of the said tax."

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

Victoria, 28th March, 1893.

Certified.
(Signed) A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,
Deputy Clerk, Executive Council.

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
OTTAWA, 17th April, 1893.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 7th instant, transmitting a certified copy, in duplicate, of an approved Report of a Committee of your Executive Council, embodying a Resolution of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia praying that His Excellency's Government might increase the per capita tax on Chinese immigrants, as therein set forth, and further increase the amount of the entry dues returnable to the said Province under "The Chinese Immigration Act," and to state that these matters will receive consideration.

I have, etc.,
(Signed) L. A. CATELLIER,
Under Secretary of State.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor
of British Columbia.

OFFICE OF THE QUEEN'S PRIVY COUNCIL FOR CANADA,
OTTAWA, CANADA, 16th May, 1893.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit herewith a certified copy of an Order in Council, No. 1,829H, dated the 16th May, 1893, with reference to the per capita tax on Chinese immigrants.

I have, etc.,
(Signed) W. B. IVES,
President of the Privy Council.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor,
The Province of British Columbia.

Certified copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor-General in Council on the 16th May, 1893.

The Committee of the Privy Council have had under consideration a despatch, hereto attached, dated 7th April, 1893, from the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, transmitting a copy of a Minute of his Executive Council covering a Resolution of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia praying that the per capita tax on Chinese immigrants might be increased to one hundred dollars, and that at least seventy-five per cent. of the amount derived therefrom be given to the Province.

The Minister of Trade and Commerce, to whom the matter was referred, states that having given careful consideration to the subject-matter of the Resolution, as well as to the question in general, he is of the opinion that in view of the commercial relations of Canada with China and its possible extension, it is not expedient to change the provisions of "The Chinese Immigration Act" as it at present exists, nor to take any action that might be construed by the Chinese Government as unfriendly thereto, nor does he consider that, keeping in view the responsibility and expense incident to the administration of the Act, the proportion of the tax now by law made payable to the Province should be increased.

The Committee advise that a certified copy of this Minute, if approved, be forwarded to the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia.

(Signed) JOHN J. MCGEE,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

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