
RETURN

To an Order of the House for copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, and John D. Sibbald, Gold Commissioner (Revelstoke), touching the latter's dismissal, and a resolution passed by the citizens of Revelstoke (in mass meeting) on the 7th inst., protesting against Mr. Sibbald's dismissal.

J. FRED HUME,

Provincial Secretary.

Provincial Secretary's Office,

31st January, 1899.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

VICTORIA, 5th January, 1899.

SIR,—I have the honour to acquaint you that, in consequence of representations made to the Executive, the Committee has reason to believe that the retention of your services as the representative of the Government at Revelstoke will not conduce to the best interests of the district.

Under these circumstances, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council has thought fit to relieve you of the duties you are called upon to perform in the aforesaid position, as from the 16th instant, and I have to request that you will make arrangements to resign office on the said date.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) J. FRED HUME,
Provincial Secretary.

*John D. Sibbald, Esq., S.M.,
Revelstoke.*

GOVERNMENT AGENT'S OFFICE,

REVELSTOKE, Jan. 7th, 1899.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 5th instant, and in reply would say, as I know of no reason for resigning, and as I have a character to maintain, and as a matter of justice, I demand the fullest investigation of any complaints made against me, and I feel confident I can show a clear record, and that the investigation will show those making the complaint up in a not very enviable light.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) JOHN D. SIBBALD,
Government Agent.

*J. Fred Hume, Esq.,
Provincial Secretary, Victoria.*

REVELSTOKE, B. C., Jan. 7th, 1899.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward you a copy of a resolution adopted by a mass meeting of the citizens of Revelstoke held this evening. The following is the resolution which was passed at the said meeting:—

“ We, the citizens of Revelstoke in public meeting now assembled, are desirous of expressing our strongest disapproval of the action of the Executive Council in dismissing Mr. J. D. Sibbald from the office of Gold Commissioner ; that whereas Mr. Sibbald has proven himself an efficient and capable administrator, and has discharged his duties in the best interests of the district, we demand that the fullest Parliamentary investigation be made into the charges that may have been preferred against him.”

I have, etc.,
(Signed) T. J. GRAHAM,
Chairman of the Meeting.

Hon. J. Fred Hume,
Provincial Secretary, Victoria, B. C.

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