
RETURN

To an Address to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to cause to be laid before the House copies of all correspondence between the Dominion Government and the Provincial Government, touching the protest made by the Emperor of Japan to the Imperial Government, calling in question the "Labour Regulation Act, 1898," or legislation of a similar character concerning Japanese subjects.

By Command.

J. FRED HUME,

*Provincial Secretary's Office,
16th January, 1899.*

Provincial Secretary.

Extract from a Report of the Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency on the 10th November, 1898.

The Committee of the Privy Council have had under consideration a despatch, hereto annexed, dated 11th August, 1898, from the Right Honourable Mr. Chamberlain, transmitting copies of correspondence with the Foreign Office, respecting a note from the Japanese Minister complaining of the recent Acts of the Legislature of British Columbia aimed at the exclusion of Japanese subjects from employment in that Province.

The Committee, on the recommendation of the Minister of Justice, to whom the despatch was referred, advise that a copy of the said despatch and of the accompanying correspondence with the Foreign Office, be transmitted to the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia, and that he be requested to state the views of his Government upon the subject for the information of Your Excellency in replying to Mr. Chamberlain's despatch.

All which is respectfully submitted for Your Excellency's approval.

JOHN J. MCGEE,

*His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor
of British Columbia.*

Clerk of the Privy Council.

Mr. Chamberlain to Lord Aberdeen.

DOWNING STREET, 11th August, 1898.

MY LORD,—With reference to my telegram of the 18th June and my despatch No. 214 of the 20th ult., I have the honour to transmit to you, for communication to your Ministers, copies of correspondence with the F.O. respecting a note from the Japanese Minister at this Court complaining of the recent Bills of the Legislature of British Columbia aimed at the exclusion of Japanese subjects from employment in that Province.

I shall be glad if you will move your Ministers to give their early consideration to this matter.

I have, &c.,

*Governor-General,
&c., &c., &c.*

(Signed) J. CHAMBERLAIN.

FOREIGN OFFICE, 6th August, 1898.

SIR,—I am directed by the Marquis of Salisbury to transmit, to be laid before the Secretary of State for the Colonies, copy of a note which has been received from the Japanese Minister at this Court, complaining of recent legislation in British Columbia for the exclusion of Japanese subjects from employment in that Province.

His Lordship would be glad to be informed what answer Mr. Secretary Chamberlain would suggest to be returned to the Japanese Minister's note.

I am, &c.,

*The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.*

(Signed) FRANCIS BERTIE.

