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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, correspondence, and papers connected with the sending of a Militia Force to Wellington last summer, and of their maintenance while there.

By command.

JNO. ROBSON,  
*Provincial Secretary.*

*Provincial Secretary's Office,  
29th January, 1891.*

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[TELEGRAM.]

NANAIMO, B.C., August 14th, 1890.

*To Hon. John Robson, Premier of the Government of British Columbia,  
Provincial Secretary, Minister of Mines, etc.,  
Victoria.*

SIR,—We, the Members elect for the Electoral Districts of Nanaimo City and Nanaimo, hereby protest against the presence of "C" Battery and the Militia of the Province, at Wellington, and urge their immediate withdrawal.

We hold that the sending of an armed force into a peaceful and orderly community is of a partizan character, unwarranted by the circumstances of the situation, an insult to the people of the District, and as tending to provoke the very disorders for the prevention of which they are ostensibly sent.

We further protest against the President of the Executive Council, or any other member of the Government acting as counsel, or in any other private capacity, in the trials about to be held before the Stipendiary Magistrate.

We pledge ourselves to hold the Government to a strict accountability in the premises.

Your obedient servants,

(Signed)    THOMAS KEITH,  
              "        THOMAS FORSTER,  
              "        C. C. MCKENZIE.

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[TELEGRAM.]

VICTORIA August 15th, 1890.

*Messrs. Thomas Keith, Thomas Forster, and C. C. McKenzie,  
Nanaimo.*

The Government have no control over the Militia, neither have they over the professional engagements of Mr. Pooley, the President of the Council.

The Government are at all times responsible for their actions, and your threat "to hold them to a strict accountability" is, therefore, superfluous.

(Signed)    JNO. ROBSON.

WELLINGTON, B.C., September 2nd, 1890.

SIR,—Send you per mail to-day a requisition signed by a number of the residents of Wellington and employés of R. Dunsmuir and Sons. The original copy of signatures I will produce should you require them, as the sheets upon which they were written are much soiled by being carried through the mines having signatures placed on them.

I am, etc.,

(Signed) W. A. LINDSAY.

*Hon. T. Davie,  
Victoria.*

WELLINGTON, B.C., August 30th, 1890.

*To the Hon. Theodore Davie,  
Attorney-General, Victoria, B.C.*

SIR,—It being currently reported that "C" Battery are to be recalled from Wellington, We, the undersigned, workmen and employés of Messrs. R. Dunsmuir and Sons, and residents of Wellington,

Respectfully beg that in the event of "C" Battery being recalled, your Government do grant us such protection as will hold in check a recurrence of such scenes as were enacted at Wellington on Monday and Tuesday, the 4th and 5th instant, and enable us peaceably to proceed to and return from our work.

(Signed) ROBERT WATSON,  
" JAMES TRIMBLE,  
" T. J. THOMAS,  
and seventy others.

VICTORIA, B.C., September 3rd, 1890.

*W. A. Lindsay, Esq.,  
Wellington.*

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst., enclosing a memorial signed by about seventy persons, asking that, in the event of "C" Battery being recalled, the Government will grant to the signatories to the memorial such protection as will hold in check a recurrence of such scenes as were enacted at Wellington on Monday and Tuesday, the 4th and 5th August last, and enable the memorialists to peaceably proceed and return from their work. In reply to the memorial referred to I have to say that no intimation had been received, until the document now under consideration, of any present intention to remove "C" Battery from Wellington. The sending of the forces to Wellington was not done at the instigation of the Government, but by duly qualified Justices of the Peace, in whom is reposed the duty of directing the movements of the troops when occasion requires, and I apprehend that the authorities who sent them to Wellington will not permit their removal until all danger of trouble and disturbance has ceased. I am, however, taking steps to ascertain whether the troops are to be removed, and if I find that such is to be the case, and that additional civil force is required for the preservation of peace and good order, the Government will immediately adopt extra precautions for the maintenance of the same.

I am, etc.,

(Signed) THEODORE DAVIE,  
*Attorney General.*

VICTORIA, B. C. :

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