



*Minister of Justice
to His Excellency
R. W. [unclear]
1870*

Approved

By His Excellency Anthony Musgrave, Esquire, Governor and
Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of British Columbia,
&c., &c., &c.

To

MATTHEW BAILLIE BEGBIE, ESQUIRE,

a Justice of Our Lady the Queen.

Greeting.

I, reposing especial trust in your learning, integrity and ability, do hereby assign and Commission you the said MATTHEW BAILLIE BEGBIE, to inquire, by the Oath of good and lawful men of the said Colony of British Columbia, by whom the truth of the matter may be better known, and by other ways and means whereby you can or may the better know more fully the truth of all treasons, misprisions of treasons, felonies, misdeeds, offences, and injuries whatsoever, and also the accessories of the same, within the said Colony aforesaid, by whomsoever, and howsoever, done, perpetrated, or committed, and by whom, to whom, when, how, and in what manner, and of all articles and circumstances to the premises, and every or any of them, howsoever concerning, and for this time to hear and otherwise determine the said treasons, and other the premises, according to the Laws now in force of the said Colony. And also to deliver all the Gaols, and every the Gaol, of Our Lady the Queen, within the said Colony, of the Prisoners therein being, according to the said Laws now in force of the said Colony aforesaid, with further power and authority to hold Courts of Judicature, and to summon or cause to be summoned before you, in such manner and by such form as you may think proper, all persons by means of whom it may be deemed that the truth of the matter aforesaid may be more fully disclosed and made known, and also to order the production of all books and documents which could be produced or examined in any Court of Law, and also to commit to the custody of the keeper of Her Majesty's Gaols in the Colony aforesaid, any person or persons who shall in any way presume to refuse, or neglect to obey, any of your lawful commands in the premises, and whatsoever you shall do in and about the premises you shall with all convenient speed return to me at Victoria, the Capital of the Colony aforesaid.

Given under my Hand and the Public Seal of the Colony, this *twenty-ninth*
day of *April* A. D. 1870.

By Command

*Philip Skauhrin
Colonial Secretary*