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Executive
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Victoria Vancouver's Island
9th January 1857
from
James Douglas
Governor Vancouver's Island
to
The Right Hon^{ble}
Henry Labouchere.

Reporting the peace
and welfare of the
Colony.

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Sir,

1. There is nothing of
much importance respecting the
Colony to communicate.

2. Peace and plenty
reign throughout the
Settlements. Trade is
rather dull, yet there is no

more

The Right Hon^{ble} Henry Labouchere
Her Majesty's principal Secretary of State
For the Colonial Department.

want of employment for the
labouring classes in the Colony.

3 The native Indian
Tribes are quiet and friendly
in their deportment and
intercourse with the settlers.

In fact not a single complaint
has been made against any
Indians of this Colony, for the
last two months.

4. The cold weather
set in with the beginning of
the year, and the ground is
now covered with snow to
the depth of between 6 and
10 inches, on the sea coast, and
much over that depth in the
interior of the Islands.

5. The live stock
on the snow covered pastures
are

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are suffering from the weather,
but I am informed that the
greater part of the domestic
cattle are comfortably housed
and well supplied with fodder.

No loss of cattle from the
severity of the weather is
therefore anticipated.

Trusting that the Colony
may continue in a prosperous
state.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient
humble servant
James Douglas
Governor