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Despatch to London
Douglas to Labouchere
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No. 1, Victoria Vancouvers Island
9th January 1857

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 want of employment [there are many jobs] for the labouring classes in the Colony.
3. The native Indian Tribes are quiet and friendly in their deportment [manner] and intercourse [communications] with the settlers. In fact not a single complaint has been made against any Indian 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 Island.
5. The live stock on the snow covered pastures 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 [food]. 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