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Respecting the desirability of increasing the capitation tax on Chinese entering the Dominion, and submitting that British Columbia is entitled to three-fourths of such revenue.

By Command.

JAMES BAKER,  
*Provincial Secretary.*

*Provincial Secretary's Office,  
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*Extract from a Report of the Committee of the Honourable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency on the 7th April, 1897.*

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The Committee of the Privy Council have had under consideration a despatch, hereto attached, dated 27th February, 1897, from the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, transmitting a copy of an approved Minute of the Executive Council of that Province, embodying a resolution of the Legislative Assembly, regarding the desirability of increasing the "Capita Tax" on Chinese entering the Dominion, and submitting that, in the opinion of that Assembly, the Province is entitled to three-fourths of all moneys received in respect of Chinese tax.

The Minister of Trade and Commerce, to whom the matter was referred, submits that similar representations have, on various occasions been made by the Legislature of British Columbia, which have been adversely reported upon by his predecessors, and having himself carefully considered the matter he (the Minister) is not prepared to recommend any change in the present law having reference to the imposition of "Capitation Tax" upon Chinese, or with reference to the payment to that Province of any greater portion of such tax than is now provided for.

The Committee advise that a certified copy of this Minute, if approved, be forwarded to the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia.

(Signed) JOHN J. MCGEE,  
*Clerk of the Privy Council.*

