Early Vancouver

Volume Seven

By: Major J.S. Matthews, V.D.

2011 Edition (Originally Published 1956)

Narrative of Pioneers of Vancouver, BC Collected between 1931-1956.

About the 2011 Edition

The 2011 edition is a transcription of the original work collected and published by Major Matthews. Handwritten marginalia and corrections Matthews made to his text over the years have been incorporated and some typographical errors have been corrected, but no other editorial work has been undertaken. The edition and its online presentation was produced by the City of Vancouver Archives to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the City's founding. The project was made possible by funding from the Vancouver Historical Society.

Copyright Statement

© 2011 City of Vancouver. Any or all of *Early Vancouver* may be used without restriction as to the nature or purpose of the use, even if that use is for commercial purposes. You may copy, distribute, adapt and transmit the work. It is required that a link or attribution be made to the City of Vancouver.

Reproductions

High resolution versions of any graphic items in *Early Vancouver* are available. A fee may apply.

Citing Information

When referencing the 2011 edition of *Early Vancouver*, please cite the page number that appears at the bottom of the page in the PDF version only, not the page number indicated by your PDF reader. Here are samples of how to cite this source:

Footnote or Endnote Reference:
Major James Skitt Matthews, *Early Vancouver*, Vol. 7 (Vancouver: City of Vancouver, 2011), 33.

Bibliographic Entry:
Matthews, Major James Skitt. *Early Vancouver*, Vol. 7. Vancouver: City of Vancouver, 2011.

Contact Information

City of Vancouver Archives
1150 Chestnut Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6J 3J9
604.736.8561
archives@vancouver.ca
vancouver.ca/archives

CITY OF VANCOUVER
Archives

THE WORDING OF THE LETTER WRITTEN BY CAPTAIN GEORGE VANCOUVER, R.N., OF H.M.S. DISCOVERY, AND BY MRS. JONATHAN ROGERS PRESENTED TO THE CITIZENS OF VANCOUVER, 9 JULY 1946.

Discovery, Nootka Sound,
October, 2nd, 1794

Dear sir.

By the Jenny of Bristol which sails this night or tomorrow morning I take the opportunity of transmitting to you a set of 2nd bills of exchange amounting in all to £160.9.9 the first of the same tenor and date having been despatched in February last by the Daedalus from Karakakooa Bay which I trust ere this reaches old England you must have received. I also beg leave to inform you that I have drawn on you three sets of bills of exchange the first for £16 s16 sterling dated 19 May payable to the order of Mr. Archibald Menzies, the next for £42 s15 dated the 28 May payable to the order of Mr. Wm Brown and the other for £150 dated 30 September payable to Mr. Hugh More all which you will be good enough to accept and place to my account.

We arrived here this day month all in high health and spirits having truly determined the non existence of any water communication between this and the other side of America within the limits of our investigation beyond all doubt and disputation hence I expected no further detention in this hemisphere, not doubting that the business respecting these territories must have been settled a sufficient length of time for a vessel to have arrived by whom we might be relieved and proceed on our route towards old England in hopes to partake of some share in the glorious and honorable cause her fleets and armies are at present engaged in, but in these expectations we were disappointed no vessel having arrived from England to that effect, nor have I received any information in answer to my despatches sent home by Mudge and Broughton as I expected by way of New Spain but am still in expectation of some news from that quarter as a pacquet was waiting in readiness at St Blass to forward the despatches respecting the restitution of this country etc but has not yet arrived. Thus you see my good friend I am once more entrap'd in this infernal ocean and am totally at a loss to say when I shall be able to quit it and not having it in my power to communicate any particular information respecting our voyage I shall only further add that your son and all your friends in these vessels are in perfect health though greatly mortified at our present detention from a more active station which would be more congenial to our wishes than remaining here in a state of unpleasant inactivity.

A few days after our arrival here I had an opportunity of writing to my brother by way of New Spain but in case that letter might miscarry be good enough on the receipt of this to inform him of my welfare etc. And believe I am with sincere wishes for the happiness of yourself Mr. Sykes and family.

Yours with great truth
and friendship

Geo. Vancouver

NOTE TO W.J. TWISS.

It's coming over Can. Broad. Corp. 18th May. Whether the Mayor will send the message as written I do not know. I have air-mailed McAdam suggesting he invite U.S. Ambassador.

J.S.M.