

circumstance that that promise was given in order to induce Mr. Ryland to take a step, which on the faith of that promise he did take, and which otherwise he would not have taken. He was induced to resign an office of which he was in actual possession at the time. Thus the loss to which he has been since exposed has arisen not merely from disappointed expectations, but from the sacrifice voluntarily made of advantages which he had actually enjoyed, and of which he might have retained possession.

It cannot be satisfactory either to the Imperial or to the Colonial Government that an individual should be placed in such a position from such a cause; and Her Majesty's Government hope that the Colonial Government will readily co-operate with them in finding a solution of the difficulty which has hitherto impeded a satisfactory settlement of the case.

It appears to Her Majesty's Government that this object would be best attained by the appointment of a Commission to examine and report upon the fair amount of compensation which would be due to Mr. Ryland under the terms of Lord Sydenham's guarantee.

Should it appear from their report that a certain amount of compensation is still due to Mr. Ryland, Her Majesty's Government would be prepared to propose to Parliament to share equally with Canada the burthen of providing for the payment of that amount to Mr. Ryland.

I have, &c.
(signed) *J. Russell.*

— No. 2. —

(No. 15.)

No. 2.
Right Hon.
Sir W. Molesworth
to Sir E. Head,
Bart.
10 August 1855.

COPY of DESPATCH from the Right Honourable Sir W. Molesworth to
Governor-General Sir Edmund Head, Bart.

Sir,

Downing-street, 10 August 1855.

I HAVE to request that you will inform Mr. Ryland that I have duly received his letter of the 22d ultimo, but that as a despatch respecting his claims has been lately addressed to you by my immediate predecessor in this office, I must postpone the further consideration of the subject of his letter until I am in possession of your answer.

I have, &c.
(signed) *W. Molesworth.*

— No. 3. —

(No. 12.)

No. 3.
Right Hon.
H. Labouchere,
M. P., to Sir E.
Head, Bart.
13 Dec. 1855.

COPY of DESPATCH from the Right Honourable H. Labouchere, M. P., to
Governor-General Sir Edmund Head, Bart.

Sir,

Downing-street, 13 December 1855.

I HAVE to acknowledge your despatch, No. 129,* of the 28th September last, enclosing copy of minute of council approved by yourself, in which they recommend, according to the proposal made by Lord John Russell, to appoint a Commission to examine into and report upon the fair amount of compensation which would be due to Mr. Ryland under the terms of Lord Sydenham's guarantee,