

occupied; I have searched for them, but not succeeded in finding them. Every search shall be made for them, and they shall be sent after you as soon as found. Lord John Russell regrets that your papers should be mislaid; but, considering the manner in which his attention is occupied, it is not extraordinary that such should have happened.

"I am, Sir,

"Your obedient servant,

"Mr. W. P. Smith."

(Signed) "E. G. HOWARD."

I do not make this statement (which the bounty of a friend enables me to publish) for any inculpatory purpose—I am most unwilling to impute blame to any person. It might be that, in the hot and angry conflict of parties, the case of an humble individual is thought too trifling for Ministerial intervention; that Lord John Russell has never thoroughly investigated my case; or that the subordinates of his office have never laid it fully before him. I cannot otherwise understand how claims which have been admitted to be so well founded by all who have heard my case—services which have been so strongly testified by persons fully cognizant of the zeal with which they were performed—and losses so great, sustained in a voluntary effort to preserve for Great Britain the most valuable of her colonies—can be overlooked. I seek nothing for the services which I have rendered—they were freely devoted to my Queen and to my country, and that they proved successful is to me sufficient recompense. For my deserts—and they have been admitted—I seek no reward. All I ask is, that utter ruin may not be the result of my loyalty; that some compensation be made to me for the actual losses which I have incurred; and that I and my family be not thrown upon the world outcasts and paupers. The best, the most ample, and the most profitable field for my professional exertions, has, by reason of the services which I rendered in Canada, been closed against me. It would be far more congenial to my feelings to follow up my professional pursuits than to solicit a Ministry. These pursuits were to me a passion in the indulgence of which I enjoyed the highest delight, and to be precluded from them forms not the least portion of the loss which I have sustained. I have now no remnant left of the large ornithological collection which I had made, and which when perfected would of itself, to say nothing of the engagements which I have lost, have been a handsome source of income. Six hundred splendid specimens I have been compelled to dispose of from time to time, to make remittances to my wife and family from whom I have been so long separated, as well as for my own maintenance whilst following up my suit with Government. Is it not cruel, that, with my fortune ruined, my