

CASE OF MR. G. H. RYLAND.

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office; that any investigation on this matter would have been more appropriate and more practicable if adopted at a much earlier period and accompanied by a prompt settlement of Mr. Ryland's claims, and giving weight, moreover, in this particular to the disappointment and delay which Mr. Ryland has undergone, I have thought it right and fair to take these statements as the basis of my calculations.

I annex to this Report a sheet marked (K.), showing the manner in which I have ascertained the amount of 7,735 *l.* 12 *s.* 6 *d.* currency, which amount I beg to report as what appears to me the fair amount of compensation due to Mr. Ryland, under the terms of Lord Sydenham's guarantee, up to the end of the present year (1856).

I am not at all sure that my instructions require me to go any further than this; but inasmuch as Mr. Ryland may have future claims under Lord Sydenham's guarantee, should his office in future years not yield him an income of 515 *l.* currency, I venture to make one or two suggestions for the immediate settlement of future claims.

One mode which might be adopted, with the sanction of the Canadian Government, would be to increase Mr. Ryland's allowance of 111 *l.* per annum to 515 *l.*, from the Pension Fund of Canada, on Mr. Ryland's resigning his present office. Should this not be practicable, as I find the average amount for the last seven years chargeable under Lord Sydenham's guarantee would be about 140 *l.* per annum, I should say that if a sum of 1,264 *l.* 7 *s.* 6 *d.* were added to what I have already reported as due to the past, making in all the gross sum of 9,000 *l.* currency, that would be a fair and proper amount to be paid to Mr. Ryland, as a final settlement of all his claims under the guarantee of Lord Sydenham, the annual allowance of 111 *l.* from the Pension Fund being of course continued.

In concluding this report, you will, sir, allow me to say that I undertook this duty with some hesitation; feeling that I should have to deal with a matter which had undergone much discussion in the Canadian Legislature, that very strong opinions had been formed and expressed in that country on both sides of the question; and it would be highly improbable that any result of my labours would satisfy all parties.

Mr. Ryland, who has (not unnaturally perhaps) estimated his claims at a very high rate, will undoubtedly think I have not gone far enough in his favour; others may think I have gone too far. Be this as it may, I can assure you, sir, that I have spared neither time nor pains in endeavouring to arrive at a fair and just conclusion.

I now respectfully submit that conclusion to you; and it will give me great satisfaction should it be the means of finally settling this most unfortunately protracted question.

The Right Honourable H. Labouchere, M. P.,
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I have, &c.
(signed) J. Carter.

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CALCULATION by which Amount of COMPENSATION ascertained.

		£. s. d.	£. s. d.
1 January 1842	Loss in office - - - - -	281 16 -	
to	Add guarantee - - - - -	515 - -	
1 January 1843.			
	Deduct pension - - - - -	796 16 -	
		111 - -	685 16 -
	Interest on 685 <i>l.</i> 16 <i>s.</i> , at 6 per cent., 14 years -		576 1 6
1 January 1843	Loss in office - - - - -	128 17 3	
to	Add guarantee - - - - -	515 - -	
1 January 1844.			
	Deduct pension - - - - -	643 17 3	
		111 - -	532 17 3
	Interest on 532 <i>l.</i> 17 <i>s.</i> 3 <i>d.</i> for 13 years -		415 12 8
1 January 1844	Loss in office - - - - -	347 16 -	
to	Add 1 ½ year's guarantee - - - - -	772 10 -	
9 July 1845, 18 months.			
	Deduct 1 ½ year's pension - - - - -	1,120 6 -	
		166 10 -	953 16 -
	Interest on 953 <i>l.</i> 16 <i>s.</i> for 11 ½ years -		658 2 6
	Interest on 111 <i>l.</i> for three years -		19 19 9
	Carried forward - - - - -	£.	3,842 5 8