
1855, I believe it would be better, both on public and official grounds, considering my relations to the country, for me to pay the uttermost farthing of the money in question than to retain any part of it against the honest conviction of any considerable portion of the community.

Under these circumstances, I wish to pay the Government the amount of the interest in question, notwithstanding that, without a farthing's expense to the country, I have made my extensive official tour for the examination of European and American school systems, the result of which is the establishment of our school system of Upper Canada, and notwithstanding that, up to January, 1857 (when I ceased to be responsible for the safe keeping of school moneys, and when my present increase of salary commenced), I have received and paid upwards of \$800,000 beyond what I was required to do by the statute under which I hold office, and for which I have received no remuneration.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed,) E. RYERSON.

To the Hon. John Ross,
Receiver General,
Toronto.