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Crown, by the alterations in the Act during the last session of the Provincial Parliament, which cut off all the remunerating clauses before the expiration of the period during which it was covenanted by her Majesty's representative that I should be entitled to the excess of income which was anticipated from the working of the ordinance as put in force, and calling upon the Executive to grant such adequate remuneration as under the peculiar circumstances of the case I considered myself entitled to receive.

This letter, together with other papers relative to the claim, were referred by Sir Charles to the Executive Council; but his Excellency's severe illness has, I have been officially informed, prevented a decision being had. In the meantime, instead of being rewarded for my ready compliance with the views of Government, instead of receiving that prompt discharge of an agreement which in private life would have been considered binding between man and man, I am placed in a situation of extreme embarrassment and pecuniary distress.

On my appointment as registrar of Quebec I was obliged to give securities in the sum of five thousand pounds. These gentlemen are still held responsible, with myself, for the due discharge of the duties of the office, and for the consequences of any errors committed by the clerks; and I am obliged to furnish money out of my private means to provide an office and carry on a public department the receipts of which do not, and cannot, under the present tariff, and minute accuracy required by the forms of enregistration, meet the current and necessary expenses of the office, much less afford an adequate remuneration to the officer at the head of the department.

Had the first year (dating from the period when the registry ordinance was put in force) been allowed to expire without any alteration being made in the law, I should have considered myself bound to abide by the result, and indeed could not then have called on Government for further remuneration than the annual income named in Mr. Secretary Murdoch's letter of the 23d August 1841*; but inasmuch as the alterations in the law were introduced by the Executive at the very moment when the public were preparing for a compliance with its provisions, by which the anticipated remuneration would have been secured to me, the power which interfered to my prejudice is, I conceive, bound to secure me compensation, particularly when it is borne in mind that the Crown with whom I had treated was by the operation of these very changes saved a large amount of registration.

* Page 16.

Considering, therefore, the urgency of the case, the outlay and heavy loss of official income to which my reliance on the faith of Government has subjected me, I confidently appeal to your Excellency's sense of justice for speedy relief from a humiliating position, in which no officer of the Crown should be placed, for a liquidation in full of my claims for the past, and security of income for the future.

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Your Excellency will perceive, on reference to the memorandum* submitted by me to Lord Sydenham, and on which the agreement was based, that the arrangement was one consequent on the union; that it formed, in fact, a part of that great measure, enabling him to raise the salary of the chairman of the Executive Council from 100*l.* to 1,100*l.* sterling, per annum, and to complete other arrangements by which his Lordship proposed to carry out the scheme of the new form of government granted to Canada. The very nature of the position in which he was placed, as the representative of his Sovereign, at that particular juncture, rendered it absolutely necessary that he should be clothed with certain discretionary powers, of which the naming to office, and arrangements in regard to income consequent thereto, was one; and as in the exercise of these powers a pledge on the part of the Crown was by that nobleman given to me, it matters not whether the administration of the affairs of this province are now vested in the Executive Council as a responsible government, or in the representative of the Crown; that pledge, I respectfully conceive, is as binding on the Government of the day as any other arrangement or nomination by which any other public functionary now holds his office.

His Excellency the Right Hon.
Sir Charles Metcalfe, G.C.B., Governor General,
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(Signed) G. H. RYLAND.

Sub-Enclosure 3. in Enclosure 1. to No. 6.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE (EAST).

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Sir,

Kingston, 7th April 1843.

I have the honour, by command of the Governor General, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ult., and to inform you, in reply, that his Excellency acknowledges your claim to the fulfilment of Lord Sydenham's guarantee, but has no means at his disposal of performing its stipulations, and is advised that a reference to the Provincial Parliament would be unsuccessful. Nothing, therefore, is in his power, but to keep your claim in view, and to consider it as occasions may arise for benefiting you consistently with the public interests.

G. H. Ryland, Esq.
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(Signed) D. DALY, Secretary.

Sub-Enclosure 4. in Enclosure 1. to No. 6.

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Sir,

Quebec, 18th April 1843.

Having received a letter from the Provincial Secretary, informing me that your Excellency "acknowledges my claim to the fulfilment of Lord Sydenham's guarantee, but that

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