

" Government, and added to the complications which I was afraid might arise from the delay
 " in completing the surrender of Rupert's Land to the Dominion. * * * I am bound
 " to state my opinion that, considering all that has passed, the claim of the Company to
 " interest on the purchase-money of their Territory from the 1st of last month (December),
 " appears to be a reasonable one."

In conclusion, I am to express the hope of the Committee that Earl Kimberley will afford the Company the benefit of his influence in their endeavour to obtain not only the interest on the purchase-money, but the amount exacted from them as ransom for their stock of Furs that were seized by the Provisional Government during the rebellion, and compensation for the pillage of their stores.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

C. M. LAMPSON,
Deputy-Governor.

Downing Street,
24th February, 1871.

Sir CURTIS LAMPSON.

SIR,

I am directed by the Earl of Kimberley to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst., urging the claim of the Hudson's Bay Company to compensation for the losses sustained by them in consequence of the late disturbances at the Red River Settlement.

Lord Kimberley has forwarded a copy of your letter to the Governor-General of Canada for communication to his Ministers, and in doing so his Lordship has stated that he does not doubt that the Canadian Government will give a fair consideration to any reasonable claim on the part of the Company to compensation for their losses, which would fall not only on the shareholders at home, but also on the Company's servants in America; and he has pointed out to the Governor the importance of preserving the goodwill of a body of men who, from their intimate acquaintance with the knowledge of the country recently annexed to the Dominion, and their connection with its inhabitants, must still retain a special influence over its affairs.

I am, &c.,

(Signed)

ROBERT G. W. HERBERT.

Hudson's Bay House,
London, February 28th, 1871.

Sir FREDERIC ROGERS, Bart., &c., &c., &c., Colonial Office.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Herbert's letter of the 24th inst., in reference to the claims of the Hudson's Bay Company to compensation for the losses sustained by them in consequence of the late disturbances at Red River Settlement, and I have to request that you will have the goodness to convey to the Earl of Kimberley the thanks of the Committee for the communication.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

C. M. LAMPSON,
Deputy-Governor.

Downing Street,
12th May, 1871. *Copys.*

SIR,

In my letter of the 24th of February last you were informed that Lord Kimberley had forwarded to the Governor-General of Canada, for communication to his Ministers, a copy of your letter of the 22nd of that month, urging the claim of the Hudson's Bay Company to compensation for the losses sustained by them in consequence of the late disturbances at the Red River Settlement.

Lord Kimberley now desires me to enclose for the information of the Company a copy of the reply which has been received from Lord Lisgar, in which he forwards a report of the Privy Council of the Dominion on this matter.

With regard to the statement of the Council, that the Canadian Government would undertake to settle the Company's claim to interest on the purchase-money from the 1st of December 1869, to the actual date of payment of the money, provided the Imperial Government would satisfy the