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G. H. Ryland, Esq.  
to  
Earl Grey,  
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My Lord,

12, Maddox Street, Bond Street, 13th June 1849.

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HAVING quoted\* the section of the Registry Ordinance relative to the appointment of a deputy registrar from memory, I fear I gave the wrong section, and therefore take the liberty of sending your Lordship a correct extract, in order the more fully to prove how undeserving I was of the implied censure contained in your declaration on Friday last. And here, my Lord, I would respectfully put it to your Lordship, whether it is at all probable that a gentleman of family and liberal education holding one of the highest offices, and in fact what was considered the best office, in the colony, given to him in reward of his father's and his own public services, with an admission from the Queen's representative that he might have retained it or retired on a pension of 515*l.* per annum, would have been requested to surrender his appointment for one of lower grade, requiring him to act as a common scribe, with an income only in amount equal to what he was entitled to as a retirement; or whether, on the other hand, it is not possible that Lord Sydenham, independent of his desire to reconstruct the Council department, was influenced in his selection of the legal adviser sent out to him by this Government and myself to put into operation in the two principal districts an important and complicated law, obnoxious to the French part of the population, by his confidence in our ability to comprehend, perfect, and carry out a new system, affecting the interests of every landed proprietor in the country, for which important service he intended that we should be fully and adequately remunerated. Of the relative manner in which Mr. Dowling and I carried out the law, the article contained in the enclosed newspaper, and written, I am informed, by a man of great legal acquirements, and fully capable of forming an opinion on the subject, will, I think, afford your Lordship proof; and I must confess, that when I appealed to you for justice, I was in hopes that I should have been considered worthy of praise rather than censure, for having, under most trying circumstances and at a ruinous loss, strictly and conscientiously performed my duty to the Government and the public.

I have, &amp;c.

G. H. RYLAND.

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## REGISTRY ORDINANCE.

Section VI. "And be it further ordained and enacted, That it shall be lawful for each registrar appointed under this Act, and he is hereby required, within twenty days after he shall have taken the oath of office, to appoint a sufficient deputy *for the discharge of the duties of his office*; and in the event of the death of any such deputy registrar, it shall be incumbent on his principal to appoint another deputy in his place within twenty days after the death of such deputy shall occur; and if any such registrar shall neglect to appoint a deputy registrar as herein is prescribed, he shall *forfeit 5*l.* current money of this province for each and every day during which he shall have neglected to make such appointment, which penalty shall and may be recovered in any court of record in this province, one half thereof to be paid to her Majesty and her heirs, and the other half thereof to the informer.*"

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EXTRACT from "L'Ami de la Religion et de la Patrie," dated 27th February 1848.

[The Commissioner was appointed at Mr. Ryland's request, and the party influence which was brought to bear upon him shows what little chance he has of justice in Canada.]

## M. RYLAND ET LE BUREAU D'ENREGISTREMENT DE MONTREAL.

Les journaux annoncent qu'une enquête se fait maintenant pour constater l'état du bureau d'enregistrement du comté de Montréal, par suite de plaintes nombreuses portées contre le fonctionnaire actuel, M. Ryland. Nous n'avons vu qu'en passant, peu de temps après la mort de M. Dowling, premier régistrateur, le bureau d'enregistrement de ce comté qui était dans le plus mauvais état possible.

Nous avons eu occasion de visiter minutieusement le bureau de Québec peu de temps avant que M. Ryland ait résigné l'office de régistrateur de ce comté, et nous avons trouvé ce bureau dans un ordre parfait qui faisait honneur à M. Ryland et à son habile et intelligent député M. Weston.