

I have the honour to state that Mr. Ryland has informed me of his intention to draw a bill of exchange on the Paymaster-general for the sum of three thousand six hundred and ninety-eight pounds, twelve shillings, and seven pence sterling (3,698 *l.* 12 *s.* 7 *d.* sterling), which is the true value in sterling at the par of 109 $\frac{1}{4}$ of 4,500 *l.* currency.

I have accordingly to request that instructions may be given to the Paymaster-general to accept Mr. Ryland's draft.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Wm. Eyre*,
Lieut.-General Administering the Government.

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(No. 41.)

COPY of DESPATCH from the Officer administering the Government to the Right Honourable *H. Labouchere*, M. P., &c. &c. &c.

Government House, Toronto, C. W.,
19 October 1857.

(Received, 10 November 1857.)

Sir,

(Answered No. 53, 17 November 1857, p. 11.)

I HAVE the honour to forward, at the request of Mr. Ryland, the enclosed letter relative to his claim for compensation.

You have learnt, from Sir Edmund Head's despatch of 6 March 1857, No. 38,* that the Executive Council of this province declined to depart from the decision arrived at in this case by previous Governments.

With regard to the tone of the letter, I would remark, that Mr. Ryland has, on more than one occasion, adopted a style in addressing both Sir Edmund Head and myself, which could not be permitted to pass without animadversion. Although I conceive that the present communication is open, to some extent, to the same objection, I have not considered it necessary to refuse to transmit it to its destination.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Wm. Eyre*,
Lieut.-General and Administrator.

Enclosure in No. 8.

Sir,

Montreal, 12 October 1857.

Encl. in No. 8.

ALTHOUGH it is upwards of a year since Chief Justice Carter's report on my case was forwarded to the Colonial Office, I have only this day received the small portion of my claim alluded to in your despatch of the 1st July last, viz., the sum of 3,698 *l.* 17 *s.* 7 *d.* sterling, for which I drew, through the bank of Upper Canada, on the Receiver-general in England.

Under ordinary circumstances, I should have declined taking any sum short of the amount to which I am in equity really entitled.

But having full confidence in the justice as well as liberality of Her Majesty's Government, I take this amount as an instalment only or payment on account of a larger sum due me, in the full assurance that my acceptance thereof will not hereafter be construed to my prejudice, or considered as debarring me from the prosecution of my claim for compensation for all losses consequent on the non-fulfilment of Lord Sydenham's arrangement with me.

I would, however, respectfully call your attention to the fact that even as regards Mr. Carter's award, the amount now received by me does not form one just moiety of what should have been paid to me, inasmuch as his report was based upon the supposition that this part of my claim would at once have been liquidated, whereas another year has been allowed to pass without a settlement.

Consequently, I should have a right, under the scale adopted by him, to interest during that period, as well as to the difference between the net receipts of the Registry-office and the amount guaranteed, forming together, up to the present day, a sum of 677 *l.* 14 *s.*

With this addition, I am willing to abide by Chief Justice Carter's award, as far as it goes; that is to say, as regards the amount of pension guaranteed by Lord Sydenham.

But there are two other items, forming the bulk of my claim, into which Mr. Carter was prevented by your instructions from entering.

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