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Sir,

Kingston, 23d August 1841.

I am commanded by the Governor General to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this day's date, on the subject of your claim to be indemnified for certain fees given up by you since the union, and your future appointment to be registrar of Quebec.

In reply, I am to inform you that as it appears that the average of your fees during the last three years has been 397*l.* sterling, and as you have discontinued the receipt of these fees for about six months, his Excellency is pleased to grant you as an indemnity one moiety of that sum, and has directed Major Campbell to draw in your favour on the Commissary General for that amount, and your travelling expenses, making in the whole the sum of 252*l.* 7*s.* In regard to the registrarship of Quebec, his Excellency will be prepared to appoint you to that situation whenever the ordinance under which it is created shall be brought into operation, and in the interval you will continue to receive the salary attached to the office of clerk of the Council. But as it is possible that the emoluments of the registrarship of Quebec may fall very far below those of your present office, his Excellency is willing to guarantee to you an income equal to the sum to which you would be entitled to as a retiring allowance were your employment in the public service altogether discontinued. Assuming your income on an average of the last three years to be 1,030*l.* currency, and your length of service as a public officer to be twenty-four years, you would be entitled, under the scale established by the 4 & 5 W. 4. c. 24., to a retirement equal to one half your emoluments, or 515*l.* currency. That amount, therefore, his Excellency is willing to guarantee to you by making up your emoluments from the employment in the public service which may hereafter be assigned to you to that extent, should they be insufficient of themselves to do so. Should they exceed it, you will of course be entitled to the excess.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) T. W. C. MURDOCH, Chief Secretary.

(4.)

My dear Murdoch,

Mount Lilac, 3d September 1841.

Enclosed you have my answer to your official of the 24th ult. In regard to the compensation for loss of fees, I am, as I told you before I left Kingston, dissatisfied, and since my return here I have still greater reason to be so, as I find that as soon as it was known that the fee system in my office was done away with, all the old extracts which for two or three years have been prepared, but neglected by the parties interested to be taken up, were all immediately called for. I know not whether Campbell has sent down the order on the commissariat for the amount awarded me, but whether he has or not, as I have not yet received it, I consider the question still open for revisal, and I trust that from a sense of justice you will not hesitate again to bring this point before his Excellency, that the award may be increased.

I ask nothing unreasonable; the sum to which I am entitled under my tariff amounts to upwards of 700*l.*; let the period of commutation only be increased six months, giving me one year's fees, and I shall take it as a discharge in full for my claims on this particular head, thereby resigning 300*l.*, besides the 50*l.* a month extra allowance to which there can be no doubt that I was entitled. Should you have any objection to trouble his Lordship again on this subject, which I can scarcely think possible, let me know by return of post, and I will address myself direct to his Excellency.

I arrived here late on Saturday night, having been detained on the way down by the Lord Sydenham's running aground near Sorel, where we were obliged to remain till the Canada came to our relief.

Ever truly yours,

(Signed) G. H. RYLAND.

(5.)

Sir,

Mount Lilac, Beauport, 3d Sept. 1841.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your official letter of the 24th ult. (put into my hands as I was going on board the steamer), relative to my appointment as registrar of the district of Quebec, and to my claim for indemnification for the loss of certain fees amounting to about 700*l.* given up by me since the union, at the request of the Executive.

In regard to the registrarship of Quebec, I have to request that you will convey to his Excellency my acceptance of this office, but with the *perfect understanding* that in the event of its not proving equal in value to my appointment of registrar and clerk of the Executive Council, the sum guaranteed is *not to be considered as compensation in full either for the loss of that office or of my claims upon Government.*

I have, &c.,

(Signed) G. H. RYLAND.

Mr. Secretary Murdoch,
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