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My dear Murdoch,

Executive Council Office, 23d August 1841.

In reference to the conversation I had with his Excellency yesterday, relative to the appointment of registrar of the district of Quebec, I should be highly gratified, if it meets with his Excellency's approbation, to avail myself of his kind permission to go down to Quebec, where, owing to my long absence, my private affairs imperatively require my presence, with an understanding that when the registry offices go into operation I shall receive that of Quebec; and should it then appear that the probable income from this appointment is likely to be much less than that which I at present enjoy, I shall receive in compensation for the loss of the clerkship of the Council either a sum of money or a retired allowance to such amount as his Excellency shall deem fit, which said allowance shall not be claimed by me during any year that the registry shall yield an income equal to my present one.

Should his Excellency be pleased to sanction the above, I shall gratefully receive it in full compensation for my loss of office.

There is, however, a still more simple mode of arranging this matter, which, as his Excellency yesterday kindly expressed a willingness to meet my wishes, he could not, I think, object to adopt. It is to give me a sum as compensation for loss of emoluments of office caused by the abolition of fees in the Council Office. I shall then gladly accept the registrarship of Quebec, and by this means a fair exchange would be effected, as I should give up a fixed salary of 550*l.* sterling, equal to 611*l.* currency, for a place which never can average more, and if it gives less I shall have no one to blame but myself; and instead of my being a charge upon Government of 400*l.* or 500*l.* sterling per annum (perhaps for thirty years), my claim would be got rid of once and for ever.

Yours, &c.

(Signed) G. H. RYLAND.

My dear Murdoch,

Within you have a statement of the last three years amount of fees, and the amount of my actual expenses in moving my family, and for proceeding twice to Quebec in pursuance of his Excellency's orders. In regard to the compensation for the loss of fees, as this is to be a final settlement, and considering that I have thrown myself entirely on his Excellency's sense of justice, agreeing without a murmur to his arrangements, by which I give up one half of my income*, that the least he can allow me in the shape of compensation is two years amount of fees, especially as by my tariff I could fairly claim nearly that amount up to the present time; but, as I said before, and I beg you will assure his Excellency of this, I place myself in his hands, to be dealt with as the nature of the case deserves, and as he may think just.

* Vide Communications with Mr. Secretary Harrison, June and July 1841, p. 27. of this collection.

Yours truly,

(Signed) G. H. RYLAND.

Monday, 23d August 1841.

Statement of Fees received by the Clerk of the Executive Council of Lower Canada during the last three years, as shown by the Blue Book.

1838	-	-	-	£360	0	0	sterling.
1839	-	-	-	394	0	8	
1840	-	-	-	417	0	10	

The sum of 18*l.* 14*s.* 10*d.* currency, reserved by the Provincial Secretary for the clerk of the Executive Council for fees on water lots between 1st May and 31st December 1838, is to be added to the return made for that year.

£360 0 0

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£378 14 10

Amount of expenses incurred in moving my family, furniture, and establishment from Montreal to Quebec, on the change of the seat of Government

£28 15 0

Expenses incurred for self and servant in proceeding to Quebec by his Excellency's orders to pack up documents of the Executive Council, and afterwards proceeding to Kingston

9 12 0

Ditto, for proceeding from Kingston to Quebec, to swear in Court of Appeals, and returning to Kingston

16 15 0

£ 53 7 0*

* Should be £55 2 0

(Signed) G. H. RYLAND.