

for the Government's interference; whilst the latter class deemed it best to wait absolutely until the imperial Parliament should set the whole matter right. And perhaps it will not be out of place for me to add at this stage that I myself might be ranked with the former class of the community, because I have land under cultivation out there, and have paid a certain sum of money thereon to the agents of the Hudson's Bay Company, for which I hold the receipt, but for which I hold no title-deed, and I have been advised that the Hudson's Bay Company cannot give me a legal deed, and that it is useless to accept any instrument short of that. And my own case does but represent the situation of several thousand inhabitants at Red River, and in respect to which your Lordship will allow me to ask—Will Her Majesty's Government make such arrangements with the Hudson's Bay Company as shall ignore the rights of the settlers at Red River, and persons in other parts of the territory—rights acquired in most cases by occupation and improvement, and in many instances by payment also? Will the Government guarantee payment to the Hudson's Bay Company for their alleged territorial claims, and allow them to keep the money which they have also already received from the settlers? or thus sanction a double payment—that is to say, from the Government and the settlers, and for that also for which they have no legal right? And will the Government so tie up the present arrangements as practically to throw the burthen on the struggling settler, to recover his rights as he may best be able through the courts of law—an undertaking next to impossible against