

MR. RYLAND.

RETURN to an Address of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 19 May 1851;—for,

A "COPY or EXTRACT of a DESPATCH from the Governor-General of *Canada* to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated the 24th day of December 1850, relative to Mr. *Ryland's* PENSION, formerly Clerk to the Executive Council of *Canadas* (in continuation of the Papers presented 18th April 1850)."

Colonial Office, Downing-street, }
2 June 1851.

B. HAWES.

(No. 240.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor the Right Honourable the Earl of *Elgin* to Earl *Grey*.

Government House, Toronto, 24 December 1850.
(Received 13 January 1851.)

My Lord,

I HAVE the honour to report, for your Lordship's information, that I have thought it proper to cause an inquiry to be made, with the view of ascertaining whether the Registrarship of Montreal, conferred on Mr. Ryland by the late Lord Metcalfe, has proved so much more lucrative than that of Quebec, as to justify the withdrawal of the pension formerly enjoyed by him in conjunction with the latter office. The results of this inquiry and the decision which this Government have formed upon it, are stated in the Minute of Council, of which I herewith enclose a copy.

Governor the Earl of Elgin to Earl Grey.
24 Dec. 1850.

Enclosure No. 1.
20 Dec. 1850.

2. The effect of this decision will be to restore Mr. Ryland to the place on the Pension List which was assigned to him by Lord Stanley, and from which he was removed, with his Lordship's approval, on his appointment to the Registrarship of Montreal.

3. In the prosecution of this inquiry, the attention of the Government has been called to the fact, that Mr. Ryland does not reside at the city of Montreal where his office is kept, and the Committee of Council recommend, that he should be informed, that in future he must reside there and perform the duties of his office in person. I have given instructions that an intimation to this effect shall be conveyed to him accordingly.

4. I enclose a memorandum, showing the number of documents received for registration at the registry offices of Quebec and Montreal respectively, during the past four years, with a statement of the proceeds of the Quebec office, furnished by the Registrar.

Enclosure No. 2.
24 Dec. 1850.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Elgin & Kincardine.*