

for the keep of a horse, to each of the special Magistrates in that Colony, in all such cases when from the nature of the district in which they may be placed, and of the duties they will have to perform, he conceives such allowances indispensably necessary to the due performance of those duties.

I am, &c. &c.

(signed) *George Grey.*

LETTER from *Sir J. C. Smyth*, to the Right honourable *E. Stanley*, dated
Camp House, Demerara, 24th June 1834.

Sir,

I BEG to report to you the arrival of five of the gentlemen appointed stipendiary Magistrates in this Colony. These gentlemen will be furnished both with their commissions and their instructions, on or before the 14th of next month, so that they may be ready to enter upon their official duties on the 1st August. I have, in the meanwhile, made known to them the different parishes in which they will have to reside, with a view of their proceeding forthwith to make the necessary arrangements as to their private accommodation. I feel it my duty, most respectfully but earnestly, to represent to you, that excepting these gentlemen receive an allowance for house-rent it will be impossible for them to exist in this expensive Colony upon a salary of £.300. per annum. I would also beg to submit the propriety of an allowance for the keep of a horse being also given to them, or they will not be able to visit the estates, and perform with promptitude and activity those duties, upon the regular discharge of which the peace of the country will very materially depend. I should propose £.100 per annum for house-rent, and £.50 per annum for the keep of a horse, and which sums are the very lowest at which their indispensable accommodations can be obtained in this Colony.

I have, &c.

(signed) *J. C. Smyth.*

(2)—COPY of TREASURY MINUTE, 9th September 1834,
on the foregoing Letter, No. 1.

MY LORDS have before them the Act 3 & 4 Will. IV. c. 73, and the Estimate submitted to Parliament for the grant to defray the Salaries of the special Magistrates appointed under that Act.

Write to *Sir George Grey* requesting he will state to *Mr. Secretary Spring Rice*, that under the circumstances represented in *Sir George Grey's* letter, and in the accompanying Despatch from the Governor of British Guiana, My Lords could not object to the intended communication to that officer, or withhold their assent to granting the Magistrates appointed to that Colony, allowances for house-rent, and for the keep of a horse, to the extent proposed by *Mr. Rice*, reserving for future consideration the propriety of making application to Parliament on the subject.

My Lords are however of opinion that these allowances should only be issued in cases where the Governor is fully satisfied that they are absolutely necessary to enable the parties to obtain due accommodation, and to perform their duties effectively; and upon proof being adduced, in the case of house-rent, of the expense actually incurred by the Magistrates for that purpose, and in the case of horse-keep, of the horse having been actually kept; and they would accordingly suggest that the Governor should be instructed to authorize the issue, where he may deem it necessary, of such sums, not in any case exceeding £.100 per annum, as will reimburse the respective Magistrates for any actual expenditure they may incur for house rent, and also of a further allowance, not in any case exceeding £.50 per annum, for the keep of a horse, subject to the conditions already adverted to.

My Lords would further request that the Governor may be instructed to authorize the payment of these allowances at the same periods as the salaries of the Magistrates, but by distinct warrants or requisitions addressed to the Commissary on the Station, and upon separate abstracts, supported by certificates to show that the parties are duly entitled to them under the foregoing rules.

(3)—LETTER from *R. W. Hay*, Esq. to the Honourable *J. Stewart*, dated
Downing-street, 20th December 1834.

Sir,

WITH reference to your Letter of the 13th September last, conveying the sanction of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury to an allowance to the stipendiary Magistrates in British Guiana, for house-rent and the keep of a horse, subject to such restrictions as their Lordships have laid down, I am directed by the Earl of Aberdeen to acquaint you, that various representations have since been made to this Department from other Colonies in the West Indies, on the subject of the insufficiency of £.300 per annum as a salary to the stipendiary Magistrates at those Stations. From the opinion expressed by the Governors of the different Colonies, Lord Aberdeen is induced to believe that there is reasonable ground for such representations; and he is confirmed in this opinion by the fact that some resignations have already occurred among the Magistrates, on the ground of their