

Can any thing be more explicit or further removed from ambiguity than this, or will any one pretend to say that a mere verbal authority given through Mr. Merivale 18 years after the transaction in question, was sufficient to warrant Mr. Fortescue in making the Statement he did to the House of Commons in the force of such evidence as this.

Further evidence than the above may not perhaps be requisite to prove Mr. Ryland's case, but referring to Mr. Murdoch's letter of the 7th July, 1859, when his torpid memory appears to have wakened up a bit, we find these words: "I said that I had stated that you were to receive "an income from official sources of £515, of course therefore that was to be your Minimum Income."

So then there was a minimum and a maximum, for without a maximum there could not have been a minimum.

According to Mr. Fortescue's statement, however, the £515 per annum was the Maximum Income secured to Mr. Ryland, and he proceeds to state, Mr. Ryland gladly entered into the arrangement as a speculation.

It is really astonishing, that a gentleman holding a high official position should venture, in the British Senate, upon such perversion of facts, and that, too, in the presence of Lord John Russell, whose despatch of the 20th July, 1855, deposing to the contrary, was in his hands at the time. That Lord Sydenham or rather his zealous secretary (for his Lordship was incapable of prostituting his high office for so base a purpose) might have desired to speculate on Mr. Ryland's gullibility is exceedingly probable. Not so Mr. Ryland, his whole correspondence shews that he wanted no speculation, acting himself in good faith, he wished to leave nothing to chances, and therefore at every stage of the proceedings reiterated the terms of the contract.

But continues the Under Secretary of State, with charming simplicity, "The arrangement was made for the benefit of Canada, consequently the Colonial Government are alone responsible, and it was an act of extraordinary liberality on our part to give him anything."

This is certainly a curious mode of reasoning and scarcely worthy of a reply.

It has been shown that Lord Sydenham represented the