

* *Vide* House of
Lords' Paper,
No. 112, of Session
1850, p. 103.

1st May 1846,* rejecting any claim on the part of Mr. Ryland, Her Majesty's Government can hardly wonder at the reluctance of the present Executive Council to bind themselves to the payment of a portion of this indemnity until the matter shall have been before the Legislature.

I am of course aware that the Resolution of the Legislative Assembly of Canada, of the 12th May 1846, based on the Report of a Committee presented to the House on the 17th April of the same year, recognised the force of Mr. Ryland's claims as against Her Majesty's Government.

The case appears to be one in which it would scarcely be necessary to send a Commissioner from England. At the same time it might appear unfair to Mr. Ryland to appoint a Canadian, whose judgment might be already prejudiced. Under these circumstances, it will be for Her Majesty's Government to consider the propriety of selecting a Commissioner or Commissioners from another colony. A gentleman could probably be found whose colonial experience would enable him to appreciate the true merits of the case, and whose integrity and fairness could be relied on by all parties.

I am of opinion that one Commissioner would be sufficient, and that such Commissioner should be named by the Secretary of State. I apprehend that the expense of the inquiry will in the first instance be borne by the English Government, and that the repayment of half of such expense must depend on the ultimate liability admitted by the colonial legislature.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Edmund Head.*

Enclosure in No. 2.

Encl. in No. 2. ON a DESPATCH from the Right Honourable Lord *John Russell*, dated Downing-street, 20 July 1855, on the case of Mr. *G. H. Ryland*, formerly Clerk and Registrar of the Executive Council of the United Province of *Canada*.

Executive Council Chamber, 28 September 1855.

THE Committee concur with Her Majesty's Imperial Government in the propriety of bringing the case of Mr. *G. H. Ryland* to a satisfactory and final decision, and would therefore respectfully recommend that the proposal made by Lord *John Russell*'s despatch of the 20 July 1855 to appoint a Commission to examine and report upon the fair amount of compensation which would be due to Mr. *Ryland* under the terms of Lord *Sydenham*'s guarantee be accepted, but with the understanding that the Canadian Government shall not be thereby held as pledged towards the payment of any part of such compensation.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(signed) *Allan N. Macnab.*

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No. 3.
Sir F. Head to
Right Hon.
H. Labouchere,
M. P.
4 February 1856.

(No. 23.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor-General Sir *Edmund Head* to the Right Honourable *H. Labouchere*, M. P.

Government House, Toronto, 4 February 1856.

(Received, 25 February 1856.)

Sir,

I HAVE received from the Lieutenant-governor of New Brunswick a despatch marked "confidential," with reference to a proposal to appoint Chief Justice Carter, of New Brunswick, as the Commissioner to arbitrate on Mr. *Ryland*'s claim.

Chief Justice Carter's duties will prevent his visiting Canada until early in the month of May.

Having replied to the Honourable Mr. *Manners Sutton*, I now enclose a copy of my despatch for your information.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Edmund Head.*

3 February 1856.