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Sir,

Secretary's Office, East Kingston, 10th July 1843.

I have had the honour to receive, and to bring under the consideration of the Governor General, your letter of the 30th ultimo; and in reply am commanded by his Excellency to remark, that while he regrets his inability to alter the decision announced to you by my letter of the 7th* April and 1st May last*, he feels it necessary to direct your attention to the disproportion between the establishment of the registry office under your charge and the amount of work it has to perform*, as exhibited by the statement you have made in illustration of the hardship of your present position.

* Pages 9 & 12.

I have, &c.

(Signed) D. DALY, Secy.

W. H. Ryland, Esq.

* Vide page 19, where my answer to the above will be found.—(Signed) G. H. R.

Sub-Enclosure 9. in Enclosure 1. to No. 6.

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Sir,

Mount Lilac, 4th January 1843.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo, and in compliance with your desire I now forward copies of the following documents; viz.

No. 1. A Memorandum dated 22d August 1841¹, containing the terms on which I consented to exchange the office I then held as registrar and clerk of the Executive Council for the registrarship of Quebec.

¹ Page 13.

No. 2. Copies of private letters dated 23d August 1841² to Mr. Secretary Murdoch on the same subject.

² Page 15.

No. 3. Copy of Mr. Secretary Murdoch's official letter of the 23d August 1841.³

³ Page 16.

No. 4. Copies of private and official letters to Mr. Secretary Murdoch in answer to above.⁴

⁴ Pages 16, 17.

No. 5. Copy of my official letter dated 17th December 1841⁵, in answer to Mr. Secretary East's circular of the 8th December, reiterating my consent under the terms entered into with Lord Sydenham to accept the registrarship of Quebec.

⁵ Page 17.

No. 6.⁶ Account of receipts and disbursements during the year just ended; which I conceive contain (with the explanations already given in my letter to his Excellency Sir Charles Bagot of the 10th ultimo) everything necessary for the right understanding of my claims.

⁶ Page 17.

Should anything further, however, be required, I shall be ready to furnish it. In the meantime I have to request that you will particularly call the attention of the Executive Council to the following facts; viz., That my private letters of the 23d August 1841 to Mr. Secretary Murdoch relate to two subjects:

1st. To fees of office *then due*, and given up by me at the instance of the Executive, as will appear by my correspondence with Mr. Secretary Harrison in June and July of that year, No. 351.⁷ 2dly. To compensation for loss of fees generally, as forming part of the arrangement in connexion with my proposed exchange of office; and had a compensation under this latter head, over and above a compensation for what I was then entitled to under my tariff, been given me, I was willing to abandon my claim to that part (forming nearly the half) of my income arising from fees secured to me by my letters patent. Mr. Secretary Murdoch's official letter⁸, however, having touched only on the question of fees then due to me, a caveat is entered in my official acceptance of the registrarship of Quebec, dated 3d September⁹, and in my letter of the 17th December¹⁰ following, in answer to Mr. Secretary East's circular of the 8th of that month, a reference is again specially made to the conditions contained in the memorandum under which I agreed with Lord Sydenham to exchange my office, and under which alone I professed my willingness to accept the registrarship of Quebec; and as it is a principle in law, founded in wisdom and justice, that the Sovereign never dies, it matters but little under what administration or by what representative of the British Crown the arrangement by which I agreed to change my appointment was entered into; it was an agreement with the Sovereign, through her delegate, and therefore binding on the Government; and having under certain conditions parted with vested rights in order to meet the views and facilitate the measures of the Executive, to it I confidently look for remuneration for losses occasioned by one of its public acts, i. e. the Provincial Act, 6 Victoria, c. 15.

⁷ See page 27 of this collection, Mr. Ryland, 11th June and 7th July 1841.

⁸ 14th July 1842, Sub-Encl. 12, page 20 of this collection.

⁹ Page 16 of this collection.

¹⁰ Page 17, &c.

I have not yet received returns from all the seigniors relative to the saving of enregistration secured to them by the late change in the registry ordinance. The accompanying returns¹¹, however, show an amount of 910*l.* of which I have thereby been deprived; and if we allow for the seminary and the nuns, who have vast possessions in this district, 2,000*l.*, and for those seigniors who have not given in their returns, 900*l.*, the total loss occasioned me would, at the lowest estimation, in round numbers, amount to 3,810*l.*

¹¹ A. B. C. Page 21.

I have, &c.

G. H. RYLAND.

R. W. Rawson, Esq., Chief Secretary,
&c. &c. &c.

(1.)

MEMORANDUM communicated to his Excellency the Governor General on the 22d August 1841.

The undersigned stands in a different position from any other public officer in this province, having peculiar claims upon Government, which have been acknowledged by different