

guarantee, but on the understanding that the Canadian Government is not pledged thereby towards the payment of any part of such compensation.

Her Majesty's Government will accordingly appoint a Commissioner and hopes to be able to select a gentleman qualified in the manner which you recommend, of which you shall be shortly advised.

I have, &c.
(signed) *H. Labouchere.*

— No. 4. —

(No. 108.)

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

No. 4.
Right Hon.
H. Labouchere,
M.P., to Sir *E. Head*,
Bart.
9 July 1856.

Sir,

Downing-street, 9 July 1856.

I HAVE to acknowledge your despatch of the *23d ultimo, enclosing a letter from Mr. Ryland, and it is with very great regret that I have learnt of the delay which has taken place in the disposal of his case.

From former correspondence on this subject, both with yourself and the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, I was under the impression that Chief Justice Carter, having announced his acceptance of the commission, and that he was ready to proceed to Canada in May, would have gone there at once, without waiting for further instructions, and that he would then have either undertaken the business proposed, on the authority of the despatches already written, or would have applied for further instructions if he considered it requisite.

I do not, however, impute any blame to the Chief Justice on account of this delay, for I perceive, on looking again at the correspondence, that he may have naturally expected some specific instructions, and only regret that he did not apply to be furnished with them.

I can only repair this delay to the best of my ability, by directing Mr. Carter to proceed at once to Toronto, if his official engagements admit of it. I infer from the correspondence, especially your despatch of 28th September last,* that he will be sole Commissioner, and that there is no desire that any associate should be appointed. It does not appear to me that any formal Commission will be required to enable him to discharge the duty of "examining and reporting upon the fair amount of compensation which would be due to Mr. Ryland under the terms of Lord Sydenham's guarantee," to which he is limited by the proposal of Lord John Russell, accepted by your Government. But should you or your advisers be of a different opinion, you are authorised to issue to Mr. Carter a formal Commission, as Governor of the province.

I have transmitted copy of this despatch to the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, for immediate communication to Chief Justice Carter.

I have, &c.
(signed) *H. Labouchere.*

— No. 5. —

(No. 172.)

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

No. 5.
Right Hon.
H. Labouchere,
M.P., to Sir *E. Head*,
Bart.
28 Nov. 1856.

Sir,

Downing-street, 28 November 1856.

WITH reference to previous correspondence, on the subject of the claim of Mr. Ryland to compensation for loss of office, I transmit for your information a copy of the Report of Chief Justice Carter, the Commissioner appointed to investigate the case.

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