

COPY of all PAPERS and CORRESPONDENCE, or EXTRACTS of CORRESPONDENCE, between the Imperial Government and Government of *Canada*, from the 1st day of June 1855, relative to the case of Mr. *George H. Ryland*, formerly Clerk of the Council in *Canada*, including Lord *John Russell's* Despatch of the 20th July 1855, together with Instructions issued to Chief Justice *Carter* to examine and report on the case, and his REPORT thereon, with accompanying Papers.

Despatches from Governor-General the Right Honourable Sir Edmund Head.

— No. 1. —

(No. 96.)

COPY of DESPATCH from Governor-General Sir *Edmund Head* to the Right Honourable Lord *John Russell*.

Government House, Quebec, 4 August 1855.

(Received, 20 August 18 55)

My Lord,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, No. 51, of the 20th ultimo,* relating to the case of Mr. G. H. Ryland, and suggesting a mode of arriving at a solution of the difficulty which has hitherto impeded a satisfactory settlement of his case. I beg to inform your Lordship that so soon as the return of the absent Members of my Executive Council will enable the matter to be considered by that body properly, and with effect, I will not fail to confer with them on the best means of carrying out your Lordship's wishes.

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

No. 1.
Sir E. Head to
Right Hon.
Lord J. Russell.
4 August 1855.

* Vide p. 7.

— No. 2. —

(No. 129.)

COPY of DESPATCH from Governor-General Sir *Edmund Head* to the Right Honourable Sir *William Molesworth*, Bart.

Government House, Quebec, 28 September 1855.

(Received, 15 October 1855.)

Sir,

(Answered, No. 12, 13 December 1855, page 8.)

WITH reference to Lord John Russell's despatch of 20th July 1855 (No. 51);* I have now the honour to enclose a copy of a Minute of Council, approved by me this day, in which the Executive Council convey their views with regard to Mr. Ryland's case.

The Council advise the acceptance of Lord John Russell's proposal for the appointment of a Commission, but at the same time decline to admit that the Canadian Government is thereby pledged to pay any part of compensation found to be due to Mr. Ryland.

Looking back to the transactions in Council in the year 1846, as well as to the very strong words of the despatch of the Right Hon. Mr. Gladstone, of the

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1st May

No. 2.
Sir E. Head to
Right Hon.
Sir W. Molesworth, Bart.
28 Sept. 1855.

* Vide p. 7.

Enclosure.