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MR. RYLAND.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Governor-General of *Canada* to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated the 24th day of December 1850, relative to Mr. *Ryland's* PENSION, formerly Clerk to the Executive Council of *Canadas* (in continuation of the Papers presented 18th April 1850).

(*Mr. Walpole.*)

Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed,
4 June 1851.

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MR. RYLAND.

RETURN to an Address of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 19 May 1851;—for,

A "COPY or EXTRACT of a DESPATCH from the Governor-General of *Canada* to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated the 24th day of December 1850, relative to Mr. *Ryland's* PENSION, formerly Clerk to the Executive Council of *Canadas* (in continuation of the Papers presented 18th April 1850)."

Colonial Office, Downing-street, }
2 June 1851.

B. HAWES.

(No. 240.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor the Right Honourable the Earl of *Elgin* to Earl *Grey*.

Government House, Toronto, 24 December 1850.

(Received 13 January 1851.)

My Lord,

I HAVE the honour to report, for your Lordship's information, that I have thought it proper to cause an inquiry to be made, with the view of ascertaining whether the Registrarship of Montreal, conferred on Mr. Ryland by the late Lord Metcalfe, has proved so much more lucrative than that of Quebec, as to justify the withdrawal of the pension formerly enjoyed by him in conjunction with the latter office. The results of this inquiry and the decision which this Government have formed upon it, are stated in the Minute of Council, of which I herewith enclose a copy.

Governor the Earl of Elgin to Earl Grey.
24 Dec. 1850.

Enclosure No. 1.
20 Dec. 1850.

2. The effect of this decision will be to restore Mr. Ryland to the place on the Pension List which was assigned to him by Lord Stanley, and from which he was removed, with his Lordship's approval, on his appointment to the Registrarship of Montreal.

3. In the prosecution of this inquiry, the attention of the Government has been called to the fact, that Mr. Ryland does not reside at the city of Montreal where his office is kept, and the Committee of Council recommend, that he should be informed, that in future he must reside there and perform the duties of his office in person. I have given instructions that an intimation to this effect shall be conveyed to him accordingly.

4. I enclose a memorandum, showing the number of documents received for registration at the registry offices of Quebec and Montreal respectively, during the past four years, with a statement of the proceeds of the Quebec office, furnished by the Registrar.

Enclosure No. 2.
24 Dec. 1850.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Elgin & Kincardine.*

Enclosure No. 1.

EXTRACT from a REPORT of a Committee of the Honourable the Executive Council on Matters of State, dated 20 December 1850, approved by his Excellency the Governor-general in Council, on the same day.

Enclosure No. 1.

THE Committee of the Executive Council have had under consideration, on your Excellency's reference, returns from the Registry-offices of Quebec and Montreal, showing the number of documents received for registration since 9 July 1845, up to 15 October 1850, with a view of considering whether the office of Registrar of Montreal, conferred on Mr. Ryland, was so much more lucrative than that of Quebec, as to justify the withdrawal of the pension formerly enjoyed by Mr. Ryland.

The Committee of Council have had reference to the report of the Executive Council of 3 July 1848, approved by your Excellency, recommending that the question of the restoration of Mr. Ryland's pension be kept open until an examination could be made of the office, when it might be made a subject for inquiry. The returns lately made from the two offices, and now under consideration, establish, to the satisfaction of the Committee, that Mr. Ryland has not been materially, if at all, benefited by his transfer from the office of Registrar of Quebec to that of Montreal; and the Committee are therefore of opinion, that Mr. Ryland's pension should be restored, and that he should be paid the arrears which have accrued since the last payment. In considering the subject of Mr. Ryland's claim, and in examining the returns from the two offices, the Committee of Council have had their attention directed to the fact, that Mr. Ryland is not a resident at the city of Montreal, where his office is kept. The Committee of Council are respectfully of opinion, that the Registrar of the important county of Montreal ought to be constantly on the spot; and they recommend that Mr. Ryland be informed that he must reside in future at the city of Montreal, and attend in person to the duties of his office.

(Certified.)

Colonel the Honourable Robert Bruce,
&c. &c. &c.

(signed) J. Joseph.

Enclosure No. 2.

Enclosure No. 2. STATEMENT, showing the Number of Documents received for Registration in the *Montreal* Registry Office from the 9th July 1845 to the 15th October 1850; viz.

From 9 July 1845 to 1 January 1846	-	-	-	-	-	1,161
„ 1 January 1846 to 1 January 1847	-	-	-	-	-	2,718
„ 1 January 1847 to 1 January 1848	-	-	-	-	-	1,559
„ 1 January 1848 to 1 January 1849	-	-	-	-	-	1,472
„ 1 January 1849 to 1 January 1850	-	-	-	-	-	1,157
„ 1 January 1850 to 15 October 1850	-	-	-	-	-	871

 8,938

And in the Quebec Registry Office—

From 16 July 1845 to 1 January 1846	-	-	-	-	-	901
„ 1 January 1846 to 1 January 1847	-	-	-	-	-	1,961
„ 1 January 1847 to 1 January 1848	-	-	-	-	-	2,140
„ 1 January 1848 to 1 January 1849	-	-	-	-	-	1,689
„ 1 January 1849 to 1 January 1850	-	-	-	-	-	1,482
„ 1 January 1850 to 15 October 1850	-	-	-	-	-	1,162

 9,335

RELATIVE TO MR. RYLAND'S PENSION.

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EMOLUMENTS of Mr. *Montizambert*, the Successor of Mr. *Ryland*, as Registrar of *Quebec*.

YEAR.	GROSS FEES.			EXPENSES.		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
1846 - -	699	4	2	93	18	8
1847 - -	764	11	8	115	8	4
1848 - -	622	14	4	112	12	11
1849 - -	547	19	6	128	16	4
£.	2,634	9	8	450	16	3
	450	16	3			
	2,183	13	5			
Average - £.	545	18	4			

Secretary's Office, Toronto, }
24 December 1850.

(signed) *J. Leslie*,
Secretary.