

If there be no opposition the Commissioners confirm their appointment, authorise them to make provisional estimates and agreements, to publish them in the Newspapers, and at the nearest Church doors, and expressly enjoin them not to proceed farther until they shall have been specially authorised to do so.

After the estimates and agreements shall have been thus published and provisionally agreed upon between the Trustees and the Contractors, they shall be produced before the Commissioners, who generally sanction them and order the Trustees to draw up a statement of repartition of the materials, days' work (*corvées*) and money that each parishioner must furnish at the *pro rata* of his immoveable property, and to deposit the same into the hands of the Curate for a certain length of time, to be freely communicated to all those interested therein that they may take cognizance thereof, and have the errors, if any there be, rectified.

At the expiration of the time of the Deposit, the Trustees present a new Petition to the Commissioners to have this repartition homologated, which homologation is immediately granted, if there be no opposition; or amended if required, upon condition that in either case, the Trustees shall keep and present, after the completion of the work, a regular account of receipt and expenditure, in default whereof they cannot be duly discharged.

This homologation once obtained is binding between all the interested parties, and has the weight of a matter adjudged upon; therefore the assessed persons therein mentioned must furnish the materials, the days' work and the money assessed on each of them, without contestation, to avoid certain and expensive condemnations.

The Churches are blessed and consecrated to God before they are officiated in. The infraction of the buildings and the theft of their sacred vases are regarded as sacrilegious, and are punished with the utmost rigour of the law.

Those Churches are generally furnished with Pews, which are rented to the Parishioners, the money derived from the rent of the same and some trifling allowances serve to support and to embellish them, to pay the singers, the sexton and beadle, and to purchase the ornaments, the vases, the lights, &c. &c. &c.

The Presbytery is generally divided into two parts, the

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