

emin ent blessing upon the Protestant population of this Town.
We have the honor to be,
Your Excellency's most obedient Servants,
Harbor Grace,
5th July, 1837,
at School-House.

- JAMES BAYLY,**
Chairman of a Meeting of the Parish.
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| John Munn | James Sharp |
| John Smith | Andrew Drysdale |
| William Punton | James Hippiusley |
| Jacob Moor | Geo. P. Jillard |
| Samuel Bennett | Wm. S. Comer |
| John T. Burton | J. E. Churchill |
| Mansel Alcock | Richard Anderson |
| John Stevenson | Charles Bradbury |
| Robt. Lee Whiting | William Parsons |
| George Tapp | William Martin |
| Elias Ford | his + mark |
| Jonathan Martin | Cuthbert Kitcher |
| Thos. Kitchen | William French |
| Thomas Wolfrey | his + mark |
| Wm. Stevenson | James Walters |
| Jonathn Martin | William Brazill |
| Francis Martin | William Thomas |
| his X mark | Robert Ash |
| John Snow | his + mark |
| Francis Andrews | Francis Ash |
| John Payne | his X mark |
| Henry Stows | William Andrews |
| Wm. Payne | Thomas French |
| Robt. French & Sons | Joseph Lilly |
| Geo. R. Wolfrey | Mary Innot |
| James Ash | Jane Herald |
| Thomas Pynn, Jr. | her X mark |
| Samuel O. Hart | G. Herald & Sons |
| Charlotte Cawley | per J. Stark |
| Ann Cawley | William Gordon |
| Thos. Danson | per J. Stark |
| John Stark | Geo. Neal |
| Nicholas Stabb | per Jacob Moor |
| Nicholas Payne | Geo. Pippy |
| Henry Webber | per J. Stark |
| per J. Munn. | |

Harbor Grace, 11th July, 1837.

Sir,
The Trustees of St. Paul's Church have received your communication of the 8th instant, enclosing a copy of a Petition addressed to His Excellency the Governor and adopted by a meeting held in the Church School-house on Wednesday the 5th instant, and of which it appears you were Chairman, and in reply I am directed to convey to you herewith for the information of the Petitioners, a copy of certain proceedings entered into by said Trustees at a meeting held by them yesterday the 10th July in reference to said Petition,

I am,
Sir,
Your obdt. humble Servant,
A. MAYNE,
Chairman of said Trustee Meeting

To
James Bayly, Esq.,
Chairman of a Meeting held at the Church School-house on Wednesday the 5th July, 1837.

At a Meeting of the Trustees of Saint Paul's Church, Harbor Grace, held at the Church School-house on Monday 10th July 1837.

Present
The Rev. J. Burt Mr. Ridley
Mr. Kingwell " Sterling
" Nuttall " Mayne

Mr Mayne having been called to the Chair, a letter addressed to the Trustees was handed to the Chairman by the Rev John Burt, which on being opened proved to be from James Bayly, Esq. Chairman of a meeting held at the said School-house on Wednesday the 5th instant, enclosing a copy of a Petition addressed to His Excellency the Governor, and adopted at said meeting.

Resolved, That this meeting view the said Petition as a *misful, malicious and gross libel* upon the said Trustees, and that His Excellency the Governor be forthwith communicated with on the subject, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to convey to them the opinion of His Majesty's Attorney-General on the said Petition preparatory to the Trustees adopting such legal measures as may be deemed necessary to redress so vile an attack upon their reputation.

Resolved, That a copy of these proceedings be sent to James Bayly, Esquire, for the information of the Petitioners.

A. MAYNE,
Chairman.
Secretary's Office, St. John's,
25th July, 1837.

Sir,
The Governor having referred the Petition of certain Inhabitants of Harbor Grace transmitted in your letter of the 8th inst., to the Attorney-General for his consideration, I now by His Excellency's direction enclose you a copy of that Officer's opinion on the subject to which it has reference.

I am,
Sir,

Your very obdt. Servant,
JAS. CROWDY.

To
James Bayly, Esq.,
&c. &c.
Harbor Grace.

Attorney-General's Office,
(Copy) 24th July, 1837.

Sir,
I have now the honor to return the representations and documents submitted by certain Inhabitants of Harbor Grace relative to the Grant of the Church Lands &c. and the conduct of the Trustees, with the view to induce His Excellency the Governor to *cancel* the Grant; which papers I have perused, and after the best consideration I have been able to give the opposing statements of the parties in controversy, I cannot advise His Excellency that it would, according to my humble opinion, be either expedient or lawful for him to comply with the request of the parties soliciting that the Grant may be cancelled.

I have, &c.
(Signed) JAS. SIMMS.

NOTICE.
A full Meeting of the Subscribers to the Petition to His Excellency the Governor, dated the 5th Instant, praying that the Grant of the Church Land might be cancelled, or amended, is requested at the School-house, To-Morrow evening (Saturday,) at 6 o'Clock,—when the Attorney-General's opinion thereon will be laid before the Meeting, and the general state of the Parish taken into consideration, with a view to the adoption of such Constitutional steps as shall be deemed advisable for the recovery back of the New Stone Church for the use of the People.

Harbor Grace, Friday, 28th July, 1837

JAMES BAYLY,
Chairman of last Parish Meeting.
JOHN SMITH,
JOHN STARK,
Churchwardens.

At Meeting held on Saturday last, the 29th July, convened pursuant to the above copy of public notification—**JAMES BAYLY, Esq.**, was unanimously called to the Chair, who then read the above-mentioned letter from Mr. Secretary Crowdy, and a copy of His Majesty's Attorney-General's opinion referred to therein: The Churchwardens also read a copy of a letter addressed by them to the Minister, dated the 6th inst., to which they remarked, they had not yet received any reply.

The following Resolutions were then severally proposed and adopted, without a dissenting voice.

- 1st.—That this Meeting in its attachment and devotion to the principles and doctrines of the Church of England, does not yield to any other congregation in the Island.
- 2nd.—That this Meeting, and in its belief, the whole body of the Protestant population of Harbor Grace, are decidedly opposed to the position taken up by the Minister and a majority of the Trustees, with reference to the government of the Church and the Lands thereof, under the Grant.
- 3rd.—That it is the intention, and will be the *unshaken determination* of this Meeting, not to take Pews in the said Free Church, until the Deed of Trust be cancelled altogether, or amended, so as to give entire satisfaction to the Subscribers and intended Pewholders.
- 4th.—That in seeking to obtain and preserve our civil rights, this Meeting will use every fair and Constitutional means, for recovering back the Church from the Trustees, for the Free use of the Parishioners.
- 5th.—That His Majesty's Solicitor General, already retained, be instructed to adopt legal measures to try the validity in Law of the Grant to the Trustees.
- 6th.—That the Resolution adopted by the Clergyman and Trustees on the 10th instant, is deemed by this Meeting, a direct insult on the respectable body of persons who on the 5th inst., met only for the purpose of Petitioning His Excellency the Governor to redress their grievances and to protect their civil rights and religious liberties a copy thereof being furnished the Trustees, and that this Meeting exceedingly regrets, that a Christian Minister, who for so long a period as fifteen years has been residing amongst, and receiving considerable support from the Petitioners, should have been present and sanctioned the passing of such libelous and ungenerous language towards so large a portion of his flock; and whilst this Meeting treats the said Resolutor with the contempt it justly merits, it nevertheless, in charity, *freely* forgives the individual who adopted it.
- 7th.—That in the events of disputes, or unpleasant differences arising at any

time in parochial affairs, (which is always to be deeply lamented,) it is, in the opinion of this Meeting, the duty of a Minister of the Gospel to use his best efforts in society, to allay and suppress them, or by his charitable advice and admonition, to recommend conciliatory measures for the adjustment of any such misunderstanding; and that it is deeply to be deplored that the Reverend John Burt, instead of using such influence and forbearance, has taken no step whatever, in the belief, or to the knowledge of this Meeting, towards effecting so desirable a measure; notwithstanding his Church has been almost deserted for several successive Sabbath days, during the hours of Divine Service, a circumstance that is most painfully felt by this Meeting.

8th.—That although there is no Ecclesiastical Law in Newfoundland, yet the word "*Parish*" has from time immemorial been used to apply to the people attached to the branch of the Church of England in this Colony.

9th.—That the Petition addressed to the two branches of the Legislature of this Island now read, be adopted, signed and forwarded for presentation by the Chairman and Churchwardens, as follows. That copy for the Honorable His Majesty's Council, to the Honorable John Sinclair; and that also for the Honorable the House of Assembly, to Peter Brown, Esquire.

10th.—That the correspondence on both sides, together with the proceedings of this Meeting be published and transmitted by the Chairman and Churchwardens to His Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese, through the Venerable the Archdeacon, to prevent erroneous opinions being entertained, as regards the upright and honest intentions of the Petitioners; Subscribers towards the erection, and intended Pewholders, of the said New Free Church.

JAMES BAYLY,
Chairman.

Mr. Bayly having left the Chair, and Mr. John Munn having been called thereto, It was proposed, and carried unanimously; that the cordial thanks of this Meeting be given to James Bayly, Esq., for his attention to the business of the day.

JOHN MUNN,
Chairman.

Harbor Grace, 6th July, 1837.
10 a. m.

REVEREND SIR,

We have the honor to acquaint you, that at a numerous and respectable Parish Meeting, held at the School-house last evening, we were unanimously chosen and elected Churchwardens till the next annual Meeting; and which Office, we at last consented to accept, in order if possible by conciliation and kindness to heal the unhappy differences at present subsisting in the Parish: the Meeting then proceeded to select and choose the Pews agreeably to previous arrangements, and we now hand you a Copy of what was done, by which you will observe *Twenty-eight* Pews were taken by Subscribers and responsible Parishioners; we also hand you a rough Copy of the Plan whereon the Pews let are marked off, which Plan be pleased to return when you have done with it.

It becomes our pleasing duty to state, that it is the wish of the great body of the people, that the new Church shall be opened for Divine Service on Sunday next, and we shall be extremely happy to consult with you as to the free sittings, and the disposal of the remaining Pews to *non Subscribers*: we shall attend at the School-house every evening this week at six o'Clock for the purpose of *Subscribers* choosing the unappropriated Pews.

We have the honor to be,
Reverend Sir,
Your most obedient humble Servants,
JOHN SMITH,
JOHN STARK,
Churchwardens.

The Revd.
John Burt,
Parsonage.
(N. B.—Delivered at 11 a. m. same day.) Three Pews have been let since, making the total 31 out of 52.

To the Honorable His Majesty's Council, and the Honorable the House of Assembly of Newfoundland, in Colonial Parliament Assembled.

The Petition of the Members of the Protestant Episcopal Church at Harbor Grace,
HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That the New Stone Church at Harbor Grace, has recently been completely finished at an expense of upwards of Eighteen Hundred Pounds, furnished and subscribed by a generous public, as will more fully appear by the account already published; and the same having been

made a Free Church, it has become necessary that some law should be enacted for its government.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House, will be graciously pleased to pass a Bill, making it lawful for the Pewholders in the said Church, on the First Monday in November in each year, for ever; then and there to elect Two Churchwardens, who shall in all things represent the Pewholders for the ensuing year; making it also lawful for the Pewholders, or a majority of them present at such annual Meeting, to fix the Rents of the Pews for the ensuing year, and to appropriate and expend the Money arising from such Rents to the necessary repairs and expences of the Church, in such manner as the said majority shall determine; and making it likewise lawful for the Churchwardens so elected, if need be, to sue and be sued, in the name of the Pewholders for the benefit of the Church. The month of November has been selected as the best time to hold the annual Meeting in consequence of a great many of the people being absent at the Seal Fishery at Easter, the usual time for holding such Meetings in the Mother Country.

And as in duty bound, your Petitioners will ever pray &c.
(Signed by 117 Protestants.)
Harbor Grace, 29th July, 1837.

Harbor Grace, 31st July, 1837.

Sir,
In accordance with the annexed copy of a Resolution adopted at a Meeting of a large majority of the Protestant Inhabitants of this Town, held at the Church School-house, on Saturday the 29th instant, convened pursuant to public Notice.

We beg leave to transmit the accompanying Petition addressed to His Majesty's Council and the Honorable the House of Assembly of this Island, and request you will be pleased to present, and support the same.

We have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient humble Servants,
JAMES BAYLY,
Chairman of said Meeting.
JOHN SMITH,
JOHN STARK,
Churchwardens.

To
The Hon. John Sinclair,
Member of His Majesty's Council.

To
Peter Brown, Esq.,
Member of the Honorable the House of Assembly.

Harbor Grace, 31st July, 1837.

VENERABLE SIR,
Agreeably to Resolution No. 10, passed at a Meeting of the subscribers towards the erection of the New Church and intended Pewholders thereof, held at the Church School-house on the 29th instant, we have the honor to transmit a copy of the proceedings then adopted; together with a copy of the correspondence referred to in that Resolution, relating to a point in dispute between the Parishioners and a majority of the Trustees, (eight in number) respecting the future government of the Church of Saint Paul's and the Land thereof, under a certain Grant bearing date the 10th ultimo; and shall feel obliged, if, in accordance with the wish of the said Meeting, you will take an early opportunity of laying the same before His Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese for his information.

We are,
Venerable Sir,
Your obedient humble Servants,
JAMES BAYLY,
Chairman of said Meeting.
JOHN SMITH,
JOHN STARK,
Churchwardens.

To
The Venerable
Archdeacon Wix,
&c. &c. &c.
St. John's, Newfoundland.

In consequence of Her Majesty not having been Officially proclaimed and Gazetted in this Country, the term "His Majesty's" has been continued in the within correspondence.

[The following is an exact copy of the form of Printed Leases adopted by the Trustees, and which persons taking Pews from them have been required to execute.]

THIS INDENTURE made the day of _____ in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and _____ Between John Burt of Harbour Grace, Clerk, Minister of Saint Paul's Church at Harbour Grace, aforesaid, Thomas Ridley, George Thorne, Joseph Soper, John Kingwell, Alfred Mayne, William Stirling, John Charles Nuttall, and James Bayly, all of Harbour Grace, aforesaid,

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Signed, & in pres

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