

might be eligible, in accordance with the provisions of the local Act, which had not then reached this department, a copy of this letter was transmitted to Sir Richard Bourke, in my despatch of 9th February, 1837.

I now transmit to you a further letter addressed by my direction to Principal Macfarlan, on the 1st of July, from which it will appear that H. M. Government have cautiously abstained from giving any assurance of immediate employment to the Presbyterian Ministers who are willing to proceed to New South Wales, on the advice and information received by them, as to the probable demand for their services. Under these circumstances, I can only express my entire concurrence in the view taken by Sir R. Bourke of the necessity of adhering to provisions of the Colonial Church Act.

I have, &c.

(Signed) GLENELG.

*To the Lords, Spiritual and Temporal, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. The humble Petition of the MINISTERS and ELDERS of the Church of Scotland met in the General Assembly,*

SHEWETH,

THAT under the treaty of Union, 1706, by which the Kingdoms of England and Scotland are incorporated, the natives of each are secured in a perfect community of all rights and privileges, civil and ecclesiastical, and the Church of Scotland, as by law established, recognized as an integral part of the Constitution of the United Kingdom.

That the Members of this Church are therefore clearly entitled in all the British Colonies, and especially in those settled or acquired since that Union took place, to be put on a perfect equality with those of the Church of England.

1. That immediately after the conquest of Canada, His Majesty, King George the Third, gave assurance of his protection and support to the prevailing Religion of the Country, which he found established, and this pledge was confirmed by Parliament in 1774, when the Tithes, with all accustomed dues and rights, were confirmed to the Catholic Clergy; but in the same statute, the Legislature declared their intention of providing for the encouragement of the Protestant Religion,