

The Clergy of the Island who receive any portion of their maintenance from "the Newfoundland Church Society," (and I am one of them) have entered into an understanding with that Society to collect from their flocks for its funds, in consideration of the Annual stipend allowed to them therefrom : and it would manifestly operate to the prejudice of the Society, and be inconsistent with the honest interpretation of that understanding, should any such clergyman consent to accept a double contribution,—one public from the Society,—the other private from individual Parishioners. I am therefore unable, both from a sense of what is due to the Society, and the dictates of my own conscience, to retain the handsome sum Your Excellency has been kind enough to ask me to accept, and I now respectfully return it.

I deeply regret that Your Excellency now disapproves of the Newfoundland Church Society,—having on two previous occasions, expressed or exhibited Your approval of it,—(1) when on Your arrival amongst us, Your Excellency acceded to the request of the Committee to accept the office of Patron ; and (2) when as its Patron, you presided over its Annual Meeting last June.

In the Address Your Excellency delivered on the latter occasion, you pronounced the objects of the Society "laudable," and, in the absence of "legal provision for the support of public religion," declared "the duty of making individual contributions for the maintenance of the open worship of Almighty God,"—not, indeed, individually, *i. e.* separately, but "as a community." In the Report then read before Your Excellency, the Committee gratefully referred to Your acceptance of the office of Patron, and announced to the Meeting, and by the subsequent publication of their Report to the Members of our Church at large throughout the Colony, that Your Excellency had "promised the Society Your fullest support both pecuniarily and otherwise."