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ment with a suitable provision and that Beikie, chief clerk, should be appointed to succeed him. Page 536

June 12,
York.

Maitland to Bathurst (No. 25). Transmits letter from Dr. Macdonell, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Upper Canada, respecting subjects on which he (Maitland) had no instruction. The expediency of providing for the religious instruction of the Roman Catholics requires serious consideration. Until recently the Roman Catholic population of Upper Canada has been very small and even with the recent arrivals the whole do not exceed one fifteenth of the total population. Cannot therefore understand the ground of Dr. Macdonell's assumption that the Catholics were likely to form in a short time a majority of the population of Upper Canada, although it no doubt is the sincere conviction of Dr. Macdonell. Agrees as to the loyalty of the Roman Catholic population, but did not desire to see the expectation fulfilled that they were to be a majority of the population. Has seen the calculation of the funds required for the immediate wants of Roman Catholics, but doubts much that the contributions of the people will speedily relieve government from the burden of supporting the clergy. Dr. Macdonald, whose case is represented as most urgent, has been settled at Perth, where the people if at all inclined are abundantly able to supply the small stipend required for his maintenance. If a sum could be given to the Catholic clergy without impairing that for the Protestant Church, he should be happy to see it so employed, but does not know to what fund it could be charged. The support of the civil government does not allow of such an appropriation from the Crown reserves as is applied for by Dr. Macdonell. If the plan for establishing a university is adopted, a fund for Dr. Macdonell's purpose might be formed by the sale of one or two school townships. 539

Enclosed. Bishop Macdonell to Bathurst. Discusses at length the subject of providing for the religious instruction of Roman Catholics in Upper Canada. 546

June 19,
York.

Maitland to Bathurst (No. 26). Reports fully on the case of McGregor, of the Kent volunteers, whose pension was discontinued and is now ordered to be restored. Its importance as a precedent in other cases. A re-examination in McGregor's case procured through misrepresentation. The inconvenience in a purely provincial matter of referring to another authority questions which the lieut.-governor considered it proper to refuse. Argues at length on the propriety of supporting the decisions of the provincial Board. Brings evidence to disprove McGregor's denial of having granted three powers of attorney for the payment of his pension, each for the same quarter. His arrest at the instance of Baldwin, a solicitor. 555

Summary of McGregor's case. 565

Proceedings of the medical Board held at York, on the 3rd October, 1821. 568

Hillier to Baldwin, 13th October, 1821. Besides his power of attorney for McGregor's pension, other two have been presented. 570

Hillier to Allan, 3rd October, 1821. In consequence of different powers of attorney being granted by McGregor for his pension the warrant will be sent to himself. 572

June 20,
York.

Maitland to Bathurst (No. 27). Sends abstract of returns of the average price of grain at York and Kingston for May, 1826. 574

Enclosed. Abstract. 576