you, if you ask aright, "the oil of joy for mourning, and evil dissension, your petitioners are constrained from an equal the varment of praise for the spirit of heaviness." the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness."

"And now, beloved friends and brethren, " we commend "And now, beloved friends and brethren, "we commend cided conviction, that the agitation which has ensued from the you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to discussion of this question, and the excitement of which it you to God and to the word of his grace, which is also to discussion of this question, are not to be ascribed to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all has been rendered the instrument, are not to be ascribed to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all has been rendered the instrument, are not to be ascribed to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all has been rendered the instrument, are not to be ascribed to them that are sanctified," through the blood of his dear Son, our blessed Lord and Saviour, for ever. Amen."

We mentioned in a late number that, at the meeting of agreed upon to her M jesty's Government, praying for a the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies. It was resolved also at the meeting in October, that try: a Petition similar in substance to that Memorial should, at the ensuing session, be presented to each branch of the Provincial Legislature, -- a Petition which we have now the opportunity of offering to our readers.

This is a document which will sufficiently explain, without the need of any accompanying observations, the position assumed in this question by the Clergy of the Church of England; and whatever others, possessing perchance the same religious principles as themselves, may think proper to offer as a means of bringing the contest to a settlement, we can take it upon ourselves to say that, on the part of the Clergy, there can be no abandonment of the investing the Clergy Reserves in the Queen, in Parliament, ground to which, from a sense of solomn Christian duty, to be appropriated for the support of a Protestant Clergy, acpart of the Clergy, there can be no abandonment of the they feel themselves constrained to adhere. By honest and consistent principle it is manifestly a duty to abide : solid and settled convictions it would be hypocrisy to give up, be- And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, cause their abandonment is sought by the agitator and the leveller; and the interests of future generations it would be worse than cowardice to betray, because others choose to render them a ground of contention and a plea for disloyalty.

We may here ask the question -- by what process of calculation and by what arguments of expediency, it is proposed that the Church of England shall be limited to the possession of one fourth of this property, as has been recommended in that grossly unjust and supremely ridiculous scheme of division which has lately been promulgated to the world? Is it that the members of the Church of England are supposed to constitute but a fourth part of the Protestant population of the Empire? We have a right to ask this question, because, to use the words of a sensible writer in the Commercial Herald, - 'Anglo Canadian,'--" we expect our forests to be peopled, not so much by the natural increase of population, as by the influx of emigration from Home; and that consequently our Legislature is called upon not merely to consider what is, but also what, according to all huma calculation, will be the feeling of the public mind."

But is this scheme of division advanced because the members of the Church of England now in the Province, are thought to number but a fourth part of the whole population? We contend, upon the principle of the argument just quoted, that it is unfair and unsafe to adopt the amount of present population and its religious subdivisions as the basis upon which to propose a partition of the Reserves; but should they persist in doing so, it would undoubtedly be proper to wait for the returns of the religious statistics of the country, which the public assessors are instructed to make. When these returns are completed, it will be time enough to decide upon the credence that is to be given to the rumours so industriously spread, that the members of the Church of England constitute but a "fraction of the population." It is no proof that, because they are quiet and abstain from the cla mour and bustle of religious and political agitation, they are therefore few in number. The results of a legal inquiry into their actual strength, will probably shew that, in throwing out any estimates upon the subject, we have erred upon the safe side! The township of Hamilton, for example, in the Newcastle District, contains 4610 souls, and is peopled in a great degree by emigrants from various parts of the United Kingdom. Its religious statistics are found to stand as follows :--

Church of England, - - - -Presbyterians, including Church of Scotland, Seceders, American Presbyterians, &c. -1111 Methodists, Wesleyan, Episcopal, Primitive, &c. 910 Roman Catholics, Independents, Baptists, Quakers, &c. Although it is probable that many other townships in the

Province will not exhibit so favourable an aggregate result for the Church of England as this, there are others, aware, in which the members of the Established Church will be proportionably much more numerous. For example, in the township of Cavan which contains 2,703 souls, 1,506 are found to belong to the Church of England; so that we patched from the United States Arsenal at Watervliet, ophave good reason to believe that the statistical table of the posite Albany, N. Y. for Maine, under the charge of Lieut. religious state of the township of Hamilton will, as far as the Church of England is concerned, be found to represent a fair estimate of its average strength throughout the Province. Our Legislators, therefore, should pause before they are betraved into any hasty proceeding upon this question, grounded upon the respective strength of parties.

To the Honourable the Commons House of Assembly, in Provincial Parliament assemble

The petition of the Clergy of the Established Church assembled under the authority of the Lord Bishop of the diocese, MOST HUMBLY SHEWETH.

That by the Act of 31st George Third, Chapter 31, oneseventh of the lands of this Province has been set apart for the support of a Protestent Clergy therein: that your petitioners, after a careful and patient investigation of all the arguments which have been advanced on the subject of this reservation, continue not only unchanged, but more confirmed, In the opinion that the Clergy Reserves were, by that act, designed solely and exclusively for the Church of England:

That your petitioners, from a careful examination of that act, and of every authority which can be brought to illustrate it, can arrive at no other conviction than that the power delegated therein to the Provincial Legislature, "To VARY OR REFEAL" its provisions, has no application to the Reservations of land which have already been made, but can be construed merely into a permission to vary the amount of appropriation or regulate it for the future :

That whereas doubts have been raised as to the legality of orders of Sir John Harvey. the exclusive claim of your petitioners to the Clergy Reserves they have uni ormly expressed a willingness to submit the question to a judicial tribunal, competent to pronounce a decision, and respectfully to yield to the judgment which, in such case, should be awarded - That against any proposal for the afternoon, and are now performing garrison duty. settlement of this question, which should go to alienate the Clergy Reserves from the original object of their appropriation, the religious instruction of the people of this Province, your petitioners feel bound, by a most solemn sense of duty, to record their decided protest :

That your petitioners feel bound to express it as their desentation and abuse of the public miod, which, in many of for interested and unhallowed purposes, have been industriously made :

That although, in the opinion of your petitioners, the ope-We mentioned in a late number that, at the meeting of the Clergy in Toronto in October last, a Memorial had been ration of the set for the appropriation of the Clergy Reserves, ration of the set for the appropriation of the Clergy Reserves, as understood by themselves, could not possibly prove a grievance, but a blessing of the highest order to the community judicial decision of the "vexed question" of the Clergy Ra- they do not view without pain and anxiety the political disserves; and we furnished our readers, at the same time, quiet and religious animosity to which the agitation of this with the brief and unsatisfactory reply communicated by question has unhappily given rise, and that they are most desirous of its adjustment, upon some basis which may secure the peace as well as promote the religious interests of the coun-

That from the influence of conflicting prejudices and interests, your petitioners are firmly of opinion that an impartial, equitable and satisfactory adjustment of the question of the Clergy Reserves cannot be expected from the Provincial Le-

That your petitioners not deeming themselves competent to make any concession which may compromise, or appear to compromise, in any degree, the interests of the Church and their nuccessors in the ministry, earnestly pray, for the sake of neace, a judicial decision of the question before a competent tribunal, either the Judges of England or the Judicial Beach of Her Majesty's most honourable Privy Council, or should this their honest prayer be found, after every effort unavailing. that then an Act he passed by the Provincial Legislature, re cording to the spirit and intention of the Constitutional Act.

Your petitioners therefore most earnestly entreat your Hon. House to use your influence to procure such a legal decision-In the name and on behalf of the Clergy of Upper Canada.
G. J. MONTREAL,

GEO. OKILL STUART, L.L.D. JOHN STRACHAN, D.D.L.L.D. Archdeacon of York

Toronto, October 11, 1838.

The trustees for the erection of a Parsonage House in the township of March, beg to acknowledge the receipt of five pounds from Lady Colborne as a donation towards that object

In the Commercial Herald of the 21st is contained an ac count of the meeting of the Society for Converting and Ci vilizing the Indians, and Propagating the Gospel among des titute Settlers, held on the 13th inst. in the City Hall at To ronto. Several excellent resolutions were passed, indicative of a pious determination to proceed vigorously with the com bined objects of the Society. His Excellency the Lieuten ant Governor has kindly consented to become patron of th Society; and a warm expression of thanks was conveyed for his establishment of an efficient Indian Mission at the Manitoulin Island. The Report of the Society's proceedings was ordered to be printed for general circulation.

To the Editor of the Church.

Toronto, 25th March, 1839.

My dear Sir; - Will you do us the favour of inserting from time to time in the Church the contributions made in the different congregations, as kindly requested by the Lord Bishop, in aid of rebuilding St. James's Church. I hope and trust that my Brethren of the Clergy as well as the contributors will consider such public notice and thankful acknowledgment more convenient and agreeable than a special answer to their respective communications

CONTRIBUTIONS.			
March 15.—The Rev F. L. Osler, from Tecumseth,		s. 10	
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by two Ladies,	6	5	0
March 20 The Rev. G. R. F. Grout,			
from Grimsby, Collection,	5	5	0
March 23.—The Rev. T. B Fuller, from			
Chatham, Collection,	2	3	9
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and Whitby, Collection,	4	6	11/2
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Yours truly,			

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JOHN STRACHAN.

Nothing later from England since our last.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

From the Burlington Sentinel, March 15.

Signs .- On the 6th instant, a train of waggons carrying twenty four field pieces, with equipage complete, was des-Tolcott, in pursuance of orders from Washington.

LATEST FROM MAINE. The news from the frontier by the Boston papers of Tuesday morning is of the most exci ting character. A correspondent of the Boston Atlas, writing from Bangor March 9, reports that Sir John Harvey Province. had despatched a body of Engineers to take possession of Mars Hill, to choose a location for fortifications, and mark out a road. They were to be supported by eight companies of British Regulars two of which had arrived at Fredericton The principal elevation of what is called Mars Hill is withexpress bearing the above news passed through Bangor on Saturday on his way to the Governor of Maine.

The accounts from Maine are vague and contradictory and many of them manifestly incorrect.

By the latest Halifax papers, it appears that a wing of the 231 Regiment of Fusileers are under orders for New Brunswick .- Quebec Mercury.

HALIFAX, March 5 .- The right wing of the 23d Regt. one sergeant and six privates of the Royal Sappers and Miners, are ordered to hold themselves in readiness to proceed to New Brunswick.

We understand that the troops would proceed immediately, by land, to Annapolis, where they would await the

St. John, March 8 .- ST. JOHN MILITIA .- The Militi Drafts of the City of St. John, under the command of Captain Charles Drury, were marched to the barracks yesterday

LOWER CANADA.

By the Ordinance recently passed for the more effectual punishment of persons who shall seduce soldiers to desert, That wi ha view to the settlement of this question, any and which is now in force, -it is enacted that persons guilty plan for the division of this property amongst various seets and denominations, which would directly compromise the principles as well as interests of the Established Church, endanger the cause of Protestantism, and lead to a religious discontinuous directly compromise the principles as well as interests of the Established Church, endanger the cause of Protestantism, and lead to a religious discontinuous de discontinuous discontinuo

the pangs which now agitate your bosoms. He will give cord, which must prove the fruitful and permanent source of oath of one or more credible witness or witnesses, may be exceeding six months, and further until the fine and costs of suit be paid .- Quebec Mercury.

DR HOLMES .- We understand that the President has delined acting upon the application for the surrender of Dr. Holmes, and referred to Gov. Jenison. We understand the position taken at Washington to be, that, inasmuch as neither the constitution nor the laws of Congress provide for the case at all, it must rest on the ground of mere comity be ween the British Provinces and the adjuning States, and herefore the decision should be left to the State authorities. Under these circumstances, Gav. Jenison has issued his warrant for the further detention of the accused, and appointed the 23th March for a hearing in the premises, at this place. -Free Press.

UPPER CANADA.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE Toronto 20th March 1839.

MILITIA GENERAL ORDER. The Lieutenant Governor, and Major general Commandng, has noticed with the deepest anxiety, the undermentioned statements of events attending the late invasion of Brigands

nto the Western District of this Province: 1st-A Despatch to Colonel Airey, Commanding the Western District, from Colonel Prince, in Command at Sandwich, in which that Officer reports the following circumstance:

"Of the Brigands and Pirates, twenty-one were killed—

besides four who were brought in just at the close, and immediately after the engagement, all of whom I ordered to be

shot on the spot which was done accordingly."

2nd—An address signed by Colonel William Elliott, and twelve other persons, pledging themselves, individually and collectively, for the truth of a printed paper accompanying their Address, purporting to be a "Narrative of the Action" with the Brigands, on the 4th of December," compiled for he purpose of publication, and actually printed in the City of Detroit, in the State of Michigan.

The Lieut Governor, on receiving the first of these paper immediately directed, in addition to personal inquiry on the spot, that a particular statement of the circumstances attending the execution of the four prisoners, by Colonel Prince, should ne laid before him: and on the receipt of the Addresss before alluded to, the necessity for a minute and careful enquiry into the allegations contained in the printed statement, became distinctly apparent.

Under the direction of His Excellency, a Court of Inquiry was accordingly instituted, composed of Lieutenant Colonel Airey, Commanding Her Majesty's 84th Regiment, President Major French, of the 85th, and Major Deeds, of the 34th Regiment. Members; and those Officers, after a most laborious and rigid inquiry, have submitted to the following Re-

The Court having gone into the most minute and detailed investigation of the particulars contained in the printed paper headed "Battle of Windsor," in so far as relates to statements of a very painful nature, respecting the treatment, by order of Colonel Prince, of certain Brigand Prisoners who were capured at Windsor, Upper Canada, on the 4th of December last, and having carefully and patiently examined, individually the several Gentlemen, who signed the Address to His Excel lency the Lieutenant Governor, transmitting the said docu-ment, in which it is stated, that "As the several particulars, which, joined together, form the connected statement) are known to one or more of the subscribers, they pledge them selves individually for the trath of the parts to which they were respectively eye-witnesses and collectively to the accuracy of the whole narrative, in all its essential points"-is of opin ion, that the invidious coloring which characterises the detail of the facts alluded to, reflecting so painfully on the conduct of Colonel Prince, is not in any way substantiated by evidence; and that the Court cannot but observe the existance of a spirit of personal hostility towards Colonel Prince. from which alone, in the opinion of the President and members has emanated the narrative in question; nor can the Court re-frain from expressing deep regret, that at any period, but more especially so at a time like the present, when unanimity od feeling ought to be conspicious amongst all classes of Her Majesty's Subjects, that statements of the nature of those which form the basis of this investigation, (the circulation of which will not be confined to these Provinces only) should have been presented to the public, without the fullest the clearest, and the most indisputable knowledge of their ac-

In this report the Lieutenant Governor expresses his entire concurrance; and while he has most deeply regretted that, un-der circumstances of impending danger, and highly excited feeling; Colonel Prince was induced to anticipate the result of legal proceedings, in directing the summary execution of four of the captured criminals, His Excellency is gratified to find that Officer completely exonerated, upon the searching investigation of the Court of Inquiry, from the imputation of having been guilty of acts of wanton cruelty,-for which charge the Court has been able to assign no other foundation than a feeling of personal hostility towards Colonel Prince.

The Lieutenant Covernor cannot too strongly express his disapprobation of the terms and spirit in which the printed paper has been formed, and of the act, manner and place of its Prince, to a limited extent, at Windsor, was strongly recommended to be indiscriminately pursued on all occasions of inva-sion; and afterwards pledged himself to the truth of statements, highly colored and exaggerated; implicating that officer and having a direct tendency to lower the character of the the Election Law Amendment Bill. Militia Service, in which Colonel Prince and his accuseres were alike engaged, as well as to aggravate the feelings of hostility along the frontier, already, unhappily, too much excited.

These circumstances impose on the Lieutenant Governor

the painful necessity of dispensing with the future services of Colonel William Elliott, in Her Majesty's Militia of this

The Lt. Governor is most desirous, that the grounds of Colonel Elliott's retirement from the Militia should not be misunderstood. His Excellency entertains the same disapproval, which he has already expressed, of sum nary proceedings towards Prisoners who may fall into the hands of the Militia. Such can only be justified by an extreme case of necessity; in the State of Maine and west of the Boundary line. An and when an occurrence of this nature takes place, it is always a proper subject to be brought under the immediate consideration of the Government. But the course of proceedings to which Colonel Elliot was a party, appears to the Lieutenant Governor: to be altogether inexcusable—and to involve alike the reputation of the Provincial Militia, and the public wel-

By Command.

RICHARD BULLOCK. Adjutant General, Militia.

FATAL ACCIDENT .- A melancholy accident occurred at Whithy on Sunday last, which terminated in the death of Mr. GEORGE SAUNDERS, who is well known in Cobourg. The particulars are as follows: -Mr. Saunders, who was sergeant in Capt. McDonald's company of volunteers, stationed at Whitby, was ascending a flight of stairs in their barracks at that place, in company with Mr. Robert Armour, when a private in the same company, whose name we have not ascer tained, appeared at the top of the stairs, with his musket, which proved to be loaded, in his hand; the latter, who was, intoxicated, accidentally dropt the musket, which exploded and the ball from it passed through the body of the deceased, immediately below the breast bone. He fell back into Mr. Armour's arms, & in a few minutes expired .- Star.

The circumstance which led to the exposure of the conspiracy was the discovery of a petty theft, in prosecuting a search for condemned in a penalty of £40 sterling and imprisoned, not the detection of the perpetrator of which, the room of Flood was examined, when, on raising an old cap, the papera in question fell out of it. Flood was of course arrested, and at the date of our correspondent's letter, (yesterday) was undergoing an examination before the Council.—10.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

Gold and Silver in vaults, £58.345 8s. 2d.; Reserved Pro-

Friday, March 15. Mr. Speaker reported that he had received from the President of the Commercial Bank of the Midland District, in obedience to the orders of the house, a statement of the affairs of that institution, which was read. Notes in circulation, £279.410 15s.; Debts due to the Bank, £416 305 10s 9d;

fits on 30th Nov. last, £11,754 Is. 9d. Of George Ham and two hundred and six others, or

the Town of Cobourg, praying that the act Incorporating said Town may be repealed.

And of the Clergy of the Eatablished Church assembled under the authority of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Montreal, praying that the question of the appropriation of the Clergy reserves may be settled by some competent tri-

Ordered .- That the bill to established a College of Physiians and Surgeons, be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered. That the report of the select committee on the Clergy Reserves be referred to a committee of the whole se on Friday, next. and that it be the first item on the order of the day.

Pursuant to notice, Mr. Prince, seconded by Mr. Gowan, moves, for leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the hunting and killing of Deer and feathered Game at certain seasons of the

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill to grant 5,000 acres of Land to Colonel FitzGibbon, was read the second

The Bill amending the Act incorporating the Waterloo Bridge Company was referred to a Select Committee, com-posed of Messrs. Sherwood, Merritt and Burwell, to report

Ordered .- That two hundred copies of the Bill to alter and mend the election laws of this Province, be printed for the use of members.

Pursuant to notice, Mr. Boulton, seconded by Mr. Cartwright, moves for leave to bring in a bill to define the powers of Rectors, and to provide for their removal in certain cases. Which was granted, and the bill was read the first time.

Ordered,-That two hundred copies of the Bill to define the powers of Rectors, &c., be printed for the use of mem-

Ordered, - That the notice on the order of the day for a ma ittee of the whole on the subject of Clergy Reserves, this day be discharged.

Tuesday, March 19. Ordered .- That the petition of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the aneaster Literary Institution be referred to the committee to whom was referred that part of his Exellency's speech which relates to the subject of Education, with power to send for persons and papers and report thereon.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Robinson, moves that the petition of the Bishop and Clergy of the Established Church of England be entered on the journals of the House. Which was carried.

Mr. Prince gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, for leave to bring in a bill to re-invest in the crown the lands of this Province commonly called the Clergy Reserves.

Mr. Hotham gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a bill to amend the laws now in force for the punishment of persons who shall seduce, or attempt to seduce, any soldier to desert her Majesty's service. Mr. Gowan gives notice that he will, on to-me

that an humble address be presented to Ilis Excellency the Lieut. Governor, expressing the deep regret with which this House has heard of the violent and unjust proceedings of the State of Maine towards our sister Province of New Brunswick-that we are determined to defend the integrity of the mpire, and to resist and to punish American aggression, and o assist, as far as in us lies, our fellow colonists in N. Brunswick, to protect their soil from foreign aggression and plunder, that we are not only ready and willing, but desirous to make common cause with them, and in the name of the people of Upper Canada, whose representatives we are, to place our lives and properties at the disposal of his Excellency Lieut. Governor, not alone for the defence of this Colony against aggression of pirates and plunderers, from the opposite frontier, but also to assist his Excellency Sir John Harvey, with the gallant New Brunswickers, in defending the rights of the nation and the honour of the Crown.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Attorney

Ordered .- That the committee of the whole on the state of

the Province be the first item on the order of the day for Thursday next, after receiving reports.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the bill to establish a Col-

ege of Physicians and Surgeons was read the second time.
Mr. Speaker reported that the Master in Chancery had

brought down from the Honourable the Legislative the bill entitled, " An Act to limit the period for the owners of lands making claims for damages occasioned by the construction of the Rideau Canal, and for other purposes therein mentioned, " An Act to authorise the Court of King's Bench publication—nor can he omit particularly to notice the very in-consistant and reprehensible conduct of Colonel William Ell'ott; who in the first place, presided at a public meeting, at which the course of summary execution adopted by Colonel House had passed,—and requested the concurrence of this House thereto.

The bill to authorise the Banks of Lower Canada to establish Agencies in this Province was read the second time. The House was again put into a Committee of the whole, ou

The Bill to declare the power of Rectors was read the se-Wednesday, 20th March, 1839.

The Halton Road Tax bill was read the third time

On the question for passing the bill, In amendment, Mr. Cartwright, seconded by Mr. Attorney General, moves, that the Halton county Road bill do not no pass, but that it pass this day six months; Yeas 14-Nays 34.

Amendment lost by a majority of 20. In amendment, Mr. Merritt seconded by Mr. Chisholm of

Halton, moves that the bill do not now pass, but that it be recommitted to-morrow for the purpose of amending the Which was carried and ordered.

The bill to establish a College of Physicians and Surgeons es read the third time and passed with some amendments

The bill to increase the salary of the Light House Keeper at the False Ducks was read the third time and passed.

The Bill to regulate the hunting of Deer &c., was read the

third time and passed. Yeas 27; Nays 12; Majority 15.
The Petition of John George Bridges and sixty seven others of Norwich was read praying that the Clergy Reserve question may be settled in such a manner as not to infringe upon the rights of the Established Church.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The admirable Essay on the Christian Ministry by H. C. vill be given entire in our next. The account of the Eastern Clerical Association was too

late for this number. B. V. R. shall have an insertion.

The stirring and beautiful lines of " ZaDIQ" in our next.

List of Letters received to Friday, March 29:

Rev. J. Shortt, add. sub.; Rev. G. Mackie, add. subs. > J. Grover Esq.; J. Kent Esq (3); Amicus; Rev. T. Creens J. S. Cartwright Esq ; Rev. L. Doolittle, add. subs.; Rev. We have just received a private letter from Toronto, con- R. D. Cartwright; Rev. W. McMurray have sent all the taining the particulars of the providential discovery, by the nos possible]; J. White Esq.; D. McTavish Esq. rem, in merest accident, of a plot to murder the Lieut. Governor and full vol. 2; Ven. the Archdeacon of York; W. Rorke E.q. burn all our public buildings. The person implicated in this disholical plot is a drill-sergeant in Major McGrath's troop, named Flood, and from the papers found in his possession, he w. V. Rogers, rem.; Rev. S. Armour, add. sub.; Rev. C.