

nations with which they are surrounded, tolerable congregations—some rather numerous ones; and in the large towns they are very numerous. But the manner in which he attempts to prove that the Scotch Presbyterians are more numerous than the Church people, must convince your Lordship that his statement is erroneous, and that his object is to mislead. Instead of comparing the Church and Scotch congregations of Kingston, which would have refuted his statement, he compares the Scotch communicants of Kingston last year, which he says amounted to 114, with the Church communicants at Bellville, an inconsiderable village, which he says amounted to only 10. He knows, that although like the Scotch Minister's Servant, your Lordship "cannot make sermons, you can make inferences"—and he wishes you to infer that the number of Kirk folk in British North America, are to the Church folk as 114 to 16, that is, plus 7 to 1. The gentleman, my Lord, is much better acquainted with figures than with facts—or else he stated with his eyes open that which he knew to be absolutely false.

Something very like a disposition, not only to mislead your Lordship, but also to abuse the Church Clergy, is manifested by another of his assertions. He very gravely, and in a strain not plaintive, but indignant, tells your Lordship—and he tells it at once, and in his first paragraph, lest he should forget it, or lest he should so put himself out of breath before he ran his race of illiberality as to be unable to tell it, that the rights of the Kirk in British North America are strongly opposed by the clergy of the Church. This fact, my Lord, if it be indeed a fact, has now come to our knowledge for the first time. The legal rights of the Kirk in British North America, are the same as the legal rights of other protestant Dissenters, a right to worship God according to their conscience, and it is a vile calumny to assert that the Church Clergy have opposed, or do now oppose, either the Kirk communion or any other communion in the enjoyment and exercise of those rights. There is not a class of men in all America farther removed from an intolerant and persecuting spirit than the Established Clergy. Their conduct towards all men is mild and tolerant, towards the