

der the Governor of Upper Canada. By their assistance, he was translated to York, and was ultimately made an Archdeacon, and a Member of the Legislative Council, a body which, in these provinces, forms an apology for a House of Lords.

About two years ago, he went to London. While there, he besieged the Colonial Office with the most unrelenting industry; and from his station in Church and State, not to mention his ostentatious loyalty, had long a most favourable reception. His advice was frequently taken on Canadian matters; and some inaccurate statements made by Mr. Wilnot Horton, had no less a personage, than the Rev. Dr. for a parent. The incorrectness of some of these, was pointed out by gentlemen in London, who knew Canada, and also by gentlemen of great weight in this country, who wrote to the Under Secretary for the Colonies respecting them. These errors, which were principally connected with Church matters, made Mr. Horton begin to doubt the Doctor's infallibility, and ultimately led to the exposures which have been the cause of my present writing.

Among other documents given to Wilnot Horton, was one entitled an Ecclesiastical Chart of Upper Canada—a paper which he pretended gave a fair view of the relative state of the Churches of England and Scotland in that province. He, however, had no idea that this document was ever to go beyond the walls of the Colonial Office, still less, that it should be printed here. Doubts of the accuracy of the statements contained in this article, however, being entertained in consequence of its having been found, that previous statements from the same and similar quarters, were not altogether authentic, the thing was printed, and on reaching Canada, created a sensation in both provinces, unequalled by any thing that has occurred for several years.

It will be observed by every one who peruses Dr. Strachan's Chart, that he carefully confines himself to a statement of the numbers of the Clergy, and not of the hearers or members of the Churches of which he speaks. It is true, that he affirms, in general terms, that in all the places laid down in his Chart, as enjoying regular or occasional Episcopal service, "numerous and respectable congregations assemble." To make this the more credible, he asserts it "from personal knowledge." This, however, is a very vague way of stating any thing, and unless one had previously a correct knowledge of what the Doctor conceived necessary to constitute "a numerous and respectable congregation," he is nothing the wiser of it. I will speak of these congregations anon. In the meantime, allow me to remark, for a moment, on his pretended "personal knowledge." If this phrase means any thing, I humbly conceive that it implies, that he himself witnessed the circumstances which he relates. If that is the light in which we are to view it, I must declare it to be an utter falsehood, for there are various places laid down in the Chart, which the Doctor never saw in his life. Indeed, his friends here, who have taken up the pen in his defence, excuse some of his inaccuracies, on the ground, that he had heard some years ago, that a certain Church was to be built, and not knowing, personally, the real facts, he supposed that the said Church had been built, and so clapped it down in his Chart! Personal knowledge, this, with a vengeance! It would be rather difficult to have personal knowledge of Churches and congregations, where neither the one nor the other ever existed, as in Woolwich, and other parts, which he lays down in his Chart. In short, in order to put the falsehood of this pretence beyond dispute, I may remark, that he describes the Episcopal Church in Perth, as building, whereas it has been built, and regular service performed in it for five years! Most assuredly, if the Doctor had had personal knowledge of this fact, he would not have omitted it.

To return to his mode of estimating the members of the two Churches, by a consideration of the number of Clergy, the absurdity of it must be obvious to every one who expends a thought upon the business. There is only one thing which the number of Episcopal Clergy indicates, and that is, the amount of money spent. So long as the Clergy are sure of £200 a year, (more than twice the salary of many worthy and useful Curates in England and Wales,) there will be no lack of