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 Message from  
 the  
 Governor General,  
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Draft of Bill.

Denominations of Christians now recognized by the Laws of this Province, and not before mentioned in this Act, who shall prefer their Claims for the same, on the Conditions and in Manner following; that is to say, that each and every such religious Body or Denominations of Christians shall, on or before the Day of \_\_\_\_\_ in each and every Year, send in to the Inspector General of Public Accounts a Statement in duplicate, setting forth in detail the Amount received by each of them respectively during the Year preceding the Day of rendering such Account, from the private Contributions of the Members of such religious Bodies or Denominations of Christians respectively, and by them expended in the same Year for the Maintenance of Public Worship and the Propagation of religious Knowledge; which Account shall be verified in such Manner as shall be from Time to Time required by the Governor in Council; and that on the Approval of such Accounts respectively an Amount of the Residue of the said annual Fund, proportioned to the Amount of private Contributions so appearing to have been received and expended in the previous Year, shall be paid by the Receiver General in discharge of any Warrant or Warrants which may be issued by the Governor in favour of the Treasurer or other Officer who may be appointed by such religious Bodies or Denominations of Christians respectively to receive the same; and such Amount shall be expended and appropriated for the Maintenance of Public Worship, and the Propagation of religious Knowledge, under the Direction and Authority of the Conference or other governing Body existing in or over every such religious Bodies or Denominations of Christians respectively, according to their respective Discipline or Form of Church Government: Provided always, that any such religious Body or Denomination of Christians neglecting to send in their Accounts on or before the said Thirtieth Day of June in any Year, or neglecting or refusing to verify the same within Forty Days, when thereto required as aforesaid, shall thereby waive and forfeit all Claim to a Proportion of the said annual Fund for the Year (but no longer) in respect whereof such Neglect or Refusal shall take place.

10. Provided also, and be it enacted, That no religious Body or Denomination of Christians shall be entitled to any such Share or Proportion of the said annual Fund which shall not raise and expend as aforesaid during the Year in respect of which the Claim is preferred the Sum of at least £ \_\_\_\_\_.

11. Provided also, and be it enacted, That the Amount of such of the annual Stipends and Allowances herein-before mentioned which shall be paid to any of the said religious Bodies or Denominations of Christians, or to any Ecclesiastic or Minister thereof, or in aid of any Mission established by any of the said religious Bodies or Denominations of Christians, or for the Propagation of religious Knowledge, shall be taken and accounted, as far as the same will go, as a Part and Portion of the Sum to which such religious Body or Denomination of Christians would be entitled under the Provisions of this Act, and shall be deducted and allowed for accordingly.

12. And be it enacted, That Accounts of the Expenditure of all and every Sum or Sums of Money so to be received out of the said annual Fund by the said Churches of England and Scotland, or any other religious Body or Denomination of Christians respectively, under the Authority of this Act, shall be, on or before the Day of \_\_\_\_\_ in each Year, rendered to the Governor in Council, and that until such Accounts shall have been rendered, and the due and proper Expenditure of the Sum granted during any preceding Year shall have been established to the Satisfaction of the Governor in Council, no other or further Sum, or Proportion of the said annual Fund, shall be paid or allowed to any or either of the Churches, religious Bodies, or Denominations of Christians, failing, neglecting, or refusing to render such Account, or to verify the same as aforesaid; and every such Failure, Neglect, or Refusal shall amount to a Waiver or Forfeiture of any Share or Proportion of the said annual Fund for One Year, but not longer.

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