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of a Christian Church, it is our earnest prayer and endeavour that the increase of true piety among the people, may keep pace with an enlarged communication of temporal blessings.

We continue to take a warm interest in the promotion of a sound, moral and religious education among all classes of the people, and we are making our best exertions to increase the efficiency of the University in connection with our Synod, for training young men for the Ministry, in our Church, as well as for general usefulness.

It is a matter of extreme regret to us, that an act has been passed by the Imperial Parliament, by which the subject of the Clergy Reserves, is liable to be opened up anew to public discussion, and to fresh legislation. As a Church deriving benefits from this Fund, for the maintenance of our ministers, and regarding the settlement made in 1840, as a final settlement, to which the faith of the British Crown was distinctly pledged, we must enter our decided protest against any interference with it; and we shall consider it our bounden duty to contend most zealously for the maintenance of our rights and privileges.

In common with all true Protestants and Christians, and with all who venerate the British Constitution, we cannot but express to your Excellency the deep shame and indignation which we feel at the events which have lately taken place in Quebec and Montreal, whereby the reputation of this country has been seriously injured, the lives of many innocent persons sacrificed, and public order and tranquillity subverted.

While we look to the Executive and Legal authorities of the Province, for the redress of these outrages, and while we disclaim all personal recrimination, as tending only to promote further discord and disturbances, we cannot refrain from avowing our determination, in so far as lies in us, to resist temperately, yet firmly, all encroachments on the freedom of conscience and liberty of speech, which we have ever been taught to regard as part of the sacred birth-right of every British subject. We feel confident that your Excellency and your advisers will use the powers of Government to vindicate the majesty of the Law, and to maintain, unimpaired, the fundamental principles of the Constitution, by which course alone we believe that good order will be restored, and a spirit of unity and concord fostered among the people of this Province.

That Almighty God, the Sovereign Disposer of all things, may bless your Excellency and your Excellency's family, with all temporal blessings, and make you partakers of His Heavenly treasure in Christ Jesus, is our ardent wish and fervent prayer.

Signed, at Kingston, this Eighteenth Day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Three Years:--In Name, in Presence, and by Appointment of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, by ALEXANDER SPENCE, Moderator.

The Synod appointed a Deputation, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Cook, the Rev. Professor Smith, John Thompson, Esq., and such other members as can conveniently join with them, to wait upon His Excellency the Governor General, and present the Synod's Address to His Excellency, and also to request that he would be pleased to transmit the