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CHURCH CONVOCATION (NOVA SCOTIA).

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RETURN to an Address of the Honourable The House of Commons,  
dated 30 July 1855;—for,

“COPIES OF EXTRACTS OF CORRESPONDENCE between the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Lieutenant-Governor of *Nova Scotia*, on the Subject of the ESTABLISHMENT of a CHURCH CONVOCATION in the Diocese of *Nova Scotia*.”

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Colonial Office, }  
10 August 1855. }

JOHN BALL.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Honourable Lord *John Russell* to  
Lieutenant-Governor Sir *J. G. Le Marchant*.

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Right Hon. Lord  
John Russell to  
Lieut.-Governor  
Sir J. G. Le Mar-  
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27 April 1855.

12 April.

Sir,

Downing-street, 27 April 1855.

I TRANSMIT, for your information, the copy of a letter from the rector and churchwardens of St. George's parish, Nova Scotia, enclosing certain resolutions, passed at a public meeting, on the subject of the establishment of a Church Convention in that diocese.

You will acquaint the rector and churchwardens that I have received their communication, but that it should, in accordance with the established regulation, be transmitted through you, in order that Her Majesty's Government may have the benefit of any report or observations which the importance of the subject may require.

I have, &c.  
(signed) *J. Russell*.

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Vestry Room, St. George's Parish, Halifax, Nova Scotia,  
12 April 1855.

To the Right Honourable Lord *John Russell*.

WE, the Rector and Churchwardens of Saint George's Parish, in this city, having been delegated by a meeting of the parishioners, held on Easter Monday last, to transmit to your Lordship certain resolutions passed at that meeting in reference to the proposed Church Convention to be established in this diocese; we have now the honour to enclose for your Lordship's information the accompanying resolutions.

We feel it our solemn and conscientious duty, in conjunction with the parishioners whom we represent, respectfully to protest against the formation of any Church Synod in this diocese at present, and to beg that the Act proposed in the Imperial Parliament may not pass, as it is not required, and would only tend to produce novelties and discord among us.

The Church of England in these colonies has perfect freedom of action, and sufficient laws to govern and enforce all her proceedings; we therefore wish for no changes in her constitution or ritual; nor do we desire our Bishop to be invested with any authority beyond the legitimate prerogatives of his office.