

honor of addressing your Lordship,—I venture to express my earnest hope that instructions may be sent to the Royal Commissioners in Canada, to take into consideration the statements submitted to your Lordship in my letter of the 21st of October ; and since the intervention of the local legislature is regarded as necessary in order to any measure which would prevent the alienation of those Reserves, or provide an equivalent for the party whom they were designed to benefit, I trust that it may not be deemed improper, that in making so vast a surrender, an attempt should be made to obtain some stipulation in favor of the Church.

Should I receive any encouragement from your Lordship upon this point, I am prepared to submit to you the outline of a plan for such a purpose; which, however, if you should judge it more advisable, can be ~~forwarded~~ <sup>sent</sup> to the Commissioners by the Clergy Reserve Corporation of Lower Canada, upon their receiving directions from your Lordship to apply for it.\*

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient humble Servant,

G. J. MOUNTAIN,

Archdeacon of Quebec.

*The Right Honorable*

*The Lord Glenelg.*

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\* This proposal was answered by an offer to forward any representations to be addressed directly by the writer to the Commissioners, which offer was declined upon the ground that the Bishop of Quebec was himself in communication with them upon the spot.