

Government, and after considering the correspondence which has taken place with them, more especially during the time when the seals of this office were held by the late Lord Bathurst, and adverting also to the opinion as to the construction of the Act of 1791, given by the law officers of the Crown in 1819, and adopted by a Committee of the House of Commons in 1828, he has felt himself bound to recognize the title of the Scotch Church to share in the benefits arising from the Clergy Reserves. Hitherto his Lordship has had no opportunity of giving effect to this view; and with the exception of a small allowance in Upper Canada, and a sum of 200*l.* voted annually by Parliament, the ministers of the Scotch Church in the Canadian Provinces have accordingly been left without any assistance from the Government, while the whole of the proceeds of the Clergy Reserves in the Upper Province have been appropriated to the ministers of the Church of England. The sum which has lately accrued from the sales of the Clergy Reserves in Lower Canada offers, to a certain extent, the means of remedying this inequality, and his Lordship therefore proposes to grant some immediate assistance to the Scotch Church out of the dividends arising from the investment of this fund. Under these circumstances, and as the whole amount yet received from the sale of the Clergy Reserves in the Lower Province is but small, Lord Glenelg regrets that he cannot at present entertain the proposal of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

Rev. A. M. Campbell.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Geo. Grey.*

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To the Right Honourable Lord *Glenelg*, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonial Department.

My Lord,

THE following statement, which is respectfully submitted to your Lordship's consideration, has been drawn up by certain individuals in this country, to whose knowledge the facts of the case have come, and who hope, by making them known to others, to excite the sympathy of the Christian public to supply necessities so great and urgent as those which the statement discloses.

It is submitted to your Lordship, in the hope that His Majesty's Government (upon receiving such authentication of the facts as they may require) may be induced to give the Lieutenant-governor of Upper Canada that authority to advance money towards the supply of these and similar necessities, which appears now to be withheld, and withheld as against the communion of the Church of England alone. It is not presumed to judge of the reasons which have led Government hitherto to withhold this authority. But should they be connected, either with the allowance now given for the support of individual clergymen, or with the general question of the Clergy Reserves, it is respectfully submitted, that the erection of churches and school-houses, and a provision for the religious education of the growing population, from time to time, is of greater and more permanent importance to the interests of religion than the payment of small stipends, soon altogether to cease, to particular men; and that in this more important object Government has assisted the Church of Rome, and several dissenting communities; while the stipends of our clergy, being required for their own subsistence, are of course not available for those purposes. And if the Clergy Reserves are considered to be rightfully the property, and to be a sufficient provision for all the religious purposes of our Church in that Province, it is manifest that under present circumstances no advantage can be derived from that provision, unless Government would consent to advance money upon its security.

But in case your Lordship should consider it out of the power, or inconsistent with the policy of Government, to authorise the Lieutenant-governor to give any assistance, it will be a satisfaction to those who interest themselves in the case, to have ascertained such to be the fact from your Lordship, before they proceed to circulate any statement from which it may be inferred.

I have, &c.
(signed) *William Jocelyn Palmer,*

Rector of Mixbury, Oxfordshire.

Chapel-stairs, Lincoln's-inn,
9 March 1837.