

individual and not the church, it would be considered so monstrous a violation of right, that no man would endure it, and a full remedy would be given at common law.

In 1840, Lord Sydenham protested against bringing forward the Union measure, till the question of the Clergy Reserves was finally settled. And if there ever was a solemn compact in any nation with the Protestant Church it was the compact of 1840 on this subject.

There was an anxiety on the part of the Government to meet the wishes of the Canadian Legislature, even by sacrificing a part of the rights of the Church. The then Archbishop of Canterbury was a party to the arrangement, and all the great men of the day were called upon for counsel, and they agreed to carry a measure as near as the law laid down by the judges would permit; and upon the consent of the Church, given by the Archbishop, it was passed; and the Church in Canada, though losing 7-12ths of her property, for the sake of peace and harmony gave her consent, thinking that she would receive a full equivalent in putting away all dissention and controversy. And indeed there was peace and quietness for ten years, till our political incendiaries wanted a subject for agitation, and with the assistance of the Roman Catholics revived the question of the Reserves. And we now behold the result.

If the Legislature pass the Bill before them secularizing the Clergy Reserves, and they cannot do so without the votes of the Roman Catholic members, they will violate the principles of justice and morality, and set a precedent for subverting at any time the rights of property, and this in direct opposition to Lord Denman's opinion, one of the most able constitutional lawyers of the age, who declared that no Legislature had power to take away any man's property or that of any public body without giving in compensation a full equivalent.

I had proceeded thus far, when it struck me very forcibly, that although the 16 Vic. chap. 21, gives power to the Colonial Legislature to make certain alterations in