

gal rights of the Church of which you are both a member and an ornament, as equally so; and his accompanying this request with severe reflections upon the conduct of Government in the distribution of the Clergy reserves is really unaccountable—this is more than indelicate—it is on his part highly injudicious, and discovers such improper feeling that it must prove fatal to his application. So we think here. We think also that the dilemma in which he has taken the liberty of placing your Lordship is far from being of a pleasurable nature—if you support the claims of the Kirk, which I shall shew to be without any foundation in law, to a dividend of the Reserves, you betray the interests of the Church, and, as I shall also shew, give great offence to 49-50 of the inhabitants of Canada—Churchmen, Methodists, Independents, Roman Catholics, &c. &c. &c. If you do not support her claims, then you are exposed to the sharp point of the other horn of the dilemma, and with which he has in fact already begun to *push* your Lordship, no doubt to make you take the right direction; and your name will be associated with those who propagate Episcopacy by persecuting Presbyterians, with a Lauderdale an Aberdeen, a Perth, without the benefit of a qualifying negative. Such language is uncalled for on the present occasion—it contains the most unjust inuendo that ever words contained. There is no similarity between the state of things alluded to in it, and the state of things in the Canadas—There is no persecution here, my Lord—no sapient polemic has been as yet able to introduce it—and we hope that men of warm tempers will never have it in their power to disturb the present religious tranquility of the country. The language, the spirit, the silly attempt at reasoning in the letter can do the Kirk no good, and it may arouse, nay it has already aroused a spirit of resistance to her illegal claims, and a conciliatory spirit towards the church, never felt before in these Provinces.

If the right of the Kirk to share equally with the Church in the profits of the Clergy reserves, is so clearly founded in-law, as this gentleman supposes, why, instead of writing to your Lordship, do not the Kirk Clergy take the proper steps in the King's Courts to establish that