

having been more prudent in their invitations to their respective Clergy, no inconvenience has arisen from any proceeding on their parts. The sums which appeared on the Estimates for the year 1837, (voted in 1836) as appropriated for the stipends of additional Ministers, have been so placed upon its being intimated to Government by the Heads of the respective Churches, that it was expected provision would be made by their communions for the appointment of those Ministers pursuant to the Act. The appropriation gives no claim for stipends under any other terms having been made to enable the Government to satisfy those only which should be legally demanded.

I have the honour to be,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) RICHD. BOURKE.

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DOWNING STREET, 6th February, 1838.

SIR,

I have received Sir R. Bourke's despatch of 1st September last, in which he calls my attention to a claim preferred by the Rev. Messrs. Hetherington and Allan to a stipend of £200 a year each, founded on an intimation assumed to have been conveyed in a letter, written by my direction, to Principal Macfarlan, on 10th of March last.

As the terms of that letter have been directly misapprehended, I now enclose a copy of it, (10th March, 1837) from which you will perceive, that the only expectation held out to those gentlemen was, that they should be entitled to the Salaries of £100 a year each, on their arrival, Salaries for three additional Presbyterian Ministers to that amount having been provided on the estimate for that year. You will also observe that the letter to Dr. Macfarlan enclosed a letter to Dr. Lang, in which it was implicitly stated, that H. M. Government could not take upon themselves to anticipate the demand which might be made on the part of the various congregations of christians in the Colony for a participation in the advantages proposed for their acceptance; but that I should be prepared to receive the recommendations of the Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland on behalf of any Clergymen of that Church, who might be willing to proceed to the Colony, to be appointed to any charge to which they