

the diminution of the resources derived
from the Chase.

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In consequence of these causes
and from the certainty that these
lands would meet with a ready sale,
and by an investment of the pro-
ceeds afford a revenue, the Indians
surrendered their right of posses-
sion to the Crown in order that
the tract to them nearly unpro-
ductive might become a source
of profit and support.

It was at that time a ne-
cessary legal consequence that for
every grant of land made by the
Crown there should be a quantity of
land equal to one seventh of that so
granted, reserved and set apart
for the support of the Protestant
Clergy; this legal consequence
must be assumed to have been
known by those who made the
arrangement for the benefit of
the Indians. It appears to the
Committee more reasonable
to infer that the intention of the
parties in the disposal of these lands
was that the reserve which the law
made necessary should be made
out of them, than to infer that the
Crown were to furnish out of its
domain