

ON COLONIAL CHURCH LEGISLATION, &c.

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I have now the satisfaction of informing you that the sum of 10,000*l.* has been paid into the Bank of England to the account of Sir J. T. Coleridge and others, the treasurers of the Colonial Bishops' Fund, who will take immediate steps for investing the same in Canadian securities.

I would further suggest, in accordance with the best opinion I can obtain from the colony, that the new bishopric to be erected should consist of so much of the ancient diocese of Quebec as constitutes the district of Montreal, which is separated for judicial purposes from the districts of Three Rivers and St. Francis, and bounded by the limits of the same, under Act of the Provincial Parliament now in force.

If new letters patent are required for constituting the diocese of Quebec, as reduced in area by the foregoing arrangements, they will, of course, describe the limits of that jurisdiction as comprising the districts of Quebec, Three Rivers, and Gaspé.

It may be proper, but it can hardly be necessary, for me, in making the present communication, to say that I fully rely on your Lordship's assurance, as conveyed in Mr. Merivale's letter to the Honorary Secretary of the Colonial Bishops' Fund of 28 May 1849,* that the diminution in the "size of the diocese and archdeaconry of Quebec will not occasion any alteration in the amount of the emoluments received by Dr. Mountain in his character of Bishop of Montreal."

May I venture to express a hope that your Lordship will direct letters patent to be issued without delay, as it is important that the consecration should take place before the end of the present month.

The Right Hon. Earl Grey,
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(signed) J. B. Cantuar.

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COPY of a LETTER from Earl Grey to his Grace the Archbishop of
Canterbury.

No. 4.
Earl Grey to the
Archbishop of
Canterbury.
23 July 1850.

My Lord Archbishop,

Downing-street, 23 July 1850.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Grace's letter of the 4th instant, and to acquaint your Grace that the Queen has been pleased, by Her Majesty's letters patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, to re-constitute the Bishopric of Quebec, and to constitute the Bishopric of Montreal in the manner suggested by your Grace.

But I beg leave to acquaint your Grace, that I am of opinion that it will be desirable that the endowment which has been provided for the newly erected Bishopric of Montreal should be legally secured; and I trust that your Grace will have the goodness to make arrangements for that purpose.

I take this opportunity to call your Grace's attention to a similar suggestion which I had the honour to offer for your consideration in a letter which I addressed to your Grace on the 9th of January 1849, in regard to the endowment of the Bishopric of Victoria (Hong Kong), but to which I have not as yet been favoured with an answer.

I have, &c.
(signed) Grey.

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(No. 511.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Earl Grey to the Earl of Elgin & Kincardine.

No. 5.
Earl Grey to the
Earl of Elgin.
18 July 1850.

My Lord,

Downing-street, 18 July 1850.

I TRANSMIT to your Lordship herewith the Queen's letters patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, by which Her Majesty has re-constituted the Bishopric of Quebec in the manner therein described, and appointed the present Bishop of Montreal to the Bishopric of Quebec; and I further transmit to your Lordship herewith, a copy of the letters patent under which Her Majesty has constituted Montreal into a separate diocese.

Your Lordship will have the goodness to cause Her Majesty's original letters patent to be delivered to the Bishop of Quebec.

I am, &c.
(signed) Grey.