

to undertake it, I am induced, with the approbation of His Grace of Canterbury, to whom I have communicated your Lordship's letter, to avail myself of the confidence which you are pleased to repose in my qualifications, and to close with the projected arrangement.

I am very sure, however, that your Lordship will pardon me, if I respectfully request that my acceptance of this office may not be understood to carry with it the acquiescence of my own mind, in the decision to which His Majesty's Government have come respecting the provision to be made for the support of the Ecclesiastical Establishment in Canada, nor construed as implying in whole or in part, an abandonment of what I conceive to be the claims of that Establishment, as I have already had the honor of representing them to your Lordship. Although the exigencies of the Church and the want of relief personally experienced by the excellent Bishop of Quebec, scarcely leave me a choice as to the course which I shall now adopt, I cannot but feel not only that my own efficiency will be unavoidably and most distressingly crippled, should I survive the Bishop and succeed to his entire charge, by the want of any income attached to the See, but that the discouraging changes with which the Church at large in Canada has, within the last few years, been threatened, are such as it is the imperative duty of the Clergy to seek to avert, by every means left in their power.\*

Under the influence of these impressions, and referring to the notice of the Clergy-Reserves reported in the papers to have been taken in the speech of the Earl of Gosford, at the opening of the Session of the Provincial Parliament of Lower Canada, which has reached me since I last had the

\* The writer is engaged in endeavours to effect whatever little may be hoped for from his single exertions, during the remainder of his stay in England.