

EXTRACTS from Duke of Manchester's Commission, &c. JAMAICA. 7

upon them in regard to this, would only retard, instead of advancing a change of their ideas respecting religious matters. By degrees the old priests drop off, and a few years will furnish the province with a clergy entirely Canadian. This could not be effected without some person here exercising episcopal functions; and the allowance of a coadjutor will prevent the bishop being obliged to cross the seas for consecration, and holding personal communication with those who may not possess the most friendly dispositions for the British interests.

(12.)—Extract of a LETTER from Lord Dartmouth to Lieutenant-Governor Cramahé; dated Whitehall, 1st December 1773.

YOU may be assured that I will not fail in this consideration, to urge the justice and expediency of giving all possible satisfaction to the new subjects, on the head of religion; and to endeavour that the arrangements with regard to that important part of their interests on such a foundation, that all foreign jurisdiction be excluded, and that those professing the religion of the church of Rome, may find within the colony a resource for every thing essential to the free exercise of it, in the true spirit of the treaty.

(13.)—Extract from the Duke of Manchester's Commission, as Governor of Jamaica; dated the 13th day of November 1807.

AND we do by these presents authorize and empower you to collate any person or persons to any churches, chapels, or other ecclesiastical benefices within our said island and territories, as often as any of them shall happen to be void.

(14.)—Extract from the Duke of Manchester's Instructions, as Governor of Jamaica; dated 14th day of November 1807.

(Clause 61.)—IT being our intention that all persons inhabiting our Island under your government, should have full liberty of conscience, and the free exercise of all such modes of religious worship as are not prohibited by law; we do hereby require you to permit all persons within our said Island to have such liberty, and to exercise such modes of religious worship as are not prohibited by law; provided they be contented with a quiet and peaceable enjoyment of the same, not giving offence or scandal to the Government.

62. You shall take especial care that God Almighty be devoutly and duly served throughout your government, the Book of Common Prayer (as by law established,) read each Sunday and Holiday, and the Blessed Sacrament administered according to the rites of the Church of England. You shall be careful that the churches already built, be well and orderly kept, and that others be built as the Island shall (by God's blessing) be improved; and that, besides a competent maintenance to be assigned to the Minister of each orthodox church, a convenient house be built at the common charge for each Minister, and a competent proportion of land assigned him for a glebe and exercise of his industry; and you are to take care that the parishes be so limited and settled as you shall find most convenient for the accomplishing of this good work.

63. You are not to prefer any Minister to any Ecclesiastical Benefice in the said Island without a certificate from the Right Reverend Father in God the Lord Bishop of London, of his being conformable to the doctrine and discipline of the Church of England, and of a good life and conversation; and if any person already preferred to a Benefice shall appear to you to give scandal, either by his doctrine or manners, you are to use the best means for the removal of him.

64. You are to give orders forthwith (if the same be not already done) that every orthodox Minister within your government be one of the vestry; and that no vestry be held without him, except in case of sickness, or that after notice of a vestry summoned he omit to come.