

to deal with the subject in question upon their own judgment. But the reverse of all this is the case. The House of Assembly have accepted the invitation made to them by the Home Government, and so lately as the spring of the present year, they were engaged in the discussion of plans for disposing of the Clergy Reserves. The question was indeed postponed, but without the slightest intimation that the House despaired of coming to a satisfactory adjustment of it.

Under such circumstances Lord Glenelg does not perceive how the authority or the legitimate influence of Her Majesty's Government could be employed to secure for the clergy of the Church of England, in Upper Canada, a provision from the Clergy Reserves. Still less can his Lordship acknowledge, that any breach of faith can be justly imputed to the British Government on account of the measure taken by the Earl of Ripon, in inviting the Provincial Legislature to discharge a duty expressly reserved to them by the Constitutional Act.

Finally; The only other source from which a legal provision can be secured for the clergy in Upper Canada, is the public revenue of the Province. What hope may reasonably be indulged of obtaining supplies from that source, you are as able to form a judgment, as Lord Glenelg. His Lordship does not venture to anticipate what course the House of Assembly may think proper to pursue. Having now reviewed the different modes in which the object in contemplation might be attained, Lord Glenelg finds himself compelled to adopt the conclusion, that the question must await the decision of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province. His Lordship apprehends that you ascribe to the Executive Government powers which they do not really possess, and with which it is not in his opinion desirable that they should be invested.

I have, &c.

The Rev. Wm. Bettridge.

(signed) *Js. Stephen.*

— No. 26. —

No. 26.

Rev. A. M. Campbell to J. Stephen, Esq.
17 May 1837.

Sir,

Trafalgar-square, 17 May 1837.

I AM directed by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel to acquaint you, for the information of Lord Glenelg, that a despatch has been received from the Bishop of Montreal, containing a copy of letter addressed by his Lordship, in November last, to His Majesty's Commissioners for Lower Canada, and setting forth the urgent demand for the services of additional clergymen in that Province.

The Bishop prays, that His Majesty's Government will apply the sum of 600*l.* a year, arising from the sale of the Clergy Reserves in Lower Canada towards the maintenance of six additional clergymen in that Province, and the Society is willing to grant a like annual sum from its own resources towards the maintenance of the same number of additional clergymen in the Province of Upper Canada, provided the request of the Bishop of Montreal is complied with by the proper authorities.

I am, &c.

James Stephen, Esq.

(signed) *A. M. Campbell.*

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— No. 27. —

No. 27.

Sir G. Grey to the Rev. A. Campbell,
2 June 1837.

Sir,

Downing-street, 2 June 1837.

I AM directed by Lord Glenelg to acknowledge your letter of the 17th ultimo, on the subject of the deficiency of the present Ecclesiastical Establishment in Canada, and expressing the willingness of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel to contribute an additional sum of 600*l.* towards the clergy in Upper Canada, provided that a like sum, which has now accrued from the Clergy Reserves in the Lower Province, be appropriated by His Majesty's Government to the salaries of clergymen of the Church of England.

In reply I am to inform you, that Lord Glenelg has lately had before him repeated and very urgent representations from the ministers of the Church of Scotland in the Canadian Provinces, setting forth the injustice to which they have been subjected by the refusal to them of any participation in the proceeds of the Clergy Reserves, and claiming the fulfilment of expectations of pecuniary assistance held out to them many years ago by His Majesty's Government. Lord Glenelg has, under these circumstances, felt it his duty to enter into a full examination of the claims of the Scotch Church to assistance from His Majesty's Government.