

ne, wisely, constituted the Provinces of Lower and Upper Canada into a Bishop's See, and called it by the name of the Bishopric of Quebec. To fill so important a situation as that of the first Bishop of Quebec, it became necessary to chuse a Divine distinguished for learning, morals, probity and prudence. His Majesty, therefore, selected Dr. Jacob Mountain, as a person in possession of those eminent virtues, and appointed him, by Letters Patent, under the Great Seal of England, Bishop of Quebec and its dependencies. The Bishopric to be held by him for his natural life, and to his successors, for ever. His Lordship arrived in Canada in the month of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety three, and took possession of the charge graciously conferred on him by His Majesty. He was vested with the power to confer the orders of Deacon and Priest, to confirm those that were baptised, and that had come to years of discretion, and to perform all other functions appropriated to the office of a Bishop: to exercise jurisdiction spiritual and ecclesiastical by him or his Commissary or Commissaries throughout the said See and Diocese, according to the Laws and Canons of the Church of England. To give institution to benefices and grant Licences to Curates and to visit Rectors, Curates, Ministers and Incumbents of all the Churches within his Province. To have jurisdiction over the Rectors, Ministers, Curates, Priests and Deacons, and to have power to remove, deprive or suspend them, or other Ecclesiastical censure they might be liable to, according to the Canons and Laws Ecclesiastical of Great Britain. To appoint Commissaries under his hand and seal, who were authorised with permission of the Bishop, to give institution to Benefices, and to grant licences to Curates, and visit Rectors of all the Churches where-