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" to the Committee of
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a few extracts from the
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Churchwardens, and
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and the poor and destitute will ever be ministered to cheer-
fully, without cost or charge, yet others can hardly expect the
visits of a Clergyman, or the offices of the Church, who do not
make their due and required contributions," and that the Clergy
fully understood the Bishop's instructions in their common
acceptation, is evident from a Correspondence between J. B.
Highmore, Esq. and the Rev. James Gilchrist, on the subject
of the latter's refusal to baptize his child.

Greenspond, 1st April, 1848.

REV. SIR—I sent you a verbal message, requesting you would be
kind enough to christen my little child in the course of the morning,
which you have, I find, refused to do. I now beg leave to enquire,
on what grounds you refuse to comply with my request. You will
be good enough to remember, that I have not refused you the gen-
eral fee for such an occasion, whatever it may be.

Yours,

J. B. HIGHMORE.

Greenspond, 1st April, 1848.

SIR—I beg to inform you, that the only reason I have for refusing
to baptize your child, is simply because you contribute nothing to
the support of the Church.

You will please take notice, that there is no such thing as a
"general fee," nor any fee at all for baptism, in this place, though
such is the custom in most other places in the Island. All that is
required from the members of the Church, is simply to accede to
the wishes of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, by becoming sub-
scribers to the Church Society, every man according to his ability.
Do you become such subscriber, and you may be certain that you
will never be denied the services of the Church to which you pro-
fess to belong.

Necessity has compelled me to adopt such a course; but not
without knowing the mind of my Bishop, to whom I am to send
(at least until my salary is reduced one half in 1849) all that I can
collect.

I remain, yours truly,

JAMES GILCHRIST.

J. B. Highmore, Esq.

There is scarcely a man in the whole Island who, in his
Lordship's estimation, is so poor and destitute as to be unable
to make the required contribution, and therefore scarcely
one of whom it might not be sternly exacted by denial of the
Church's ordinances, in case of refusal, as poor Ingram's
case testifies.—Vide former Pamphlet, page 10

It may be proper to pause here, for a moment, and enquire
into the cause of this "Plan" being proposed, and of these