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should have his appeal in His Majesty's Courts, [it is thought that it would be dangerous to give him the right of enquiry into Complaints without their being referred to him by the Governm^t, the removal from a living to a better, to be of course at the pleasure of the Crown. It must be recollected that the appointment of the Grands Vicaires, must also rest with the Crown, at present they are named by the Bishop without even the Ceremony of presenting them to the Governor.

The resumption of the Lands held by the Seminary at Montreal would in like manner tend to an increase of the influence of Government, and would to a certainty lessen that of the self created community, in whose possession they now rest, the right is incontestable, and they are so sensible of it, that they make a rule of dropping all claims by which the discussion might be brought into Court, The Majority of the present Members of the Institution are french emigrant Priests, and are not amongst the least dangerous persons in the Colony; the Person at the head of it particularly is of that description, a very able, but a very artful designing Man, whose predeliction for France is not doubted: the Estate under proper management would probably produce ten thousand pounds a Year, and four would be an ample allowance to them to carry on their Establishment; The Seminary of Quebec is also in the possession of large property, to which they have an undoubted Claim, and the two together, form an ample provision for the Education of their Youth.

I will not detain your Lordship any further by a word more of apology for the extreme length of this dispatch, the occasion has seemed to me to require it, and I am yet sensible of the very deficient manner in which I have treated the subject, which I have felt it to be my duty to undertake; to remedy this deficiency, I have confided my dispatch to M^r Ryland my Civil Secretary,¹ this Gentleman has been in office here seventeen years, during the greater part of which, he has been in the Station he now holds under my administration. He possesses my entire confidence, and I am persuaded is most perfectly qualified to give every Information that your Lordship may desire, my motive indeed for sending him is that your Lordship may have a more perfect, & detailed account than it is possible to convey in a letter however long it may be.

I have the Honor to be
My Lord
Your Lordship's most obedient humble Servant
J. H. CRAIG.

Endorsed:

Quebec 1st May 1810
Lt. Gen^l Sir J. H. Craig
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OBSERVATIONS OF CHIEF JUSTICE SEWELL ON THE UNION OF
THE PROVINCES.²

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May it please your Excellency.

You have been pleased to call for my sentiments upon the present situation of Canada, and I have now the honor to submit them to your consideration and superior Judgment.

1. See page 280, note 1.

2. From the copy in the Canadian Archives, Q. 112, page 196.

In transmitting this paper to Lord Liverpool, Sir James Craig remarks that "there are few people in the Province who from long residence, a spirit of observation, and intimate knowledge of the people, is more competent to form a true judgment of the State of it, or to foresee the most effectual means of obviating the Evils to which it is liable." (Canadian Archives, Q. 112, page 193.)