

of which the object is to leave open a power of transferring the Metropolitcal jurisdiction to other Sees within the Province.

1. Because the office of Metropolitan, according to the ancient and universally received usage of the Church and the invariable practice of the United Church of England and Ireland, at home and abroad, (there being now five Metropolitan Sees in the Colonial dependencies of the Empire), is attached permanently to a particular See.

2. Because it is most highly inexpedient and undesirable to introduce into any branch of the Colonial Church any such marked deviation from ancient ecclesiastical and Anglican usage, as would be involved in substituting for the office of Metropolitan, properly understood, a sort of ambulatory jurisdiction which would shift about from See to See.

3. Because the very title of Metropolitan imports the designation of a particular city, as the permanent seat of the jurisdiction attaching to that office; and the change now intended to be provided for would thus involve a contradiction in terms.

4. Because the endeavour to modify the Letters Patent in the manner proposed, would, in the event of its being successful, nullify the professed objects of the petitions for the creation of such an office, and virtually set aside the whole of the proceedings had in the case.

5. Because the appointment of Metropolitan having been made by Her Majesty, in compliance with petitions to that effect, proceeding from three of the Caradian Dioceses, it would be a plain inconsistency on the part of the Petitioners to seek so to alter the provisions of the Letters Patent, that there might by consequence be, *in effect*, no Metropolitan See, and therefore no true Metropolitan.

6. Because the petitions for such appointment, evidently implied and brought under the consideration of the Crown an appointment of the same nature with those previously made in other parts of the Empire.

7. Because the only objection of any apparent weight, against the provisions of the Letters Patent in this behalf, being the seemingly undue preponderance of privilege assigned to the Diocese of Montreal, in electing the Metropolitan by the act of electing its own Bishops, that objection may be obviated by the transfer of such election (presuming the Diocese of Montreal to agree to the same) to the hands of the Provincial Synod, or by other methods which that Synod, in its wisdom, may devise.

8. Because the city of Montreal is central in point of local situation, and is, of all the cities in the Province, the most populous, the most considerable, the most prosperous, and the most increasing.

(Signed,)

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