

With reference to the other subject which I am charged to bring under the notice of your Lordship, I have only to renew those applications which have been received by yourself, and your predecessors in office, from the Bishop of Quebec;—strengthened as they now are by the broken and precarious state of his Lordship's health, since an alarming attack which he suffered in April last. His labours in the charge of a Diocese 1300 miles in length, in some parts not to be traversed without hardships and fatigue; his extreme devotedness in the performance of those labours, and his anxiety in conducting and closely watching the affairs of a Church composed in a great measure of newly formed and still increasing establishments, with a discouraging poverty of means at his command, are things which have unquestionably contributed to these inroads upon his constitution; and if the extent of his duties was felt to be disproportioned before to his powers, it has now (according to his own just estimate of episcopal duty) become impracticable to him without relief.

*ends* I persuade myself therefore, that His Majesty's Government, alike upon public and personal ~~goods~~, will see the necessity of acceding to his desire that a Suffragan\* Bishop should be appointed to assist him; and I have reason to know that the harassing anxiety which he experiences upon this subject, renders it particularly desirable in the present state of his health, that the arrangement should take effect with the least possible delay. It is proposed that the Suffragan should have charge of the Lower Province, and should receive a salary of £1000 sterling, per annum, to be assigned over to him from the salary of the Bishop himself;

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\* This term has not been employed in the appointment ultimately made: but the effect proposed is equally attained.