

## ONTARIO DIOCESE.

(The following appears in the Kingston *British Whig*.)

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Montreal, Sept. 12, 1861.

MY LORD.—At a meeting yesterday of the Bishop's reception committee composed of the clerical and lay delegates to the Provincial Synod, and others authorised to make arrangements and to welcome their new Bishop, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :—

“That the secretary, the Rev. H. Mulkins, is hereby requested to write to the Metropolitan in order to ascertain whether he can, under the circumstances, consecrate Dr. Lewis in St. George's Church, Kingston.”

I may add that the consecration of Dr. Lewis in Kingston would give much satisfaction.

Your answer, if in the affirmative, is intended for public information.

I have the honour to be, My Lord, your obedient servant,

HANNIBAL MULKINS.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Fulford, Lord Bishop of Montreal, Metropolitan.

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Montreal, Sept. 12, 1861.

DEAR SIR,—I received yesterday from the Secretary of His Excellency the Governor General a copy of a dispatch, dated 20th of August, from His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, in which His Grace informs His Excellency that, in conformity with the desire expressed in a letter forwarded from the Lord Bishop of Toronto, letters Patent would be issued appointing the Rev. J. Travers Lewis, LL.D., as first Bishop of the proposed See of Ontario, and that measures would be taken for giving effect to the wishes of the Synod in this respect. On the receipt of such Letters Patent, I shall be enabled to proceed to the consecration of Dr. Lewis. I had hoped that, by postponing the meeting of the Provincial Synod from July to the present time, that it might have been possible to have had the consecration in the Cathedral in this city during the session of Synod. The Duke of Newcastle, however, states that it was impossible in the short time allowed since the receipt of the decree of the Synod to complete the necessary instruments so as to admit of these reaching us in sufficient time. As soon as I receive the Letters Patent, I shall lose no time in making the necessary arrangements for the consecration, and I think it very natural and reasonable that the members of the new Diocese should wish to have the ceremony take place in, what is to be, the Cathedral Church at the See of the Bishop elect (as expressed in the letter received by me from you this day) : a wish which it will give me much satisfaction to comply with.

I have also communicated with the several suffragan Bishops on the subject ; and I hope that, in a very short time now, we may be able to inform you that the Letters Patent have arrived, and a day can be fixed for the consecration.

I remain, Rev. Sir, yours faithfully,

F. MONTREAL.

REV. H. MULKINS