

THE PROVINCE OF UPPER CANADA.

materially retarded the improvement of the Country; that by an Act passed in the reign of His late Most Gracious Majesty, provision was made for a sale of a portion of the said Reserves; that it is unjust as well as impolitic to appropriate the said Lands to the support of any one Church exclusively, and it is extremely difficult, if not altogether impracticable, to apportion or divide the same among the Clergy of all denominations of Protestants; that a large majority of the Inhabitants of this Province are sincerely attached to Your Majesty's Person and Government, but are averse to the establishment of any exclusive or dominant Church; that this House feels confident that to promote the prosperity of this portion of Your Majesty's dominions, and to satisfy the earnest desire of the People of this Province, Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to give the most favourable consideration to the wishes of Your faithful Subjects; that to terminate the jealousy and dissension which have hitherto existed on the subject of the said Reserves, to remove a barrier to the settlement of the Country, and to provide a fund available for the promotion of Education, it is extremely desirable that the said Lands, so reserved, be sold, and the proceeds arising from the sale of the same placed at the disposal of the Provincial Legislature, to be applied exclusively for that purpose. We therefore humbly pray that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to recommend to Your Majesty's Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland to pass an Act to authorize the sale of the Clergy Reserves remaining unsold, and to enable the Legislature of this Province to appropriate the proceeds thereof in such manner as may be considered most expedient for the advancement of Education.

Commons House of Assembly, }
 14th December 1831. }

(signed) Arch^d M^cLean,
 Speaker.

