

circle of catechised adherents, then we know not what constitutes an affirmation. At all events, no provision was made by commutants against the introduction of a voice from all races and creeds for the expenditure of their capital or for the exclusion of legislative enactments, co-extensive in their application with other laws of the land. The present system of administering the Clergy Reserve money is limited, and encourages centralization. It leads along ambitious paths for party purposes in religion, and when prejudices are awakened the innocent are made to suffer. The period of age anticipated and provided for by the Imperial and Provincial Governments, and supposed to be secured to each one who received and gave a specified sum at the time of a general disposal of the Reserve Funds, has been discovered to be, after thirty-three years of adoption, eight years of deprivation, and as many in equivocal chancery, wholly a futile arrangement; that a combination of men may be brought to the front, who, veiled by a construction of law not