

PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL,
(NORTH AMERICA.)

COPY OF

A MEMORANDUM transmitted to Viscount Goderich by the Rev. A. Hamilton, Secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, dated 16th May 1827, with Tables, in reference to the state of the Church in the *North American Colonies*, in the Year 1824.

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THE BISHOP of *Nova Scotia*, during the last summer, visited the greatest part of his extensive diocese; and reports, that he had travelled by sea and land more than 5,000 miles; he had consecrated 44 churches and 35 burial grounds; held 61 confirmations, at which 4,367 persons have been confirmed, none of whom were under 16 years of age; and visited every clergymen in Bermudas, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward's Island.

The number confirmed will appear small in England for the number of confirmations; but the circumstances of the two countries are widely different, as may be easily understood when it is observed, that he has had more than a mile of land for every individual confirmed. At several places the Bishop was induced to repeat the ceremony, more than once on the same day, as the time of his arrival being necessarily uncertain, those who are desirous of participating in that holy rite, which specially marks them as members of the Church of England, were unable to attend at the hour appointed; and notwithstanding the Bishop's readiness to devote every hour to the business of his visitation, great numbers were disappointed, on account of the distance at which they resided, and the difficulty of communication.