

property devoted to religious uses was doomed to spoliation. History can scarcely afford a more diabolical design.—Religion is protected by government, in the same manner, as in the States. The people are satisfied with their religion:—It preserves order, and no substitute was offered; we had no right to impose another upon them. The revenues of the clergy were not excessive, and they were benefactors to their flocks,—had patiently endured poverty and hardships, until the lands were brought to their present state of cultivation. They protect their aged parents and other relations, maintain great hospitality, and are the patrons of the people. Such is their duty and interest. So important have the parish priests been, (and few others are now in Canada) in the esteem of the British government, that great tenderness and respect have always been paid to them. It is an incontrovertible fact, that those persons in the States, who wished to pillage the clergy of Canada, have to the utmost of their power, injured the order of clergy in their own neighbourhoods. They do not support christianity, but are among its inveterate foes.

The rancour against the Catholics is most