

CANADA.

Enclosure in No. 2.

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent MAJESTY.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

Encl. in No. 2.

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council and Commons of Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly approach your Majesty, for the purpose of representing that the Legislature of this Province during the present session of the Provincial Parliament has passed an Act by which it is declared that there shall be an entire separation between Church and State in Canada, and that the Clergy Reserve funds and lands shall be appropriated to secular purposes, after providing for the salaries of existing incumbents.

That the members of the United Church of England and Ireland in this Province, are under disadvantages that are felt by no other denomination in the Province, inasmuch as they are unable to meet with their bishops and clergy in synod, in their several dioceses, to frame rules and canons for their own guidance and governance, as large numbers of them conscientiously believe that they are under restrictions from the existence of Imperial Statutes against the holding of such synods; and inasmuch as they are hereafter required to provide for the maintenance of the bishops of their Church, while they are not allowed to have any voice in their selection or appointment; and we, therefore, humbly pray that your Majesty will be graciously pleased to cause a measure to be introduced into the Imperial Parliament during its present session, to remove all obstructions that may exist or be supposed to exist, under any Statute now in force in Great Britain, to prevent the meeting of the bishops, clergy, and laity of the United Church of England and Ireland, in their several dioceses in this Province, in synod, to frame rules and canons for their own guidance and governance, and to enable them to proceed hereafter to the election of their own bishops: provided that such rules and canons are not repugnant to the laws of this Province, nor to any Act or Acts that the Legislature of Canada may hereafter pass in reference thereto.

Legislative Council Chambers,
Friday, 30 March 1855.

(signed) *John Ross,*
Speaker, Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Hall, Canada, Quebec,
Thursday, 29 March 1855.

(signed) *L. Y. Sicotte,*
Speaker, Legislative Assembly.

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Lord J. Russell
to Governor-Gen.
Sir E. Head, Bart.
4 May 1855.

(No. 3.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Honourable Lord *John Russell* to
Governor-General Sir *Edmund Head*, Bart.

Sir,

Downing-street, 4 May 1855.

I HAVE to acknowledge your despatch No. 26 of the 31st March last, enclosing an Address to Her Majesty from the Legislative Council and Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled, praying for the repeal of such English Statutes as impede the meeting of the clergy and laity of the Church of England in synod, and that the choice of the bishops may be left to the clergy and laity of each diocese.

The Address has been laid before Her Majesty, who was pleased to receive the same very graciously, and the subject will receive the earnest and attentive consideration of Her Majesty's Government.

I have, &c.
(signed) *J. Russell.*