

It is evident that the Bill now before me comes within the scope of this provision, but I do not find in your Despatches any allusion to this point, although in your speech at the close of the session you advert to an address on the subject presented to you by the Legislature. I would request you to furnish me with the necessary information on this point; but you will of course distinctly understand, that in specially calling your attention to this question of form, I do not pronounce any opinion on the essential principles of the Bill, nor in any way indicate the advice which, on a more mature consideration of its provisions, I may feel it my duty to tender to Her Majesty.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Normanby.*

No. 8.
The Marquis of
Normanby to
Sir G. Arthur,
26 June 1839.

— No. 9. —

(Separate.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Lieutenant-Governor Sir *G. Arthur*, K. C. H., to the Marquis of *Normanby*, dated Toronto, 27 July 1839.

My Lord,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, marked "Separate," of the 26th ultimo, wherein, with reference to the reserved Bill for the disposal of the clergy reserves, your Lordship directs my attention to the 42d section of the statute 31 Geo. 3, c. 31, and observes that the address from the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, as required by the provisions of the aforesaid section to be furnished, had not accompanied my Despatch respecting the reserved Bill in question.

In my speech on the prorogation of the Parliament of which I had the honour to transmit your Lordship a copy, I stated that I would transmit the Bill in question, "with your address thereon."

How, therefore, it escaped me to transmit the address which I have now the honour to forward, I am at a loss to conceive, and I beg your Lordship will believe that I regret the omission deeply.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Geo. Arthur.*

No. 9.
Sir G. Arthur to
the Marquis of
Normanby,
27 July 1839.

Enclosure in No. 9.

To his Excellency Sir George Arthur, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major-General commanding Her Majesty's Forces therein, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency,

WE, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council and Commons House of Assembly in Provincial Parliament assembled, have passed a Bill for the Sale of the Clergy Reserves, and for placing the proceeds of such sales in the hands of the Receiver-general of this province, subject to the disposition of the Imperial Parliament, for religious purposes; and we humbly request, that, in order to give effect to the same, the Bill may be transmitted to England without delay, for the purpose of being laid before Parliament previous to the signification of Her Majesty's assent thereto.

Legislative Council Chamber, }
11 May 1839. }

Jonas Jones,
Speaker.

Commons House of Assembly, }
11 May 1839. }

Allan N. Mac Nab,
Speaker.

Enclosure.