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(4.)

My Lord,

79, Pall-mall, 8 June 1850.

WITH reference to your Lordship's letter of January 19th, in which you pointed out the objections which existed to the endowment of a second bishopric in Canada East, from the Clergy Reserves Fund, I have now the honour to propose a mode of endowment from sources altogether independent of that fund, and which will entail no charge upon either the Imperial or Colonial Treasury. "The Council for Colonial Bishoprics," have raised from voluntary contributions, and have now in hand, a capital sum, amounting to upwards of 10,000 £, which, if invested in one of the banks of Canada, will produce at the legal rate of interest, 600 £ sterling a year; this capital, I have the fullest assurance will, ere long, be augmented so far, as to produce a yearly income of 800 £, which is equal to 1,000 £ colonial currency, and which the Council consider a competent salary for the new Bishop.

But until the capital shall be sufficient to produce the required annual income, the Council have obtained from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, a vote of 250 £ a year, to be charged upon the general funds of that Society in aid of the endowment of the proposed bishopric.

Concurring with the Council, that the income proposed for the Bishop is, though not large, yet sufficient, and that a secure permanent provision for the see has now been made; I trust that your Lordship will agree with me in thinking, that the time has arrived for submitting to Her Majesty the expediency of constituting the district of Montreal, in Canada East, a Bishop's see; and in the event of your concurrence in this view, I venture to recommend the Rev. Francis Fulford, M. A., as a fit and proper person to be the first Bishop thereof.

The Right Honourable Earl Grey,
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(signed) J. B. Cantuar.

(5.)

My Lord,

Downing-street, 15 June 1850.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Grace's letter of the 8th instant, on the subject of the erection of a second Protestant bishopric in Canada East.

I have much satisfaction in informing your Grace, that the endowment mentioned in your letter, appears to me to be sufficient for the proposed object, and that I will take an early opportunity of submitting to Her Majesty the name of the Reverend Francis Fulford, for the appointment of first Bishop of the see of Montreal. I feel that your Grace will concur with me in thinking, that with a view to security, the endowment should be made in a strictly legal manner, and I would suggest that it would be more satisfactory if the capital which has been raised for the support of the see, were invested in provincial securities, which equally with the banks, yield an income of 6 per cent., instead of placing it in a situation not altogether devoid of risk.

His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury.

I have, &c.
(signed) Grey.

(6.)

My Lord,

Downing-street, 29 June 1850.

WITH reference to my letter of the 15th instant, I have the honour to acquaint your Grace, that the Queen has been pleased to approve of the appointment of the Rev. Francis Fulford to be the first Bishop of Montreal, and that as soon as I am informed that the proposed endowment has been secured by the investment of the amount mentioned in your Grace's letter of the 8th instant, in trustees for this purpose, I shall be prepared to give the necessary directions for the preparation of the patent.

His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury.

I have, &c.
(signed) Grey.

(7.)

My Lord,

79, Pall-mall, 4 July 1850.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's letter dated June 29,* informing me the Queen had been pleased to approve of the appointment of the Rev. Francis Fulford as first Bishop of Montreal, and further stating that you would be prepared to give directions for the preparation of the patent as soon as the capital sum of 10,000 £ specified in my letter of June 8† had been invested in trustees for the endowment of the new see.

I have

* *Supra.*

† *Supra.*