

that purpose, contained in any Act or Acts which may be passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly of this Province, and assented to by His Majesty : Provided that no Act, for any of these purposes, shall be assented to by His Majesty, until thirty days after it shall have been laid before both Houses of Parliament in Great Britain ; nor shall it be assented to, if within thirty days, either House of Parliament shall address His Majesty to withhold his assent therefrom.

These are, in substance, the provisions by which public support is ensured for the maintenance of the Protestant Religion in this Province. It will be remarked, that they are framed with great care and circumspection, and with an evident desire that the provision should be permanent, and commensurate with the growing wants of the population. Different opinions, as your Committee is aware, have been entertained respecting the power over this provision given to the Provincial Legislature by the 41st Section of the Act ; some persons conceiving, that it extends only to the repeal of those Clauses of the British Statute which authorise allotments of land to be made, after which repeal any further appropriation of lands, for the objects specified, would from thenceforth cease ; while others maintain that it enables the Provincial Legislature not merely to interfere prospectively, but to repeal and undo as it were, the effect and past operation of the British Statute, or, in other words, to abolish, at any time, whatever endow-