

From an intimate acquaintance with those among whom we minister, we have great pleasure in being able confidently to assure Your Majesty, that these principles are firmly fixed in their minds; and that while they are most jealous of their inalienable right, as British subjects, to the enjoyment of equal civil and religious privileges, they are unwavering in their allegiance and attachment to Your Majesty's person and Government; and they feel sincere gratitude for the renewed gracious expression of your Royal will, contained in the Instructions to His Excellency Sir Francis Bond Head, that those blessings shall be secured to them and their posterity.

We also beg leave most humbly to represent to Your Majesty, that we, together with the great majority of Your loyal and devoted Canadian subjects, are conscientiously and firmly opposed to the recognition of any Church establishment within the Province. It is, therefore, with extreme regret we have learned, that during the past year fifty-seven Rectories have been established, and endowed out of the lands set apart for the support of a Protestant Clergy; notwithstanding the wishes of Your Majesty, most graciously made known through the Earl of Ripon, that the disputes which had arisen respecting the disposition of those lands, should be settled according to the wishes of its inhabitants, so often constitutionally expressed by petition, and through their representatives in the House of Assembly. We should not discharge the duty we owe to Your Majesty in the present posture of the affairs of this Province, did we not most humbly and respectfully convey to Your Majesty our full conviction, that nothing could tend more directly to weaken the attachment of the people of this country to the Parent State, than the continuance of this system of exclusive patronage of any one Church; nor could any measure more happily conduce to allay existing agitation and dissension, and to produce a more affectionate and enthusiastic devotion to Your Majesty's Government, than an assurance that this system will be no longer pursued.

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