

ted—the law which stood in our way, and in theirs also, is now, for their benefit alone, set aside—or the national treasury has been opened for their support—the patrimony of the Church, which we supposed to be unalienable, is, but not for our benefit, parcelled out—A Kirk of which we know but little, and regard still less, is raised over our heads, and placed upon an equality with the old national Church establishment, with which we have long lived in harmony and love : and all this without any real necessity or apparent advantage to either religion or the state. But she was pressing—importunate—clamorous—She had also friends who could extenuate her faults, and exaggerate her merits : while we, poor souls, quite humble and respectful, but destitute of friends, are left just where we were in reference to pecuniary aid for our ministers, but in a much worse state in reference to our feelings ; for before this change we had but one dominant Church, the Clergy of which, in general, conducted themselves so courteously that we hardly felt their superiority ; but we cannot but feel deeply mortified, at seeing this new clerical establishment created from a church, which a few days ago was on a level with ourselves.” I greatly fear, my Lord, that to grant any part of the profits of the reserves, or any other aid, to the Kirk Clergy in Canada, would be productive of more bad feeling and discontent, than any good arising out of it would ever compensate. I say this not out of ill will to the Kirk, but give my opinion as an honest man—I repeat it, therefore, that while the favour of His Majesty is confined to the Clergy of his own religion, the people will view it in the most favourable light—but they will not be equally moderate in their views, if favours of such great magnitude as those now sought by the Kirk, are extended to her to the exclusion of all other Dissenters ; and also to the prejudice of the established Church. It is well known here, that without the aid of Government, the Clergy of the Kirk can make but little progress in this country, and their present application is a proof of it ; and whether even with that aid they shall be able to succeed to any great extent, is rather doubtful. The rigid Calvinism of their creed forms an insurmountable barrier in their way,