

Ordered, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr. *M'Neill* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for their concurrence.

On motion, the Address to his Majesty on the subject of the Glebe Lands, was read, and is as follows:

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

The humble Address of the House of Assembly of
Prince Edward Island.

May it please your Majesty:

We your Majesty's faithful subjects, the Representatives of Prince Edward Island, in Colonial Parliament assembled, humbly solicit permission to lay before your Majesty this Address relative to the Glebe Lands, or Clergy Reserves, in this Colony.

By the terms and conditions of the original Grants from the Crown, one hundred acres of Land in each Township in this Island are reserved for the support of a Minister of the Gospel; and although no particular denomination is specified or referred to, the Episcopal Church claims an exclusive right to the Lands so reserved, to the prejudice of every other denomination.

We would humbly beg leave to represent to your Majesty that when the British Government first resolved on the settlement of this Colony, it appears to have been then contemplated to settle the Island with German Protestants. This measure, however, was eventually abandoned. Circumstances occurred which entirely changed the situation of the country. The original Proprietors, or Grantees, disposed of their possessions indiscriminately to persons of various descriptions. The first British Emigrants who arrived, consisted chiefly of Roman Catholics, from the Highlands, and Presbyterians, from other parts of Scotland. At the close of the Revolutionary war in America, numbers of Loyalists, expelled their native country for their attachment to the cause of their legitimate Sovereign, were encouraged, by various inducements held out by Government, to settle in this Colony. The families and descendants of those persons form a considerable portion of the present population. There are also several large Settlements of Acadian French, the descendants of those who remained on the Island at the time of its conquest. These, since the passing of the Catholic Relief Bill, are now placed on the same footing, with respect to civil and political privileges, with your Majesty's Protestant subjects.

The adherents to the Church of England compose a very small proportion of the population, and have only two small Churches in the whole Colony, to one of which the Members of the Church of Scotland possess a joint right. On the other hand, there are numerous places of worship scattered throughout the Province, erected and maintained for the accommodation of the various persuasions of Christians who are unconnected with the Established Church.

Though, we humbly presume, has been shewn to make it obvious to your Majesty that, from the present state of society in this Island, the granting the Lands in question exclusively to any one particular denomination of Christians could not fail to be viewed as a very partial measure, and one which would inevitably produce a very general feeling of discontent throughout the Colony.

It must be equally evident, that any attempt at a subdivision of the Lands among the various and discordant claimants, for the purpose for which they were originally reserved, would prove abortive and impracticable.

We, therefore, humbly submit the expediency and propriety of appropriating those Reserves for the encouragement and support of Elementary Schools—an object which the Legislature has much at heart, but which the Revenue of the Island, from the many claims upon it, is inadequate to accomplish.

We beg leave to express our confident assurance, that, were your Majesty graciously pleased to concede to the wishes of your faithful subjects, by permitting this measure to be carried into effect, it would be attended with the most salutary and beneficial consequences. The Members of the English Church are sensible of the utility of the measure, and eager for its adoption. It would be hailed with unmingled satisfaction by all classes, as all would participate in its advantages.

May it therefore please your Majesty to take this subject into your gracious consideration, and make such order thereon as to your Majesty may seem meet and proper.

Ordered, that the said Address be agreed to.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. *Dalrymple*, that the Lieutenant Governor be requested to forward the said Address—and that a committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency with the same, together with the following Address:

To His Excellency Colonel JOHN READY, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Island Prince Edward, and the Territories thereunto adjacent, Chancellor and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency:

The House of Assembly, having unanimously agreed to submit to His Majesty an humble Address, praying that the Glebe Lands or Clergy Reserves in this Colony, may be appropriated towards promoting the Instruction of Youth in the elements of useful learning, most respectfully request that your Excellency will be pleased to forward the same to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be by him laid before His Majesty. From the idea the House entertain of your Excellency's disinterested regard for whatever concerns the general welfare, and from the ardent zeal you have unceasingly evinced for the advancement of education, they are encouraged to hope that your Excellency's influence will be exerted to promote the object of the Address.

Ordered, that Mr. *Dalrymple* and Mr. *Brecken* be a committee for that purpose.

Ordered, That Mr. *Speaker* do make known to his Excellency the Lieut. Governor the wish of the House, that he will be pleased to order the Acts passed this Session to be published in the Prince Edward Island Register; and that he will direct a copy of the said Acts, when printed, to be sent to each Member of this House, and also that each of the Justices of the Peace be furnished with a copy thereof as soon as possible.

Resolved,—That *John Stewart, Esq.* Speaker, Mr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Dalrymple*, Mr. *Mabey*, Mr. *Owen* and Mr. *Brecken*, or any three of them, be a committee to correspond on behalf of this House with *John Bainbridge, Esq.* the Colony Agent—and that his Majesty's Council be invited, by Message, to nominate a Committee of Council to co-operate with the above named Committee.

Ordered, that Mr. *M'Neill* do carry a copy of the foregoing Resolution to his Majesty's Council.

Messages from the Council

Mr. *Nantes* delivered the following written Messages from His Majesty's Council.

"On motion, ordered, that the Hon. the Chief Justice and the Hon. *T. H. Haviland* be a committee on the part of his Majesty's