

Governor with the advice of the Executive Council for establishing Christ's Church in Montreal, under the directions and provisions of the statute of the 31st year of His Majesty's reign as a Parsonage or Rectory."

At the same meeting a resolution was passed agreeing that as soon as the above request could be accomplished a piece of ground in a proper situation should be purchased and enclosed as a burying ground. At this time Sir Alured Clark held the situation of Lieutenant Governor in Canada, and according to the terms of the foregoing resolutions, petitions were transmitted both to him and to the Lord Bishop dated the 5th of November 1792, praying to be erected into a Parsonage or Rectory to enable the Clergyman and Churchwardens as a corporate body to purchase and hold fixed property according to the laws of the Province.

Nothing appears to have been done in furtherance of the object prayed for in their petitions at the time;—but in the subsequent year (1793,) an event took place which had a material effect upon the state of the English Church in this country. We allude to the erection of the Provinces of Upper and Lower-Canada into an Episcopal See, which was done under His Majesty's letters patent, bearing date the 20th of June in the thirty third year of His late Majesty's Reign. The same year the Right Reverend Jacob Mountain was appointed to that See. By this means the benefit of Episcopal jurisdiction was more effectually extended to Canada, than it had hitherto been when under the Bishop of Nova-Scotia, whose residence at a distance so remote, rendered him less able to discharge the duties incident to such an office.

The Protestant Congregation of Christ's Church in Montreal, whose ardent zeal in support of the Church had been so conspicuous upon several previous occasions, were not the latest to feel and acknowledge the value which this event was calculated to confer upon their Church. Soon after the arrival of the Bishop at Quebec, the Clergyman and Church-wardens with the concurrence of the Congregation addressed to him a letter of congratulation which appears to have been dated the 28th of December 1793. Along with this letter they sent copies of the petitions they had formerly addressed to the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia and the Lieutenant Governor praying that they might be erected into a parsonage or Rectory, and soliciting the Lord Bishop's influence with the Lieut. Governor for the attainment of that object. These applications do not however appear to have been attended with the wished for success at that time, for Christ's Church in Montreal was not incorporated until several years subsequent to this period as we shall see in the sequel.

The zeal and harmony which had hitherto actuated this congregation, crowning their efforts with success; received a temporary check in the year 1800, in consequence of some differences which arose between them and their pastor the Rev. Mr. Tunstall who had previous to that time succeeded to the situation of Rector on the death of the Revd. Mr. Delisle. It is not necessary in this place to enquire into the origin or