

a sum of £175 had been deducted for the expenses of management, and that at the date of the last communication on this subject, £250 remained in the hands of the Receiver General, being the gross produce of the whole revenue of an estate of 954,488 acres.

An attempt has been made to dispose of this estate by sale. The Canada Company, established by the Act, 6th Geo. IV. cap. 75, agreed to purchase a large portion of these reserves at a price to be fixed by Commissioners; 3s. 6d. per acre, was the price estimated, and at this sum an unwillingness was expressed on the part of the Church to dispose of the Lands.

The Government, therefore, have made arrangements with the Company, and an Act has since been passed authorising the sale of these Lands to any person desiring to purchase them, provided the quantity sold does not exceed 100,000 acres each year.

As your Committee entertain no doubt that the reservation of these Lands in Mortmain is a serious obstacle to the improvement of the Colony, they think every proper exertion should be made to place them in the hands of persons who will perform upon them the duties of settlement, and bring them gradually into cultivation.

That their value, whatever it may be, must be applied to the maintenance of a Protestant Clergy, there can be no doubt.— And your Committee regret that there is no prospect, as far as a present and a succeeding generation is concerned, of their produce being sufficient for that object, in a country where wholly unimproved land is granted in fee for almost nothing to persons willing to settle on it. It is hardly to be expected that, with the exception of some favoured allotments, responsible tenants will be found who will hold on lease, or that purchasers of such Land will be found at more than a nominal price.