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## CIRCULAR TO THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

Montreal, Nov. 6, 1850.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,

At the General Meeting of the newly constituted Church Society for the Diocese of Montreal, held 30th Oct. at the National School, Montreal, it was resolved, "That the Clergy be requested to use their best endeavours to procure subscribers to the Society, previous to the General Meeting appointed to be held on the 3rd Tuesday in January."

I need scarcely do more than refer you to the preceding resolution, as you must be perfectly aware of the great importance of our all doing our utmost to support a Society so closely connected with the interests of the Church in this Diocese.

Believe me,  
Rev. and Dear Sir,  
Yours faithfully  
F. MONTREAL.

## DIOCESE OF QUEBEC. CLERGY RESERVES.

A meeting of the Members of the Church of England was held, pursuant to public advertisement, in the National School House, Quebec, on the 30th Oct. for the purpose of adopting a petition to the Imperial Parliament against the measures introduced into the House of Assembly, during the last Session, respecting the Clergy Reserves. The meeting was numerously attended by persons of all classes in the community, who evinced great interest in the proceedings, and appeared fully to participate in the warmth of feeling displayed by some of the speakers upon the important subject for which they had assembled.

The Lord Bishop of Quebec, having taken the Chair, observed that, in proceeding to business in a matter so important to the welfare of the Church, it was proper to begin by invoking the Divine blessing. The meeting having been accordingly opened with prayer, his Lordship explained the object of calling it, and entered at some length into the history of the Clergy Reserves, urging, upon different grounds, the necessity of strenuous exertion in the present crisis.

It was then moved by the Hon. W. Walker, seconded by Mr. Jessopp, and Resolved,

1st. That the Act of the Imperial Parliament, passed in 1791, 31 Geo. III., c. 31, comprehending the appropriation of the lands called the Clergy Reserves in the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, for the support and maintenance of a Protestant Clergy, and indicating in all its following clauses the Clergy of the Church of England, and no other, as the body who were to be supported and maintained, was the basis of the standing provisions introduced into this country by the Crown of Great Britain for the spiritual wants of the inhabitants.

Moved by Mr. Forsyth, seconded by Mr. LeMesurier, and Resolved,

2d. That the Act 5 and 6 Victoria, c. 78, was understood by all parties to be the final disposal of the questions which had been agitated in the Colony upon the subject of the Clergy Reserves, and that the faith of the Government has all along been considered as virtually pledged to the maintenance of the said Act.

Moved by Mr. H. S. Scott, seconded by Mr. Wainwright, and Resolved,

3d. That the actual condition of the Church of England in this country is, in all points of view, as far removed as possible from

affording any plea which can justify the attempt to despoil her of her Endowments;—and the position of the Church in consequence of the Address of the Legislative Assembly in their last Session, respecting the Clergy Reserves, is a most unlooked for and alarming one; and that it is the duty of every member of the Church to do what in him lies to avert the threatened consequences of such an interference.

Moved by Mr. Bonner, seconded by the Hon. J. M. Fraser, and Resolved,

4th. That in this unparalleled emergency it becomes necessary for the members of the Church to address their respectful but most earnest remonstrances to the Crown and Parliament of Great Britain against the object of the Address from the Legislative Assembly.

Moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Mr. P. Sheppard, and Resolved,

5th. That this Meeting approves of, and adopts, the Draft of a Petition to the three branches of the Imperial Parliament, now submitted.

(The Petition was here read by the Rev. Official Mackie, D. D., who acted as Secretary of the Meeting.)

Moved by Mr. R. Symes, seconded by Mr. T. H. Dunn, and Resolved,

6th. That a Committee be now appointed to prepare the Petition for transmission and to obtain signatures to the same.

Moved by Mr. Maclaren, seconded by Mr. W. Poston, and Resolved,

7th. That the Clergy and Wædens of the Cathedral and Chapels of the Parish, with the Movers and Seconders of the Resolutions, do compose the said Committee.

Moved by Mr. Nettle, seconded by Mr. Hall, and Resolved,

8th. That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Ecclesiastical Gazette and other papers of the City.

On motion of Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Jessopp was called to the Chair, and it was then

Moved by Mr. Davies, seconded by Mr. Maclaren, and Resolved,

That the thanks of the meeting be given to the Lord Bishop for his able conduct in the Chair.

The meeting was then closed with the benediction pronounced by his Lordship; and a considerable number of signatures to the petition were obtained before the termination of the proceedings.

The petition lies for signature at Messrs. T. Cary's and H. S. Scott's in the Upper town: Mr. Jessopp's and Messrs. E. and W. Poston's in the Lower Town, and Mr. Worthington's, St. John Street, St. John Suburbs.

A copy of the proposed petition, in pursuance of the Circular of the Lord Bishop, (printed in the number for Sept.) has been sent, for signature, to every Mission in the Diocese.

## INCORPORATED CHURCH SOCIETY.

Montreal, 9th October, 1850.

The stated Meeting of the Central Board was held this day, at the National School House, at 2 o'clock, P. M. Present: The Lord Bishop of Quebec, in the Chair; the Revs. Dr. Bethune, Dr. Leach, Dr. Adamson, C. Bancroft, T. A. Young, J. Irwin, J. Fulton, R. Lewis, A. W. Mountain, W. Bond, J. Pyke, J. Torrance, C. Morice, W. Anderson, and J. Flanagan; Col. Wilgress, Dr. Holmes, and E. L. Montizambert, T. B. Anderson, C. N. Montizambert, W. McTavish, and H. N. Patton, Esqrs.

The proceedings having been opened with prayer, the Minutes of the last Meeting were read.