

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 Protestant Episcopal 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 28th of June in the thirty third year of His late Majesty's Reign. The same year the Right Reverend Jacob Lord Bishop was appointed to that See. By this means the benefit of an 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 Episcopal religion 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 Lieutenant 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 untill 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 Revd. 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 nature of these differences ; they appear to have been taken up in a very serious point of view by the Congregation ; and were followed by an application to the Lord Bishop of Quebec praying that Mr. Tunstall might be removed for the situation of Rector of Christ's Church in Montreal and another Clergyman appointed in his stead. The Lord Bishop seems to have seen the propriety of complying with this request for the following year (1801,) we find the Rev. Dr. Mountain who had hitherto acted as the Bishop's official was removed from Quebec and appointed as Rector to Christ's Church in Montreal ; while the Revd. Mr. Tunstall was placed in another charge ; and by these judicious steps, the usual harmony was restored.

Matters continued in this propitious course without any occurrence of sufficient importance to deserve notice here, until the year 1803, when a calamity befell in the city of Montreal in which Christ's