

We trust, therefore, that you will use your endeavours to prevent the recurrence, in future, of a proceeding against which we respectfully, but decidedly, protest.

Signed by

ROBERT PROWSE, } Churchwardens.  
EDWARD L. JARVIS, }  
JAMES SIMMS, Judge Supreme Court.  
WILLIAM THOMAS, Member of Council.  
E. M. ARCHIBALD, Attorney General.  
CHARLES SIMMS, Regr. of Sup. Court.  
C. AYRE, Acting Colonial Secretary.  
N. W. HOYLES, Barrister and M. H. A.  
HARCOURT MOONEY, Barrister.  
GEO. WINTER, retired Ord. Storekeeper.  
JOHN WINTER, M. D.  
C. W. BINDON, late Major R. N. C.  
E. L. MOORE, Her Majesty's Customs.  
NOEL HANMER, Ord. Department.

And forty other Merchants, Gentlemen, and Members of the Church.

*St. John's, 22nd October, 1852.*

My Dear Friends,—

I cannot express to you what I felt on the receipt of your communication, which, though dated the 14th October, only reached me yesterday.

The kindly sentiments you have expressed towards myself are deeply felt, and most gratefully acknowledged, and the views you have taken respecting the late innovations at St. Thomas's Church, entirely coincide with my own. I presume, although your letter does not state this, that the use of the Surplice in the Pulpit, by Mr. Moreton, on Sunday the 10th inst., has led to the remarks you have made upon that point; and I think it due, both to you and myself, briefly to explain the facts of the case.

On the morning of that day (having been expressly forbidden by Dr. Kielley to leave my home) I wrote to Mr. Moreton especially requesting him to use the Gown in the Pulpit, lest he should give offence to the Congregation, and not knowing whether he received my note or not, I asked Mrs. Blackman to meet him in the Vestry before service, and explain to him my wishes on the subject. Mr. Moreton did receive my note, and did hear the statement I had asked Mrs. Blackman to make; and yet he preached in the Surplice.

The consequence, as you are aware, was, that several people left the Church, and, as I hear, the rest were so offended