

scribed denominations would average \$1000!! while, as shewn above, the privileged two have received for the same period no less than \$300,000!!! Were the numbers of each denomination compared, and the mode of reckoning church statistics carefully considered, the injustice of this act would appear tenfold more aggravated than is even shown by the above.

Let us refer to a few indisputable facts as to Denominational numbers. In the evidence given before a Select Committee of the Assembly in 1828, it was proved from the testimony of Episcopalians themselves and others, that the number of persons in the *congregations* of that sect was about 1 in 100 of the population; and that the number of *communicants* was only about 1 in 243. But allowing the latitude, absurdly claimed by "the lesser Babylon" in England and elsewhere, to assume all as "Churchmen" who do not affiliate with others, the proportion was reckoned to be from one-twentieth to one-tenth of the population of the Province.

It was also proved that the number of *communicants* among the Episcopalians was only about one-nineteenth of the number in other churches, and that the Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptists, and Roman Catholics, were *respectively* more numerous than that sect. The rapid increase of the Nonconformists in the Province, since that evidence was obtained, warrants us to assume the above proportions to hold good in 1848.

Yet with the full knowledge of those facts standing on the Records of our Parliament, did the Imperial Government in 1840, under the direction no doubt of the Bench of Bishops, devote by Act of the British Legislature, two-thirds of all the Reserves sold prior to that period, and two-sixths of all that should be sold afterwards, to the exclusive use of the Episcopalians, whose congregations numbered but *one per cent.* of our population!; and, to the Residuary Presbyterians who form but a small fraction of our population, the remaining third of the lands sold prior to 1840, and one-sixth of those which should be sold afterwards! That is, ALL the Lands sold before 1840 go to the privileged sects, *besides the half of all that should be sold afterwards!!* A more monstrous act of public injustice never disgraced the annals of any civilized country in the world, and any people who would calmly submit to it, deserve to be slaves. Reader, did you ever before fathom this ocean of iniquity?

But the Rights of men are not dependent upon numbers, nor are their civil privileges to be made dependent upon their religious opinions. If the Episcopalian communicants were as 243 to 1, instead of 1 to 243 of our population,—that *one* possesses rights which should be held sacred and inviolate: he has an inalienable right to worship God as he pleases; and if, because of his religious opinions, he is deprived of any civil benefit whatever enjoyed by others, it is a clear infraction of his rights, and he is made the victim of persecution. If so, how much indirect persecution has been employed against Protestants and others by the Government in past times? How vast is the catalogue of crimes