

little will that avail, when we find it placed under the direction of Dr. Strachan, with a body of governors, baptised into the same high church spirit, and having a lively sympathy with the principles and aims of one of the most active and least scrupulous of all the abettors of the pretensions of the would-be dominant Church? The President and governors of the College will in the first instance at least, be composed, with few exceptions, of that faction which, as all the world knows, are animated by the very same sentiments to which, in a moment of frenzy, one of their number has given a frank and unreserved expression.

McGill College in Lower Canada, in consequence of a most anomalous statute, concocted, it has been said, by the late Bishop Mountain, erecting a Royal Corporation for the advancement of learning, invested with an absolute and universal controul, over all public funds, and seminaries of education in the Province, is virtually under the exclusive controul of the Bishop of Quebec, and his clergy or partizans.—We are not chargeable with the slightest disrespect to the Anglican Clergy, when we say that, like all communities, they will, if allowed to possess this paramount authority and influence, exercise it more or less for their own aggrandizement.

Is it not a fact, at this moment, that Government patronage and bounty have been in a manner exclusively lavished upon them; and we really wish that some friend to the liberal cause, would take the trouble to draw up and publish a simple statement of all the offices, honors, emoluments, and grants, of various kinds and from various sources, made in their favor, to stop the mouths of those modest gentlemen who rise up gravely to tell us that we have no religious grievances, no preferences or partialities to complain of! What will not some men deny?

It is a fact not very honorable—we grieve that we are compelled to adopt such language—to either the Home or the Colonial Government, that, with all this lavish expenditure and liberal patronage to the Church of England Clergy, numerous petitions from their Scottish brethren in Lower Canada, though representing a population not less numerous, important, or deserving, have been most unwisely and shamefully neglected—pledges, express and solemn pledges on the part of the Government, to comply with their just and moderate claims have been forgotten and disregarded—not one fraction of the thousands voted by the British Parliament has been extended to them; and—only a paltry sum of one hundred pounds sterling, out of the Provincial Treasury, has been given to two of their number, the senior ministers of Quebec and Montreal.

Weigh all this, and who shall deny that there is much room for apprehension and distrust, until we obtain something more satisfactory than mere professions—thus notoriously and scandalously belied by facts—that the Government have relinquished all views towards the erection of a dominant church, and are, not only in profession but in practice, prepared henceforth to know no distinctions between one denomination of their subjects and another.

\*See Note B.