

ters are known. Of this the Marriage act in this Province is a proof: her Ministers cannot solemnize marriage (as the Church Clergy can) without being first licensed for that purpose, as other Dissenters are. While, therefore, she possesses not *one* legal attribute of a national church in Canada, she has *all* the attributes of a Dissenting one.

The reasons given by the gentleman to shew that an application to the Colonial Legislature in favor of the Kirk, would not be *now* advisable, do not contain the strongest objections to that measure which he might have mentioned—he might have added more, and more weighty ones—such as a fear that the Legislature of Upper Canada have changed their mind since 1824—that they might now prefer leaving the Clergy reserves in the hands of the present legal possessors—or, they might be disposed to divide them among all the sects without distinction, or, to appropriate them to endow a College and Schools,—or they might think it a mere waste of time to legislate about them at all, from a conviction that His Majesty would not be willing to deprive the clergy of his own Church in Canada, of any part of the patrimony settled upon them by an act which had received his late Royal father's assent—or, that as they know the real state of public opinion—of the genius of the people—of their disesteem of Scotch Presbytery—of their great aversion to a second national church establishment—of the absence of all necessity for such an establishment, from the smallness of the number of the Kirk protestant family here, and the largeness of the number of the other protestant families—they could not be misled by the false and inflated statements of the gentleman, and might be disposed to put an extinguisher upon the claims of the Kirk, by petitioning His Majesty to apply the reserves otherwise than according to their wishes.

But the reasons he has given discover more stateliness and bad temper than truth or modesty. Examples of stateliness—The Legislature of Upper Canada do not *understand or disregard* the rights of the Scotch Church—Equally stately and insulting. A regularly ordained