

SESSIONAL PAPER No. 29b

January 16.

To Sir Howard Douglas. With reference to the recent despatches from Lord Bathurst, he had already informed Sir James Kempt that application to Legislatures for temporary relief would be worse, than useless. Glad to find Sir Howard agree with him. He is, also, of opinion that the time is very remote when any grant of unallotted lands would provide revenues adequate to needs of Church, and is grateful to Sir Howard for pressing on Lord Bathurst the necessity for continued assistance from Government and from Society. Is pleased with Land Board suggested by Sir Howard. He had named, at Sir J. Kempt's desire, the following who would be suitable members: Lieut. Governor, Bishop, Chief Justice, Archdeacon, and President of the College. He, also, thought the Surveyor General and Speaker of the Assembly would make desirable additions. A similar board might answer the requirements of New Brunswick, which, by the way, might be a separate diocese before the land became of value. If a local board was not considered necessary, the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel might be made trustees and almoners of the Crown. He agrees with Sir Howard that a number of small grants would be more desirable than one large grant. Discusses legal measures which may be necessary.

January 19.

To Rev. A. Hamilton (notes of letters). A plan suggested for improving and reserving lands as property of Crown until they become of some value, and then transfer them to the Church. Thus odium would be avoided until there is benefit. Recommends that Newfoundland missionary be not peremptorily placed. Mr. Jackson favourably mentioned. Mr. Alley's will. Recommends relief to Mr. Shreve, payment of Mr. Inglis' removal expenses, some increase to Mr. Weeks, relief to Mr. Bacon, that Mr. McCawley be employed during vacation, schoolmasters at Nashwaak, approval of Messrs. MacColla and Milner as exhibitors, appointment of Mr. Nesbitt as catechist to the negroes.

January 29.

To Robert Cutler. A request from the trustees of school lands in different parts of the province, that he protect the school lands at Guysborough. (A similar letter was sent to W. O. Hefferman and to Isaac Wylde, Decr. 19, 1827).

February 10.

To Otto S. Weeks. Holding his application for Holy Orders in suspense, till further conditions be complied with.

February 17.

To the Archbishop of Canterbury. Submitting two alterations in the College Statutes, the object of which is to remove the objections of Dissenters to the institution. The second of the two is to enable the authorities to dispense with subscription to the Thirty-nine Articles, in cases where there remain conscientious objections thereto.

To Chief Justice Saunders of New Brunswick. Suggesting amendments in the Militia and Marriage Acts in the interests of the clergy. It seems hard that they should have to find a substitute or else pay a fine for their exemption from service. As to the Marriage Act, he suggests a change in regard to the repositing of evidence of marriage with the Clerk of the Peace. Another thing is the impropriety of allowing Magistrates to marry where there is a clergyman residing. Special commissions might be issued licensing persons to marry, where it was absolutely necessary. The Archdeacon might be entrusted with the duty of naming such persons. If any attempt should be made to obtain permission for Dissenters to marry by