

APPENDIX.

My opinion rather leans to the opposite inference; and if that be the proper interpretation of the clause, in reference to the Bible, then the Boards of Education are authorized, under the previous provision of the same Section, to choose and select such Books as may be used in the Schools.

(Signed)

JAMES SIMMS.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
19th June, 1839.

Sir,

I have received and laid before the Governor your letter of the 12th inst. and in reply I am directed to say, that divided as this Community is into two equal parts, as respects religious profession, His Excellency is of opinion that no Book should be introduced into the Schools established and supported by the Public, under Colonial enactments, which, though accepted by one sect, is objected to by the other. The authorized version of the Scriptures is accepted by the Catholics—the Douay version is rejected by the Protestants—consequently the introduction of either may be the means of driving from the said Schools, Children of the one or the other persuasion. Such his Excellency imagines was the impression of the Legislature in passing the amended Education Act; but in consequence of the accompanying opinion of the Attorney General, he withdraws his objection stated in my letter of the 13th ultimo, and, as far as his sanction is required, gives it to the Rules and Regulations adopted by the Board of which you are Chairman.

I have, &c.

(Signed,)

JAMES CROWDY.

The Revd. W. BULLOCK,
Trinity.

Placentia and St. Mary's.

An Account of the Number of Schools and Scholars, together with the cost and expenditure attending the same, in the District of Placentia and St. Mary's, for the year ending 6th May, 1838.

| Place of abode. | Number of Schools. | | No. of Scholars in constant attendance. | | Teachers Salary. | | Stationery for the whole of the Schools. | Remarks. |
|------------------|--------------------|---------|---|---------|------------------|---------|--|---|
| | Male. | Female. | Male. | Female. | Male. | Female. | | |
| Great Placentia | 1 | 1 | 24 | 51 | £ 20 | £ 20 | | The sum of £20 is still in the hands of the Treasurer: it was voted for a Female Teacher at St. Mary's for 1837, but in consequence of not being able to get one, that sum has now been given by the Board of Commissioners for a Winter School at Branch and Holyrood, both in St. Mary's Bay. |
| Little Placentia | 1 | 1 | 53 | 53 | 30 | 20 | | |
| St. Mary's | 1 | 1 | 22 | 14 | 30 | 20 | | |
| Trepassy | 1 | | 43 | 8 | 20 | | | |
| Red Island | 1 | | 13 | 10 | 12 | | | |
| Harbor Bouffet | 1 | | 15 | 12 | 10 | | | |
| Total | 6 | 3 | 170 | 148 | 132 | 60 | £8. 0 0 | £200 0 0 Stg. |

W. G. BRADSHAW,
Chairman.