

determination, I must, as a sincere and honest man, plainly and unequivocally declare that I cannot and shall not advocate the support of societies and corporations which may be made the engine of furthering doctrines and practices subversive of the Church of England as I received it. For these reasons, I decline having anything to do with the Endowment Fund, or the establishment of a paper concerning which I received a circular a short time since from one of the Cathedral clergy; reserving for the present my judgment relative to the Diocesan Church Society, &c.

Again regretting the serious juncture to which I am driven, and simply adding that I shall, with God's help do my duty to Him and my country, in striving to preserve in its purity and integrity the Church of Christ,

I am, my Lord,

Very truly,

G. W. HILL.

The Right Reverend, the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia.

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*From THE BISHOP to Rev. G. W. HILL.*

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HALIFAX, Nov. 5th, 1866.

*Reverend Sir,—*

My time has been so fully occupied with duties imperatively demanding my attention, that I have been unable, had I been so disposed, to write an earlier answer to your letter. Moreover, I have had grave doubts whether, considering its tone and temper, it would be consistent with due regard for my official character and position to do so; but remembering that "the servant of the Lord must be patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves," and that you are one of those for whom I must hereafter give account, I have at length determined to make an effort to open your eyes, and to shew you the true character, according to my judgment, of the course which you have adopted.

In the first place, with respect to ———, you know that the conditions on which he bound himself to give — to the Lord's treasury, towards the maintenance of the Ministers of the Gospel, have long since been fulfilled. The case is very simple; *he has given his bond to God*, and there can be no difficulty in deciding whether you, as his spiritual adviser, should recommend him to