

sincere respect for your Royal Person, and of hearty loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign.

We desire to be permitted to congratulate your Royal Highness, in our own name and that of our congregations, on your safe arrival in this the most ancient of the Colonial Possessions of the British Crown ; and we sincerely hope that the visit may be as full of satisfaction to your Royal Highness as it is of interest and gratification to all classes of people in this Island, and to none more so than to ourselves, who see in this visit so distinguished a mark of the consideration of our Gracious Queen for every portion of Her extended Empire.

Although, as Ministers of the Church, we abstain from mixing in the Politics of the day, we can assure your Royal Highness that none of Her Majesty's subjects are more devoted in their attachment to the Crown and Constitution of the Mother Country in Church and State ; none more earnest in inculcating obedience to the Laws, and submission to the Higher Powers. And no thought or remembrance is more grateful to us and our flocks, than that of our connection and union with that Branch of the Catholic Church of which the Kings of England have been for so many generations the nursing Fathers, and Queens the nursing Mothers.

The duties of the Clergy in Newfoundland are performed under circumstances of great difficulty and disadvantage, arising from the general poverty of the people, their scattered abodes, and unsettled manner of life ; but we humbly trust that the very large increase in the number of our Churches and of the Congregations in the last few years, and, we may add, the good order and morality which generally prevail, afford some satisfactory evidence that our labour is not in vain in the Lord, and justify the sympathy and assistance we receive from the Mother Country, particularly through the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

We esteem it a high privilege that in our Cathedral Church we are enabled daily, throughout the year, to offer up united petitions to the Fountain of all goodness, as well for your