

insisted on the set of Union, and on the pledges given for the maintenance of the Church, and he referred to a variety of declarations, the most solemn disclaimers from Roman Catholic bodies and leaders of any intention or desire to interfere with the Protestant Church. He must now, without design to give offence to Roman Catholic members, read the terms of the oath taken by them on entering the House, and intended by the Legislature expressly as a security for the Protestant Church. Having read it with great earnestness, and amid a profound silence, he appealed to every Roman Catholic gentleman who was present to make up his mind whether he would or would not take an oath in accordance with the terms of that Oath. What was it that the Catholics now ask? They tell you that they will not take your Church endowments in connexion with the State, or any other provision which the State can make for them; and that they will not allow the State to continue its alliance with the Protestants. If there was any real grievance pressing on the Roman Catholics, he was ready to co-operate for the removal of it. He saw no objection to an enactment, giving liberty to the owners of land in Ireland to settle it for the uses of the Roman Catholic clergy in that kingdom. If, said his lordship, you show that there is a practical grievance; if there is anything that can go to improve the condition of the Roman Catholic population and property, you will not need the part of head or body of Government any disqualification to meet their claim, with the consideration which I admit is due to a priesthood connected with so large a body of her Majesty's subjects. But to any proposition to terminate the Established Church I cannot consent. Again, in the first place, any attempt to pass a vote of censure, which, in my conscience, I believe to be unmerited, I shall humbly and firmly protest; and against the confiscation of the property of the Church I shall raise my voice as long as I have a voice to raise. (Cheers.)

We must also make room for the following extract from the speech of Sir Wm. Follett, in the same debate:—

I should be extremely sorry to go into any discussion upon the state of the Protestant Church in Ireland; but when I know that the measures her Majesty's ministers propose to the house are good for Ireland, and when I hear it declared that no measure can possibly be more in restoring peace and tranquillity in that country as long as the Protestant Church is allowed to exist;—when I hear the noble Lord and the hon. Gentleman opposite, and the noble Lord and the Liberals in their Cabinets on the other, as the result of a preconcerted plan, emanating from the Colonial Office, to put down Responsible Government in the

Colonies.—

"FREE CHURCH" RIOTING.—The following detail of very dreadful proceedings in the church of Tarbet, on Sunday last, has been sent us by a highly respectable correspondent:—

"The anti-Christian spirit among some of the Ross-shire folks commonly called 'Free Churchmen,' though slumbering somewhat, does not appear to be altogether subdued, as the following statement of facts most clearly proves. The Rev. Mr. M'Brat, of Kilnuir Easter, presided on Sabbath last in the church of Tarbet, lately vacated by the resignation of Mr. D. Campbell, and when about to commence the English sermon a party of half a dozen had assembled in the church (a place recently put up in the immediate vicinity of the church,) who joined a party who had previously been engaged in destroying the carriages of those who had come to attend church. They assembled themselves in a body round the church, commenced shouting and hooting, entered the church and danced and whistled during the greater part of the service, whilst others of the party were busily engaged throwing stones at the doors and windows. The rev. gentleman performed the whole service of the day in the most solemn and impressive manner possible, and at no time seemed to pay the slightest attention to what was going on, but merely raised his voice (particularly at prayer) as the noise increased. It may well be asked what were the authorities about?—*Ross-shire Advertiser.*

### Colonial.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S REPLY TO THE HALIFAX ADDRESS.

We have sincere pleasure in publishing the Reply of His Excellency the Governor General to the Halifax Address. According to the information given in our last paper, the Subscribers to the Address assembled on Wednesday 1st o'clock, at the Saloon of the Hotel, when the Honble. Samuel Cunard having taken the chair, the Reply was read by Henry Prism Esq., the Secretary. It was called for a second time and read. Then three cheers were demanded for "The Queen," which were repeated thrice. A similar burst of applause rang through the Hall when the same honour was demanded for "The Governor General." Then three cheers were given for Lord Falkland, and the assembly dispersed.—*Halifax Times.*

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### AGRICULTURAL PROTECTION.

(From the Morning Herald.)

METROPOLITAN SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF AGRICULTURE.—Wishing to bring the agricultural party at the Anti-Corn-Law League. A meeting took place at the Duke of Richmond's on Saturday, for the purpose of forming a metropolitan society for the protection of British agriculture, when his Grace was appointed president, and the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos vice-president of the society. There were present at this influential meeting:—The Duke of Richmond, the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos, the Duke of Leeds, Lord Beaumont, Earl of Arburgh, Viscount Ingestre, Lord Rendlesham, Earl of March, Lord Worsley, Viscount Camden, Lord Newport, Lord Orsford, Sir C. Burrell, Sir C. Knightley, Sir J. Trollope, Sir J. Chetwode, Hon. F. Scott; Messrs. T. Duffield, Stafford, O'Brien, E. S. Cayley, E. Woodward, R. C. Christopher, John Marks, C. H. Collier, S. Lethbridge, W. B. Bedford, C. Wynnham, G. Durby, P. Pusey, R. Palmer, T. W. L. Whate, W. Miles, J. P. Allix, and other members of parliament. 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