

RETURN

TO AN ADDRESS from the Legislative Assembly, to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 5th ultimo, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House, "Copies of all Correspondence which may have passed between the Government of Canada, and the Imperial Government, since the 9th day of May, 1853, on the subject of the Clergy Reserves; and also, Copies of all Correspondence which may have passed between the Government of Canada, or any Member thereof, and any Clergyman or Dignitary of the Churches of England or Scotland, or of the Church of Rome, or of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, or their Agents or Attorneys, since the 9th day of May, 1853, on the subject of the Commutation of the Claims of any of the said Clergymen or Churches, on the Clergy Reserve Fund."

By Command,

GEO. ET. CARTIER,

Secretary.

Secretary's Office,

Toronto, 2nd April, 1856.

GALT, 1st January, 1855.

HONORABLE SIR,—Being an incumbent of the Church of Scotland at Galt, in Canada West, consequently affected in my rights by the Bill secularizing the Clergy Reserves in Canada, and fully disposed to avail myself of the Commutation Clause, I therefore beg leave to inquire whether the Government are willing to commute with me as an individual, or must applications be first sanctioned by our Church.

I write this with the concurrence of several of my Brethren in this section of our country, who are equally interested, and desirous of information on the subject. May I presume to ask the favour of an immediate answer.

I remain, &c.,

(Signed,)

H. GIBSON,
Minister.

The Hon. P. J. O. Chauveau,

&c., &c., &c.